

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STORIES AND EVENTS FROM ROOFING LOCALS THROUGHOUT THE NATION

## Chicago Local 11 Members Raise Money for D.A.D.'s Day

Local 11 apprentices Sam Magallon, Tony Bedalow, Antione Ford and Gustavo Rivera hit the street for D.A.D.'s Day.

Every Father's Day weekend, thousands of volunteers hit the streets with collection buckets to raise money for diabetes research through an event called D.A.D.'s (Dollars Against Diabetes) Day, organized by the Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD) of the AFL-CIO.

D.A.D.'s Day was created in 1987 in an effort to help a small group of parents with children suffering from diabetes. The goal was to raise enough funds to build a state-of-the-art research facility that would focus on finding a cure for the disease. The Diabetes Research Institute was built 100% union and opened its doors in February of 1994. It is now recognized internationally as the most advanced research center of its kind.

The BCTD did not stop there. Community volunteers continue to raise money each year in hopes of finding a cure. To date, the D.A.D.'s Day campaign has brought in over \$21 million for diabetes research.

This year on June 16, over 60 members of Local 11, Chicago, IL, came out to the local's apprenticeship facility. Collection buckets and street corner locations were assigned, and at the end of the day volunteers had raised \$6,161 to support diabetes research. Members of Roofers Local 149 in Detroit, MI, raised \$5,768. Nearly \$900,000 has been raised so far this year.

For more information on the Diabetes Research Institute and how to get involved, please visit Project Type Zero at [www.projecttypezero.org](http://www.projecttypezero.org).



Apprentices Jose Lavoy and Scott Stillwell try to fill their buckets with donations.



Local 11 volunteers relax before the celebratory BBQ begins.



Apprentice Franklin North and Apprentice Instructor Kevin Coleman show their D.A.D.'s Day spirit.



## Local 189 Makes Commitment to Community Service

Fifty-seven-year-old LuLu Morland needed a new roof, but with two children and two grandchildren living at home with her, it was unaffordable—until Roofers Local 189, Spokane, WA, journeymen and apprentices joined together to make it a possibility.

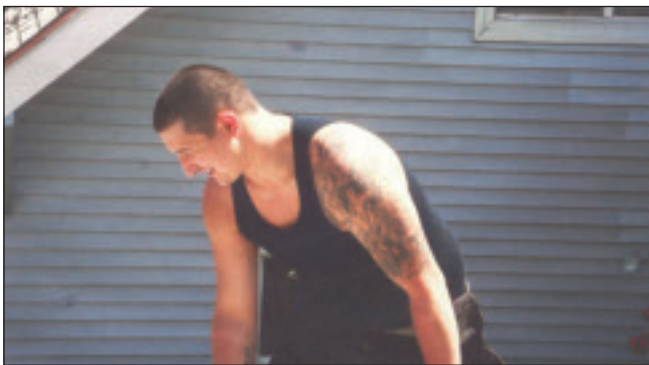
In just one short day in May, Ms. Morland had a new roof.

“Local 189’s goal is to do one community service project per year. This gives apprentices the opportunity to work closely with journeymen and pick up a few tricks of the trade,” said Local 189 Business Manager Leo Marsura.

If weather and time permit, the local planned to undertake two more community service projects in 2012.



*Journeyman Lee Gumm lends his roofing knowledge to apprentices working on Ms. Morland’s roof.*



*Volunteer apprentice Lee Agullo Jr. gets hands-on experience on the roof.*



*Local 189’s volunteers include, from left, Lee Gumm, Lee Agullo Sr., Adrian Seymore, Al Marsura, Lee Agullo Jr. and Gene Harvey.*

## Roofers International Participates in Toys for Tots Annual Holiday Drive

Once again, the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer & Allied Workers is proud to partner with Helmets to Hardhats, America’s Building Trades Unions and the AFL-CIO in support of the annual Toys for Tots holiday toy drive sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve—Anacostia.

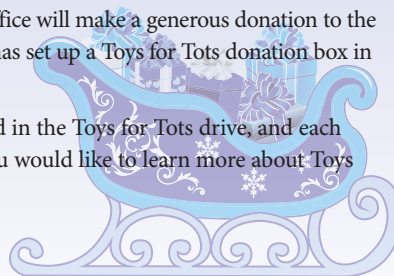
The Toys for Tots program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and it then distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

In lieu of sending holiday cards, the International Office will make a generous donation to the Toys for Tots campaign. In addition, the International has set up a Toys for Tots donation box in the office for employees to drop off their toy donations.

This is the fourth year the Roofers have participated in the Toys for Tots drive, and each year has seen a significant increase in donations. If you would like to learn more about Toys for Tots, please visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



The original Toys for Tots poster from its inception in 1948.





## Local 96 Contractor, Apprentice Program Fix Ministry Roof

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St. Cloud, Minn.—The spring of 2012 was a season of ice and snow. Water was pouring into the old broad-shouldered yellow brick building, known to railroad travelers generations back as the Great Northern Hotel in St. Cloud.

Weary travelers of today know this building, the Dream Center, a ministry of Overcomers International Fellowship, as home. They are men in need of shelter and support. It is their hope for a better life.

OIF, founded in 1995 by Pastor Michael Laidlaw, offers a Bridge To The Future by providing three meals a day, personal care, medication management, transportation to care providers, support groups, accountability and job/education coaching. With donations dwindling in a down economy, there were no funds for a new roof.

Pastor Michael Laidlaw made a call for help. He reminded John McDowall, president of [Local 96 contractor] McDowall Company, a local roofing and mechanical contractor, that 10 years ago his company made repairs to the Dream Center roof. Pastor Mike had a much bigger request now.

Giving back to the community has been an important mission handed down through generations of McDowall business leaders. The scope of work for this job was large; remove the existing roofing system, repair damaged roof decking and install a new fully adhered rubber roof.

McDowall presented the request to his son, Matt McDowall, operations manager. Matt McDowall proposed a plan where by McDowall Company sheet metal and roofing apprentices could fulfill a state of Minnesota requirement for training hours by working on the Dream Center project. McDowall Company would donate materials, equipment and other necessary labor.

By combining the capabilities of McDowall Company, 21 volunteer apprentices from Local 96 Roofers and Waterproofer and Local 10 Sheet Metal Workers, the Dream Center Apprenticeship Project became a reality. Work that would span two weekends began Sept. 28 and the project was completed Oct. 6.

A sense of pride and accomplishment was expressed by Alex Peine, apprentice project foreman, Local 96. He said that replacing the roof on the Dream Center was an ideal training exercise. He said he enjoyed the opportunity to apply the skills he learned through the apprenticeship program while also giving back to the community. He added that he is proud to work for a company that gives back to the community.

Dick Tessier, apprentice coordinator, Local 96, affirmed that the project was a success. He said that one worker told him that a resident remarked that if it wasn't for this roofing effort, he would be sleeping under a bridge.

Thanks to the Dream Center Apprenticeship Project and McDowall Company, Dream Center residents can continue to cross a Bridge To The Future.



*Apprentices from Roofers Local 96 working for McDowall Company fulfill a training requirement during a two-weekend charity job at the Dream Center.*