

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STORIES AND EVENTS FROM ROOFING LOCALS THROUGHOUT THE NATION

Local 189 Roofers Gather to Help a Friend

Marlene Palmer came to work for Roofers Local 189, Spokane, WA, in 2010 shortly after her husband passed away unexpectedly. With two children to support and only part-time work available at the local, money was tight for Sister Palmer. To make matters worse, her roof was in dire need of replacement.

The members of Local 189 decided to bring in their apprentices and some journeyman volunteers. With help from the JATC and Local 189 signatory contractor Krueger Sheet Metal, who donated the equipment needed to do the job, the group replaced Ms. Palmer's roof in about five hours. The job consisted of 22 squares of shingles and four squares of TPO membrane roofing.

A couple hundred miles away in Yakima, WA, another group of Local 189 apprentices performed a charity roofing job for an elderly couple. Volunteers gained experience welding seams on TPO and working on shingles. Each year the Yakima apprenticeship class, led by Instructor LeLand LaFray, does a charity job for someone in the Yakima area.

Roofers Local 189 would like to thank all apprentice and journeyman volunteers for their community service and membership.



The Spokane crew that re-roofed Sister Palmer's roof included Gerald Coston, Brenton Peterson, Nate Coston, Fred Preston, Lee Agullo Jr., Jason Tuttle, Scott Rash Sr., Lee Agullo Sr. and Business Manager Leo Marsura (not pictured).



Jason Tuttle assists on the Spokane job.



Chuck Lewis and Julio Cuevas weld seams on TPO on the Yakima job.



South Bend Crew Roofs Children's Center

Apprentices and volunteers from Local 23, South Bend, IN, repaired the roof at Barker Woods Enrichment Center in Michigan City, IN. The center provides childcare and pre-school for children of all abilities, specializing in serving children with special needs. It also provides pediatric occupational and speech therapy services for children.

The original building was erected in the 1950s through a unique cooperation of parents, labor unions, local suppliers and community support. Union roofers once again came to the aid of community children and families as they replaced the roof that had been done by a non-union company.



Local 23 member Kevin Gard on the Barker Woods volunteer project.



Jeff Wroblewski and Josh Clemons work on repairs as JATC Instructor Drew Holston looks on.



Local 23 apprentices prepare single-ply sheet.

A great team of Local 23 volunteers! Vince Miller (kneeling), Noel Clemons, Art Patterson, JATC Instructor Drew Holston, James Tinkey, Kevin Gard, Kasey Hoy, Josh Clemons and Jeff Wroblewski.





Local 242 Apprentices Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity

The hard-working apprentices of Local 242, Parkersburg, WV, put their newly acquired skills to the test as they volunteered for a good cause. After being trained on shingle roofs, the future journeymen donated their time and knowledge to Habitat for Humanity by completely roofing two homes for the program.

Apprentices joined other area volunteers in building homes from the ground up for Habitat for Humanity of WV, whose mission is to provide safe, decent,

affordable homes for all West Virginians. By working side-by-side with the family who will live in the house, volunteers experience for themselves the joy created when a family is able to realize their dream of home ownership.



Local 242 apprentices get to work putting the roof on Wood County Habitat House #54 for the Montgomery family.



The crew of Local 242 roofers, proud of a beautiful job completed for Habitat for Humanity.

Working Together to Rebuild Together

Every year, Local 40, San Francisco, CA, signatory contractor The Lawson Roofing Co., Inc. donates a roof to a needy family in the area through Rebuilding Together. Company President Frank E. Lawson Jr. says that union roofers “have been very generous with their time and talent supporting this effort.”

Rebuilding Together believes in preserving affordable homeownership and revitalizing communities by providing free home modifications and repairs, making homes safer, more accessible, and more energy efficient.



Volunteers from Local 40, San Francisco, CA, and Local 81, Oakland, CA, work together to replace a family's roof for Rebuilding Together.