Kudos to Mary Beth Nienhaus for her very generous gift of Winagamie Golf Course to the Appleton public schools. There’s another facet to Mary Beth’s philanthropy.

In January and February, when the golf course closes, she heads to the developing world — Nicaragua, Haiti, the Dominican Republic or Kenya. She helps some of the world’s poorest people by contributing both equity and “sweat equity.” Mary Beth can hammer, paint or work in a clinic — whatever’s required to improve lives.

In a remote village near Lake Victoria, Kenya, she was so moved by students sitting on the dirt floor that she had the classrooms furnished with new desks. On the front of all the desks, someone painted, “Thank You, Mary Beth.” That goes for all of us.

Mary Stusek,

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