

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STORIES AND EVENTS FROM ROOFING LOCALS THROUGHOUT THE NATION

South Bend Local 23 Joins Community in “Rebuilding Together”

Journeyman and apprentices from Roofers & Waterproofers Local 23, South Bend, IN, turned out in droves on April 10, 2010, to replace a homeowner’s roof as part of Rebuilding Together’s National Rebuilding Day. Rebuilding Together is the nation’s leading nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership by providing free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income, elderly and disabled Americans.

JATC Instructor Drew Holston and International President/former Local 23 Business Agent Don O’Blenis, along with over 35 volunteers, gathered on a Saturday for the roof repair. Level 3, 4 and 5 apprentices received hands-on experience and guidance from the journeymen roofers who shared their knowledge, and together the group replaced the roof for a homeowner who couldn’t otherwise afford the fix. All together, 28 homes in the South Bend area—and about 3,500 nationwide— were rehabilitated in April as part of the project.



Local 23 Level 3 and 4 apprentices who volunteered for Rebuilding Together’s National Rebuilding Day.

Rebuilding Together’s National Rebuilding Day, held each year in April, mobilizes tens of thousands community volunteers across the country who join national affiliate leaders to repair and restore houses and nonprofit facilities, revitalizing entire communities and aiding families and individuals in need. In addition to roof repair, volunteers provide furnace upgrades, wiring, new paint, yard clean-up and other necessary repairs. National Rebuilding Day has been a tradition in the South Bend area for over 20 years.



Journeyman and Level 5 apprentices ensure the job was done to union roofers’ standards.



Local 23 volunteers Tim Stineback, Robert Anderson and JATC Instructor Drew Holston spend a great day helping out the community.



Local 54 Roofers Involved in a Very Green Experiment

Volunteers from Seattle Local 54 worked at the University of Washington on an experimental, vegetative roof project this spring. The project was a demonstration of what green roofing is like and how different plants filter rainwater. The School of Botany, the Department of Landscape Architecture and the Green Futures Lab developed the project. Materials were donated by Snyder Roofing of Washington and Columbia Green Technologies of Portland, OR. The project was led by Danielle Pierce of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Doug Ewing, Manager of the Botany Greenhouse.

A 5½-square, corrugated steel shed roof on the university campus was covered with loose laid EPDM and concrete pavers along the outside edge. Next a system of plastic trays were placed on the roof then fitted with an irrigation system. The trays were then filled with a special planting soil mix. Local 54 journeymen Anthony Spires and James Maroney, apprentice Jackie Maples and Apprenticeship Coordinator Gregg Gibeau volunteered for the day working on the roof, putting the trays, irrigation and soil together. Students from the University of Washington did the planting. The experimental roof will have edible plants and vegetables and various plants native to the Northwest growing on top. Students will study how they interact with storm water and affect water quality.



Jackie Maples works on the irrigation system.



James Maroney and Anthony Spires spread the planting soil.



EPDM was laid over a shed roof by Snyder Roofing.



Anthony Spires works on the planting tray system.



University of Washington students plant specially selected plants on the experimental green roof.



Detroit Roofers Stop Traffic for DAD's Day

Local 149, Detroit, MI, roofers and their families weren't afraid to stop traffic for a good cause: DAD's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes). The event, which takes place every year over Father's Day weekend, raises funds for diabetes awareness through Project Type Zero. This year, over the weekend of June 19, volunteers from Roofers Local 149 and hundreds of building trades locals throughout the country hit the streets to ask people to give all they could to find a cure for diabetes.



A Beautiful Finish by Local 12 Volunteers



Local 12, Bridgeport, CT, members volunteered their time on a charity job performed for a local disabled veteran. Pictured are Apprentice Coordinator Lou Kaminsky, Business Manager Butch Davidson, the homeowner, and Local 12 volunteers Billy Croce, Ryan Ortiz, Israel Chilel and Sarifim Faria.



The result is a picture-perfect roof job.

Brothers Work Together, Replace Retiree's Roof

The apprenticeship class from Roofers Local 92, Decatur, IL, recently came together to assist one of the local's longest serving members, Bill Godfrey. Bill, a retired 53-year member of Local 92, and his wife, Reba, were in need of a new roof. Two of the local's roofing contractors, Top Quality and Gates & Johnson, supplied roofing materials, while apprentices provided labor under the guidance of Apprenticeship Instructor Ted Clark and Apprenticeship Coordinator Billy Wiggins.

Bill and Reba Godfrey would like to thank the volunteers for the wonderful job they did, as well as Roofers & Waterproofers Local 92 and the International Union for giving them help and support throughout Bill's roofing career and retirement.



Local 92 volunteers, pictured from left, include Instructor Ted Clark, Taylor Randall, Willie Sanders, Toby Sallee, Rusty Simpson, retiree Bill Godfrey, Jeremiah George, Herbert Madison, Apprenticeship Coordinator Billy Wiggins, Reba Godfrey and, kneeling, Matthew McGlaochlen and James Botts.