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Building Heart in Housing

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A BATC FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

A Room for Rachel



The BATC Foundation has big plans for a deserving girl! Rachel is an exceptional 12-year-old in many ways. She loves music and sings in her school choir. She is active in Circus Juventas and theatre. She's a world traveler, visiting Paris, Belgium and China.

Two years ago, Rachel experienced a series of health events that led to a diagnosis of Crohn's Disease and a type of malformation of the spine. For more than two years, Rachel's world has consisted of hospitals (her longest stay was 86 days!), doctors and multiple surgeries. Because of her illness, Rachel is homebound much of the time and has missed a lot of school.

Rachel's bedroom can only be described as tiny and that has led her to spending much of her time at home in the family's dark and partially finished basement. Rachel would love to have a space in her basement fixed up for her to do crafts, her schoolwork and hang out with her friends. The BATC Foundation, Special Spaces and Ispiri LLC. have teamed up to create such a space for Rachel.

There is a lot to do to make this a perfect space for Rachel. Our volunteers will replace cracked floor tile, remove dark wood paneling, mitigate moisture, install drywall and paint. Windows and ceiling tiles will be replaced and a test for radon will be completed.

Chelsea with Special Spaces created an incredible space for Rachel. The design contains built in storage cabinets and shelves, custom craft table, chalk board, craft wall and will be accented with bright colors and furniture. The BATC Foundation looks forward to working with Special Spaces and Ispiri LLC. throughout this project. Rachel's new room is set to be completed by the end of February 2017.



If you would like to help with donations of materials or services to this or any of the BATC Foundation building projects contact Perri Graham-Raff. For additional information, visit BATCFoundation.org

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Part of our core values as a company is to be involved and give back to the communities we serve. We certainly take a lot of pride and satisfaction from seeing the reaction of our clients at the end of a project when they are thrilled – sometimes to tears. It can be even more special when we are able to see that same reaction being part of a community service related project. To know we made a difference in the life of a child who may not have been able to realize this space without the generous support from our employees and trade partners is really what life is all about. We come to work every day to make a difference and positively impact people's lives. We are “living our vision” every day at Ispiri.



Jason Fabio, CR
President

Ispiri, LLC.
Build Partner

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Hearts in Housing Gala

The BATC Foundation cannot wait to celebrate all of its hard work this past year. Register for the Gala today at www.heartsinhousinggala.org and mark your calendar for Saturday April 1, 2017!

Looking to Step Up for a Truly Remarkable Experience?

Become a 2017 Build Partner on a 2017 BATC Foundation Project. Please contact Perri Graham-Raff, perri@batc.org • 651-697-7563.



Deserving Veteran Family Receives Help

Jason served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corp, completed three tours of duty in Iraq and is currently serving in the Minnesota National Guard.

After being discharged from the Marines, Jason returned to Minnesota where he found it tough to find a job. To complicate matters further, his wife Genella was experiencing medical problems due to complications from the birth of their son. Jason and Genella experienced financial difficulties and were not able to keep up with the expenses related to maintaining a home that was over 100 years old.

The BATC Foundation, working with Rebuilding Together Twin Cities and Build Partner Soderbeck Design, was able to help Jason and Genella with some much needed repairs to their foundation, replacement

of windows, flooring in the kitchen and bathroom, landscaping and a new set of home appliances.

Jason and Genella's home was also the focus of The BATC Foundation's first ever BATC Member Volunteer Day! This event was a big hit and provided BATC members the opportunity to give back by landscaping and building a play structure for the family's children.

Things are looking up for the family now that Jason is fully employed. Genella is still struggling with serious medical issues but has peace of mind knowing that their home will be around for many more years to come!



Veteran's Home Re-Sided as Appreciation for His Service

Disabled army veteran Jonathan Bernal recently had new siding installed on his Oakdale home with the help of Josh Moe and his team.

Jonathan Bernal, an Army veteran who was injured during the Iraq War, received much-needed assistance repairing the exterior of his Oakdale home.

The American Building Contractors, Inc. teamed up with the BATC Foundation to cover all associated costs for the extensive repairs. According to Bernal, the siding had been a problem on his Heath Avenue North home for about three years. It had gotten so bad that birds had begun to live in the walls. Bernal said it will be a relief to have the house repaired.

"I couldn't afford any of this, ... I wouldn't be able to get approved for a loan or anything," he added.

Josh Moe, a vice president of American Building Contractors, Inc., said that ABC has partnered with the BATC Foundation on a few similar projects, but this was the first opportunity for them to be involved from start to finish.

ABC donated all the labor and management for the three-day project, and the BATC Foundation paid for the materials except for the shingles, which were donated.

"We're always trying to find opportunities where we can give back to the community," Moe said. "We felt privileged. It was a great opportunity to give a little bit back.

Written by Aundrea Kinney, excerpt used with permission from Lillie Suburban Newspapers. [View Full article >](#)

Member Volunteer Day

More than 20 BATC members came out for the BATC Foundation's Volunteer Day on Oct. 27th. Working with Rebuilding Together, the volunteers helped complete various home improvement projects for the Jason and Genella Jemelka family.

A special thanks to these BATC members for their donations of labor and materials to the project:

- Bachman's Floral Gift & Garden
- Florstar Sales, Inc.
- FocalPoint Flooring, Cabinets & Design
- Lake Country Builders
- Lyman Lumber Co.
- Showcase Renovations
- Soderbeck Design & Construction, Inc.





Upcoming Events

March 4 - April 2

Spring Parade of Homes

BATC Foundation Artisan Dream Homes

Thursdays-Sundays 12-6pm (\$5 admission fee)

#206 Traditions by Donnay- 140 Highland Lane West, Wayzata

#210 Aspect Design Build- 2370 Meeting Street, Minnetonka

#257 Sustainable 9- 2000 Shadywood Road, Orono

#258 Pillar Homes- 660 Tonkawa Road, Orono

March 31 - April 2

Spring Remodelers Showcase

BATC Foundation Artisan Remodeled Dream Homes

Friday-Sunday 12-6pm (\$5 admission fee)

#R17 Woodstone Renovation- 780 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul

#R29 Otogawa- Anschel Design + Build- 5057 Ewing Avenue South, Minneapolis

#R43 Vujovich Design Build- 6306 McIntyre Point, Edina

April 1

2nd Annual BATC Foundation's Hearts in Housing Gala

International Market Square- 275 Market Street, Minneapolis

5:30pm Registration Opens- 7:30pm Dinner- 8:00pm Program

8:30pm Silent Auction Ends & Entertainment Begins

Entertainment: PopRocks!!

Black Tie Admired

April 1

BATC Foundation's "Speak Easy" After Party

Cambria Gallery- 625 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis

11:00pm Entertainment: Tim Mahoney

For additional information, visit BATCFoundation.org

2ND ANNUAL

HEARTS IN HOUSING GALA

JOIN US WITH SCHIERER
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Looking to make a difference or just need some good company, outstanding entertainment and a night of dancing?

April 1, 2017

\$150/ Ticket

5:30pm Registration Opens

Jewelry Raffle

Silent Auction

Hors D'oeuvres

Cash Bar

Networking

7:30pm Dinner

8:00pm Program

Live Auction

8:30pm Silent Auction Ends

11:00pm "Speakeasy" After Party

Featuring:

Emcee

TV Personality

Steve Patterson



Entertainment:
Pop Rocks!

"Speak Easy"
After Party:
Tim Maoney



Register at heartsinhousinggala.org





BATC Foundation Scholarships

Did you know the BATC Foundation provides scholarships to students interested in any construction related trade/field of study?

It's true! This includes carpentry, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, construction management and interior design.

Award amounts will be determined at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Questions? Please contact Perri Graham-Raff (Perri@BATC.org).

Applicants must:

- Uphold at least a 2.5 GPA,
- Be a resident of the Twin Cities Metro Area or plan to locate in the area after graduation
- Be a graduating senior OR be an adult with a high school degree who plans to pursue a career in residential home construction

Donate to the Scholarship Program

If you would like to help fund the Foundation Scholarship program and support future industry leaders, please contact **651-697-7563**.



2017 Board of Directors

Front Row: Jody Kern, Lynne Jensen-Nelson, Trace Mills, Kristin Rother, Stephen Roche. **Middle Row:** Richard Berg, Dennis Medo, Scott Jensen, Meg Jaeger, Jim Kuiken. **Back Row:** John Zirbes, Paul Roecker, Bob Bennett. **Missing:** Marco Solt and Steve Weakley.

Our Mission:

To work in partnership with others to provide safe, quality, affordable housing for those in need.

Our Goal:

To create or improve housing for those in need. We accomplish this by providing our BATC members the opportunity to give back to their communities by participating in building projects that provide assistance to families, veterans and organizations in need of building or remodeling improvements. Because of the generosity of BATC members, we are able to keep costs down, effectively addressing affordability issues for families and social service agencies. **We are Building Heart in Housing.**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL

Our Volunteers



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