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**No Ordinary Day:**



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Napoleon Harrington, foreground, Curtis Williams, left, and Chris Lundy, residents of the Healing Place men's shelter in Raleigh help clean and prepare a bedroom at the new Healing Place women's facility, which is set to open Sunday in North Raleigh. On Saturday, more than 150 volunteers and staff members cleaned windows, swept floors, scrubbed bathrooms and sorted clothing. The new 88-bed shelter will house homeless women and children. The center's mission is to help homeless women with substance abuse problems obtain jobs and permanent housing, says executive director Dennis Parnell. The program emphasizes empowerment through peer coaching. The Healing Place of Wake County is funded by about 50 percent private donations and 50 percent public money.



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When on assignment for the column, we look for that one photo that tells a whole story. Some are the result of a found moment we come across on our daily assignments or our daily existence. For others, we think of a specific event, like a first haircut or last dance, and seek out a subject who might illustrate how this moment fits into the course of human development. Anything and anyone can be our source of inspiration.



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