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Local 11 and Helmets to Hardhats Build Home for Gold Star Mom

Lori Fraher of Dwight, IL, is a Gold Star Mother; her son, Lance Corporal Ray Holzhauser, was killed in Iraq in March 2007. At the funeral Fraher was approached by Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, who asked if she needed help of any kind. Fraher replied that she needed help repairing her roof.

Local Teamsters President Michael Yaeger, who is the liaison for the Helmets to Hardhats program in the area, got involved and soon realized that Fraher's home was in need of multiple repairs. With the backing of the Will & Grundy Counties Building Trades Council, the decision was made to simply build Fraher a brand new home.

Dozens of various union tradesmen worked together on the project. Many of those involved were military veterans themselves who arrived at their jobs through the Helmets to Hardhats organization, which places quality men and women from the Armed Forces into promising building and construction careers.

Roofers Local 11, Chicago, IL, contractors and volunteers did their part for the Lori Fraher Project by providing all materials and labor for the new roof. Bone Roofing Supply, Knickerbocker Roofing, Ridgeworth Roofing, Richards Building Supply and Local 11 JATC all contributed to this project, which changed the life of one mother whose life had already been so drastically altered.



Starting from scratch: Lori Fraher's house had to be completely demolished since so many repairs needed to be made to the original structure.



The finished project makes everyone involved extremely proud. Pictured from left: Local 11 member Kevin Coleman, Business Agent Gary Menzel, Apprentice Instructor Jeff Eppenstein, member William Eppenstein III, owner of new home Lori Fraher, member John Chiatello and Business Agent Larry Gnat. Business Agent Bob Burch also worked on the project but is not pictured.



Local 11 members William Eppenstein and Gary Menzel work hard at installing shingles on the Lori Fraher Project.