

Thurmont Lions Help Replace Leaking Roof

A local family, consisting of a great-grandmother, a grandmother, and a great granddaughter, was suffering from extensive water leaks into their kitchen and the child's bedroom. The leaks were so extensive that the child's bedroom was unuseable and the kitchen ceiling had fallen down.

The family now has a dry house due to volunteers from the Thurmont Lions Club, the Frederick Habitat for Humanity, the Seton Center, and Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Seton Center, the Thurmont Lions Club, the Thurmont Ministerium, and the Tom's Creek United Methodist Church all provided financial assistance to the family. The Frederick Habitat for Humanity, in addition to providing volunteers, also provided the shingles and other materials, transported materials, including the shingles, to the site, and provided over-all construction supervision.

The work, which took place over several weekends this summer, involved removing the old shingles, replacing roof vents and sheathing, and adding new sealant membranes and shingles. The work also included the repair of areas that has allowed the formation of damaging "ice dams" in the winter.

The Thurmont Lions effort was coordinated by the Financial Assistance Committee (John Brown, Rosemary McDermott, Glenn Rickard, Jr., Tim Stuart, Chair). Other Lion volunteers were Bob Meunier, Larry Mundy, Allen Krenzer, and Bill Long. Robert Nanni of Thurmont also volunteered as a part of the Lions Team.

The Frederick Habitat for Humanity effort was coordinated by Executive Director Ron Cramer with strong on-site construction management by Bill Wivell. Habitat volunteer Mike Van Norden and a number of others also participated in the effort.

The Seton Center effort was coordinated by Sister Salvatrice-Murphy, who did much of the coordination with the family, helped provide food for the workers, and helped arrange for financial assistance and volunteers, including funding from Tom's Creek United Methodist Church and volunteers from Gonzaga College High School and a volunteer associated with the Seton Center.

Several photographs from the project are provided below.

Thanks to all that made this project a success!!



Tim Stuart from the Thurmont Lions Club (on left) with participating students from Gonzaga College High School and Gonzaga faculty members Rob Theriaque (left front) and Eli Clarke (right front).



Bill Wivell from Frederick Habitat for Humanity works with several students from Gonzaga College High School.