News Release

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UST Presents the 2006 Spring Social Justice Seminar Series

WHAT: The final program in the University of St. Thomas' fifth annual Social Justice Seminar Series will include a discussion by Bob Decker, founder of Paper Houses Across the Border. The title of his presentation is "Borderline—No Excuses! You and Social Justice in the Colonias."

WHO: Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee at UST

WHEN: noon – 2 p.m. Friday, April 21

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Paper Houses Across the Border is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to work directly to assist individual living in colonias along the border with Mexico. Volunteers provide food, building materials, human resources and logistical support to the families who live in these border communities. In addition, food is provided for school children and people in the colonias. Recently, Paper Houses provided the people in the colonias support and supplies that enabled them to build a classroom for special education children in their community.

Volunteers with Paper Houses Across the Border have an opportunity to work directly with individual families and primary schools. The organization is made up completely of volunteers with no paid employees.

A discussion will follow the presentation. Lunch will be provided.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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