SD2: April Update

[Images of Washington D.C.]

[Video footage of students constructing footings and deck modules in a wood shop.]

Spoken script: The U of I Solar Decathlon Team is making progress. While competition isn't until October, the clock is ticking. The Solar Decathlon team is currently working on creating model parts of the Re_home before they begin actual construction at Homeway Homes. Team members are creating the footings and decks that will serve as the foundation and outside perimeter of the home. Each deck takes about an hour to make. The decks will be surrounding the house, like your typical house deck, only divided up into 20 connected pieces. Here's a look at architecture students at work on the decks and footings of the home...

[Video footage of students moving and constructing footings and deck modules. Students measure the exterior dimensions of the home on the construction site and place the footings.]

Spoken script: While the decks and footings that are built here won’t be used in the actual Re_home, they are important to create now to make sure the logistics of the home are figured out before actual construction. The students used the footings to measure out the perimeter of the house at its future location. After preliminary construction takes place at Homeway Homes, the skeleton of the home will be moved to a land plot across from the Art East Annex Studio off of Pennsylvania Avenue.

[Spray painting “Re_home” on wood]

Spoken script: Construction of the Re_home will begin soon so tune in next time to hear about the home’s progress at Homeway Homes. For now, you can keep up on updates from the team on Twitter!