On Nov. 5-6th, the Department of Student Life led its first Alternative Weekend Break program to address the issues of Hunger and Homelessness in Saint Louis. The group of students left Rolla on Friday to travel to STL and worked with Gateway 180, Missouri’s largest emergency shelter for families, on Saturday to paint some clients’ rooms and brighten up the facilities. S&T partnered with staff from MYNAH Technologies for the project, and students got to chat with them during service about their company and the type of work that they do. On Sunday, the team helped collect and sort canned and nonperishable food items donated through Cranksgiving, a cycling event. The team organized 18,761 cans and other food items, which will be used by Food Outreach, a nonprofit that works to provide healthy meals to low-income individuals battling cancer and living with HIV/AIDS. Over the weekend, our group of S&T students completed a total of 74 volunteer hours. A special thanks goes to the Corporate Development Council for financially sponsoring this new program! For more information on the Alternative Weekend Break program and to check out opportunities for next semester, visit: http://studentlife.mst.edu/volunteer-involvement/altweekendbreaks/