



Donations Raised in Honor of Local 210 Burn Victim and Family

Jack Lee, Business Manager of Local 210, Erie, PA, had the unfortunate task of spreading word that a 20-year Local 210 member and his wife were in an accident over Labor Day weekend that forever changed their lives. In a letter sent to union brothers and sisters and friends shortly after the tragedy, Brother Lee described the horrifying situation:

“One of our Roofers and his wife had a terrible accident on August 30, 2008. They were attempting to light their hot water tank when the house exploded and burned down. Their names are Mike and Cara Milani, and they are in critical condition at UPMC Mercy Burn Unit in Pittsburgh, PA. Mike and Cara have three children who all lived at home, and thanks to family and friends, they have a home to live in right now.” Brother Lee continued by asking for donations to help support the Milani family.

Sadly, Cara passed away on September 26, 2008, four weeks after the fire. Mike was in an induced coma under intensive care for many weeks. He is still in critical condition, but making progress, and the process of skin grafting has begun.

Many charity events have been held since to help the three children. At the first event, a young man, 12-year-old Jesse Moore, came forward to donate \$3,000.00. Jesse is active in the Mountain Top 4H Club, and he had raised a 4th place hog and a lamb that was reserve grand champion. Jesse sold the pair for \$3,000.00 at the local fair, and he decided to donate the earnings to the Milani family instead of keeping it for himself.

Roofers Local 210 decided to make Jesse an honorary member for his outstanding humanitarian deed. Local 210 President, David Roach, along with members of Local 210,



Local 210 President Dave Roach, along with the Local 210 executive board, presents the plaque to Jesse at the local union hall. Pictured front row from left are Tom Jefferson, Mark Forsythe, Jesse Moore, Dave Roach and Eugene Pacak. Pictured back row are George Wolf, Mike Pastewka, Todd Fredrychowski, Mike Wishnok and Craig Matteson

presented him with a plaque as an honorary roofer, and so that Jesse could dress the part, he also received a Roofers sweatshirt, t-shirt and hat.

If you would like to make a donation to the Milani family, please send it to Roofers Local 210 at 1701 State Street, Erie, PA, 16501. Donations will then be deposited to the Mike Milani Family Fund that has been set up by the First National Bank in Erie, PA, at no charge.



MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

Twelve-year-old Ted has a love for seals, particularly harp seals. Ted decided his greatest wish was to visit these seals at the ice floes in the gulf of the St. Lawrence River and see the birthing of the seals. Through the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, Ted and his family traveled to Isles de la Madeleine to make his greatest wish come true.

Upon arriving at the hotel, Ted and his family were greeted by a limousine and spoiled with extravagant meals. The family also enjoyed presentations from experts on seals and souvenirs from these speakers. When birthing time came, Ted and his family took a helicopter ride to the ice floes to observe the seals and take their pictures. The family also spent some time touring the area and visiting local museums and sites.

Ted's wish was everything he had hoped for and more. His mom described him as “euphoric,” and Ted described it as, “the best day of his life.”

In the true spirit of the holidays, the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer & Allied Workers has made a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. to help fulfill wishes of special children like Ted. Founded in 1983, The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.