

Clark Construction Delivers Heroes at Home's 1000th House for Disabled Veterans



Clark's Meg Brogan, Benjy Bullard, Hali Voycik, Susan Ross, and Harry Stevenson attended the Heroes at Home unveiling event.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With the assistance of 25 area subcontractors – and a little help from First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden – Clark led a five-week renovation of the home of disabled Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, Sgt. Johnny Agbi. The effort marked the 1,000th renovated home in the Heroes at Home program. A partnership between Rebuilding Together and Sears Holdings, the Heroes at Home program improves accessibility by making necessary repairs or adaptations to the homes of disabled veterans. Sgt. Agbi's home was formally unveiled during a ceremony with the First Lady and Dr. Biden on October 17.

Sgt. Agbi served in the Army as the lead medical officer in the 10th Mountain Division for 12 years. In 2009, while in the mountains of Afghanistan, Johnny and his unit encountered hostile forces and were captured and interrogated. Although they escaped, Sgt. Agbi and one other medic were the only medical officers left to care for the rest of the soldiers in their unit. When a helicopter finally came to rescue them, it was gunned down. Sgt. Agbi and another soldier were blown out of the helicopter and fell two stories. Agbi shattered his head and received numerous shrapnel wounds. He and his fellow soldier could not move and were left there for several days, assumed dead. Eventually, the Canadian Army rescued the two soldiers and brought them back to their families, who had already received letters of condolence and their sons' personal effects.

Though Sgt. Agbi defied the odds and survived his ordeal, he now uses a wheelchair and needed his home to be safer and more accessible. Clark, Clark Concrete, Clark Foundations, and more than two dozen subcontractors made much-needed renovations to Sgt. Agbi's home, including modifications for wheelchair accessibility, ceiling and lighting repair, installation of new appliances, lowering and finishing of the basement, and painting.

Heroes at Home Subcontractors

The following companies were integral to the transformation of Johnny Agbi's home:

- A&M Drywall
- ACECO
- CB Flooring
- Chapel Valley Landscape
- Clark Concrete
- Clark Foundations
- Consolidated Waterproofing
- Counter Intelligence
- David Allen Company
- Delta
- Dusty Ducts
- Dynalectric
- E-Sentry Pest Elimination
- Ferguson Enterprises
- Gordan Contractors
- Jacuzzi
- James Myers Company
- Jefferson Millwork
- Lyn Tile
- Manganaro
- Mona Electric
- NCF
- NLP
- Perlectric
- Precision Door
- PSR Construction & Management, LLC
- Sanijohn
- TM/R Engineering
- Tricon
- W.E. Bowers
- WDG Architecture

Project Teams Rehabilitate Veterans' Homes in New York, California

Syracuse VA Project Team Gives Back

SYRACUSE - To honor the mission of their project, Clark's Syracuse VA team has been actively reaching out to the veteran community in central New York. Clark employees have teamed up with the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), an organization that maintains a database of disabled veterans who need assistance at home.

Through PVA, the Clark project team helped a disabled veteran with some much needed home improvements. Over the course of two weekends, volunteers performed exterior improvements, including sealing the driveway, building a stable handrail from the front entrance to the driveway, replacing a ramp to the tool shed, painting the exterior foundation block of a chimney, and updating the house's window frames.

Atkinson Repairs a Home in Northern California

BERKELEY, Calif. - On October 15, Atkinson employees in Northern California volunteered with the Bay Area Chapter of Rebuilding Together. The group repaired the home of a 97-year-old disabled veteran living with his family. The scope of work included carpet removal, painting, insulation replacement, and installation of a moisture barrier on the basement floor.



Community Improvement Day Revitalizes Marvin Gaye Rec Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On October 1, dozens of Clark employees joined hundreds of volunteers from the building industry to participate in the District of Columbia Building Industry Association's (DCBIA) 19th Annual Community Improvement Day. Clark has participated in the program, which rehabilitates a Washington, D.C. park or recreation center, for more than a decade.

This year, volunteers revitalized the Marvin Gaye Recreation Center, located in Ward 7. Throughout the day, the group demolished an existing trash area enclosure and an existing fence, and constructed new fences, planter boxes, a trash area enclosure, and a mural wall structure on which a mural of Marvin Gaye was placed. The volunteers also helped beautify the grounds by painting fences around the center and cleaning up trash on the grounds.



UCSF Team Volunteers with San Francisco Food Bank

SAN FRANCISCO - In late August, several members of the UCSF Neurosciences Building project team volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank. Located just one mile from the Clark project site, the food bank works with local non-profits and farmers' markets to provide food to more than 200,000 people each year. The organization depends on volunteers to repack and shelve the nearly 400 tons of food delivered to their warehouse every week.

The Clark volunteers packaged more than 2,000 pounds of rice that was later distributed in the food bank's weekly deliveries throughout the city.



Employees from the UCSF project spent the day packaging food at the San Francisco Food Bank.

LAX Construction Project Helps Relieve Hunger in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES - CanstructionLA is a design-build competition that challenges architects, engineers, and construction companies to create elaborate sculptures using only canned food items. The creations are put on public display, judged in a competition, and, ultimately, disassembled and donated to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank.

Clark's Valley Region Middle School #3 project team, working with colleagues

from Thornton Tomasetti, collaborated to recreate Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The structure features the iconic LAX Gateway Pylons, with a rainbow of color representing the cultural diversity found in Los Angeles.

Displayed at the Westfield Culver City mall, the team's design was voted "People's Choice." Following the competition, the 3,500 cans of food used to construct the sculpture were donated to combat hunger in the Los Angeles area.



Clark and Thornton Tomasetti employees pose for a photo in front of their construction sculpture.

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Clark volunteers gave Nashville-area public schools some much-needed TLC.



MCC Team Gets "Hands On" in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - For the third year in a row, members of the Music City Center project team were among volunteers participating in the Hands on Nashville Day. The annual event is the largest day of service for the Metro Nashville Public Schools. In all, 1,800 Hands on Nashville volunteers landscaped, painted, and cleaned 55 public schools throughout Davidson County.

Clark cyclists celebrate completing the 100-mile ride.



Team Bikes 100 Miles to Combat MS

IRVINE, Calif. - Clark's Western Region Cycling Team took on the annual MS Bay to Bay Bike Ride in October. The 100-mile ride from Irvine to San Diego builds awareness and raises funds for the MS Society Pacific South Coast Chapter. Clark's seven-member team raised nearly \$5,000 for the organization, which serves more than 45,500 people living with multiple sclerosis in Southern California.

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