Nicole Brandt wrapped up her New Way Singers summer tour Sunday, June 28 in Omaha, Neb. Parents Jerry and Debbie Brandt went to the final performance to bring her home and to see what the choir had been working on for the past two weeks.

While “Be Still” was the theme of the tour, the high school students were anything but still. In the midst of their performances, the students had one stop that had them especially hard at work.

Austin, Minn. was the scheduled June 22 tour stop for the Nebraska Christian College group. While there, they shed their performance attire and donned their work clothes to lend a helping hand.

On June 17 the residents of Austin had a late night surprise when multiple tornadoes ripped through their city. All the expected tornado damage was visible, but so was some unexpected aid. George Morse, whose house and three of his buildings were damaged, received the help of Brandt and about 90 others who were on the tour.

One of the others on tour was Brandt’s cousin Carly Powell of Broomfield.The cousins are both New Way Singers veterans and legacies. Brother and sister Jerry Brandt and Donna Powell participated in New Way Singers in high school, and both watched their daughters perform this year.

While in Austin, students helped clear debris around the property, and were met with a surprise of their own. Television station KAAL stopped by to check out the group of high school singers who took time out of their busy schedules to help a man they didn’t even know. Interviews with the helpers revealed a common belief among them. “You’ve got to be a servant,” said choir director Ron Leach, speaking for the entire choir.

Footage of the scene, indeed showed a group with servants’ hearts. Brandt commented, “Part of being a Christian is loving everybody and serving others like Jesus served people when he was here.”

Morse can attest to the help the New Way Singers offered, but Brandt pointed out that the experience affected them as well. By volunteering, she said, your life is simply more enriched and all together better.