

## **St. Johns Housing Partnership Participates in United We Serve!**

On June 23, 2009 St. Johns Housing Partnership (SJHP) launched its first volunteer-based weatherization project under the President's United We Serve initiative. The project took place in West Augustine, Florida and involved a number of energy efficient retrofits, including state-of-the-art "Shasta White" shingles, which reflect solar heat rays.

Volunteers, who are associated with Urban Plunge and the Northeast Florida Community

Action Agency, were given a chance to learn about the weatherization process and watch the expert crew in action. While professional weatherizers performed most of the technical work, including using a blower door to identify air leakage, the volunteers were instrumental in removing the dilapidated siding from the house to allow the weatherizers to inject insulation. The group of volunteers also helped the crew with an innovative house wrap system, which is used to cover the lap siding prior to installing vinyl sidings. Over the two day project, volunteers contributed 16 hours of work each. This was a successful project that couldn't have been done without these volunteers. SJHP plans to conduct many more such volunteer projects throughout the summer as part of United We Serve.



Volunteers learn about weatherization techniques during a United We Serve project.

