

Daily Job Site Update for: 11-1-08

What a wonderful Saturday. The weather was great and the contractors and volunteers were even better! We were thrilled to be a part of the team!!! Lots of hauling, sweeping, insulating, sweeping and more sweeping! The contractors and volunteers were the most hardworking....happy bunch you would ever want to see.....all for Karen and the kids! The day started early. While most of us are just thinking about opening our eyes on a Saturday morning, at 6:45 Aubrey Electric's crew, Birch Enterprise's carpenters and the Dahlke Masonry's masons from were hauling their tools into 1964 Acorn. Did you know it is still dark then!! Schmitz Ready Mix's cement truck pulled up just around 7am. The masons were busy patching the basement floor at the bathroom/elevator area. Carpenters and electricians were everywhere. Birch Constructions and the volunteer's tasks for the day were building basement walls, drops for heat runs, studs on exterior basement walls preparing for the drywall and building the sunroom. Electricians were pulling wiring and installing recessed lights everywhere..... One wish of the family was to have a bright home without having to have lots of end tables and lamps.... I think this has been accomplished! Electricians were on ladders on the first floor and up in the attic....working together likes a "well oiled machine". While the lights were being cut in, the insulation came dropping out to the ceiling making huge piles on the first floor.....soon to be swept up by the busy volunteers. No amount of dirt or dust stopped the electricians or volunteers from doing their jobs. Soon those bright red shirts were covered with lots of insulation debris. Donations of time and product are what make this project so amazing. Tom Heidi from Broan took the time to personally deliver all the exhaust fan/heat lamps for the bathrooms bright and early Saturday morning. The volunteers were right there to help empty his SUV of the product so the electricians could keep going! Thanks Tom!! Later in the morning, American Fireplace installers arrived bringing with them the new "energy efficient" direct vent fireplace for the family room. This is one day ahead of schedule. Yeh!! Wow.....how perfect for those cold Wisconsin evenings! Thanks guys! Noon arrived and everyone was called to the neighbor's garage for a wonderful lunch. More smiling volunteers dished up a delicious hot sandwich, great salads and tasty desserts. Check out the photos for the smiling young girl serving the cookies! MMV Volunteers and contractors sat together.....sharing lunch, laughs and building memories. Thanks so much! Lunch break ended....new volunteers arrived and, and more work was accomplished. By about 3:30, the work for the day was finished. Cords were picked up, final sweeping done and people headed home. Activities accomplished Saturday:

- United Scrap's dumpster started out empty and was filled by the end of the day with lumber cut offs, tree branches and lots of insulation.
- Tar is applied to exterior of sunroom foundation....getting it ready for backfill.
- Sunroom is completely framed, lower level framing completed
- Rough electric on first floor completed and basement will finished on Monday morning.
- Concrete is patched in basement.
- Air masters HVAC installed new duct work etc.
- Insulation board installed on exterior basement wall

Challenges from today - Nothing! The sun was shining; people were happy and helpful ...what a great day! Work for Monday: Frame for elevator in basement, Finish the rough electrical, Finish the HVAC, Shingle sunroom and call for inspections. During the day.... I was able to interview a few of the volunteers asking them to share why they became a Hometown Hero. Here are some of the things said: **Janette said: "My grandfather was in a wheel chair and knowing how difficult it was for him to maneuver; I wanted to help out this family to make their life easier"** **Lisa said: "My sister had a brain tumor in 1983 and a variety of benefits were held for her here in Grafton. She was a student at John Long Middle School that hosted a dance for her. My family heard about this and knew we wanted to give back. I am volunteering by helping co-ordinate the contractors and my father Roger will be here next week to help at the house."** **Tim said: Kapco is a client of mine and when calling Kapco one day, the receptionist told me about the project. I discussed it that evening with my wife Joan and emailed Kapco to offer our help."** **Kelly, Katie and Ashley said: We are from Grafton and members of St. Joe's. We received an email about a family that needed help and after reading it realized we knew the kids from working summers at the Grafton**

Pool. We knew we needed to help and give back! We came home from college....Lacrosse, Madison and Oshkosh this weekend to help. We are glad we came to be part of this project!" Moritz said: "I am a member of St Joes, my wife is a teacher at St Joes and I am here because I just want to help" Christy said " I am a teacher at John Long and received emails regarding this project. I see the kids at school and know that they are very deserving of a home makeover. I wanted to help." That's why were here Saturday....we just wanted to help! Kathy Schmidt and Tom Bartle in

