

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STORIES AND EVENTS FROM ROOFING LOCALS THROUGHOUT THE NATION

A photograph showing two men in blue work clothes working on a wooden roof. They are handling a large sheet of material, likely a base sheet, on a gabled roof. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

Local 189 Roofers Help a Friend

Victor Garcia and John Lynch nail base sheet.

Local 189, Spokane, WA, Business Manager Leo Marsura had many kind words for some members who volunteered their weekend to roof the home of friend and Apprentice Instructor Leland Lafray:

“In the Yakima area, I would like to thank Brothers Victor Garcia, Chuck Lewis, Adam Johnson, Jose Garcia and Superintendent John Lynch from Leslie & Campbell Roofing for getting together and roofing Apprenticeship Instructor and brother roofer Leland Lafray’s house.

It was great to see brother roofers helping each other, and when a superintendent volunteers his weekend, that shows a commitment to his men. Hats off to all of you. These guys wouldn’t even slow down for pictures.”



Chuck Lewis takes care of the tear-off.



True Brotherhood

Journeyman and apprentices—and even a retiree—from Roofers & Waterproofers Local 248 got together to paint office space for a new tenant at the local's union hall in Chicopee, MA. The Union Brothers all pitched in to help out a neighbor—an example of what brotherhood is all about.

From left: Journeyman John Brunton, Apprentice Kyle Riley, President Mike Heath Jr., Journeyman James Morrissey, Retiree Roland Blais, Journeyman Tom Allard and Apprentice Vincente Padilla volunteer to paint their union hall.



Local 27 Apprentices Help a Brother in Need

Apprentices from the Central Valley Roofers & Waterproofers J.A.T. out of Local 27, Fresno, CA, volunteered their Saturday to help Local 27 retiree Daniel Gonzalez replace the roof on his home. Danny served as president for Local 27, Fresno, CA, for many years, and this was the local's chance to give back.

The roof was finished just in time for lunch, which Brother Gonzalez provided for the hard-working crew. The apprentices got a chance to practice some newly learned skills while giving back to their community.



Standing, from left: Jesus Magallon, Antonio Acevedo, Samuel Valenzuela, Federico Ocegueda, Romaldo Lara and Pedro Beccera. Kneeling are Local 27 Business Representative Rick Wildebaur and retiree/former President Daniel Gonzalez. Not pictured is Cesar Santos.



Local 27 Apprentices go to work on Brother Gonzalez's roof.



Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners.

June 6, 2012

Mr. Kinsey M. Robinson
1660 L Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036-5646

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the generous gift of time and talent given by members of Local 317 in connection with Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge Build Day 2012.

This year our affiliate completed more houses than any time in our history. As you may know, the mission of Rebuilding Together is to enable elderly homeowners have good and decent homes to live out their "golden years" in. We are a total volunteer organization which leverages resources to produce the maximum amount of work for the least cost. Local 317 was a vital part of this year's efforts.

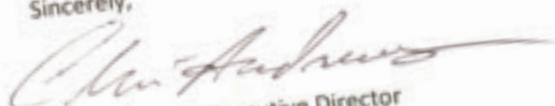
Members of Local 317 replaced a roof on the home of a retired school teacher. The lady was in danger of losing her homeowners insurance because of the deterioration of the roof and without assistance her circumstances would have taken a huge negative turn. Local 317 spent three weekends on the project and when done, the home was dramatically improved. This work was done with a wonderful spirit of helpfulness and good cheer. It was a pleasure to join members of Local 317 in the venture.

I am especially thankful to James Scott who coordinated the union volunteers. Mr. Scott guided the project from start to finish. The work would not have happened without his leadership.

Mr. Frank Wall also visited the work site and gave counsel about material and the scope of the job. Ernest Stephens, of the Louisiana AFL-CIO, made the initial contacts for me with Mr. Scott and Mr. Wall. Without these connections the project would have never gotten off the ground.

It was a pleasure to work with these fine gentlemen. They have made a positive difference in the life of a retired educator and have helped our organization broaden its impact in the community. Thank you for the tangible expression of good citizenship and for fostering the spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor" in a culture and world that sometimes seems so uncaring. Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge is most grateful to your members for their fine work.

Sincerely,


Chris Andrews, Executive Director