

OUR YEAR 2025

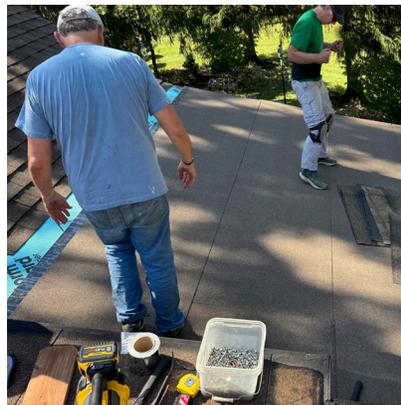
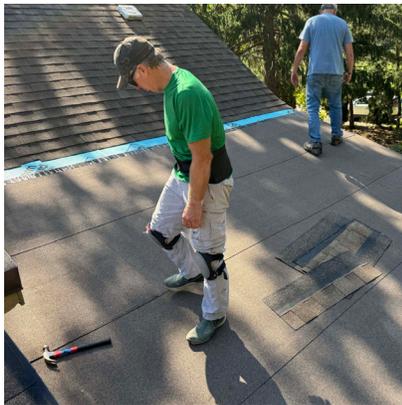
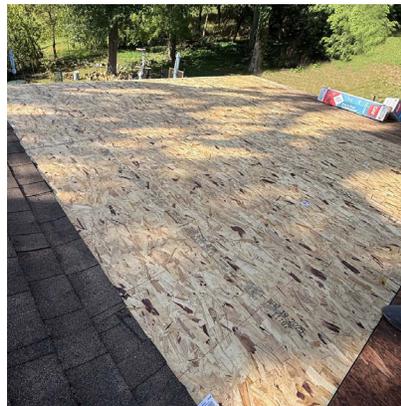
# BLUEPRINT



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## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

The Build Team is going strong as evidenced by the sheer number of projects we completed in 2025—over fifteen, from simple to complex, and we made time to visit a half-dozen additional sites requesting help. Fixing leaky toilets, showers, and sinks, repairing water-damaged drywall, a new roof (below) for a Vietnam veteran were the challenges that kept our volunteers strong, alert, out of trouble, and out of the house—the wives of retired volunteers love us.



## SHORT AND SWEET

A Barrington mother with a townhouse full of young children needed a few simple updates—simple but important to her children. Repaint a bedroom from a mixture of youthful, bold colors to something more calming. Fix broken closet doors. Purchase and install “cubby” cabinets by the front door to organize winter parkas, backpacks, and boots. Nothing to make The Build Team break a sweat, but the quick in-and-out by the team resulted in grateful tears from Mom. We love this!



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## REPEAT OFFENDERS

In our 2024 *Blueprint*, we featured a family that overpaid us in gratitude—an overpayment that we selfishly accepted for repairing their roof. Helping this family has become a central mission for us—they need so much help, and they are so thankful that we can't resist going back for more. This year, after power washing much of the home's exterior, we had professionals replace double-pane glass in 16 windows that were drafty and giving them a cloudy view of the world outside. We fixed a leaky skylight and a suspicious area causing more leaks. We gave them access to our dump trailer (provided by a BACF grant) to purge years of accumulated "stuff" that we all want to get rid of. Currently, we're having two rotted pillars supporting their porch roof replaced. Next, we'll replace a broken shower door, a broken water faucet in the girls' bathroom, and a new drain under the kitchen sink. Despite the unimaginable challenges this family faces, their faith, strength, and optimism define them. They are euphoric over the improvements we have made, and the thanks just keep coming—and we just keep taking. (Shamelessly)





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## A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

A retired first responder was experiencing a progressive condition that restricted his mobility and balance. Carpeting on stairs and in a long hallway to his bedroom was getting difficult for the homeowner to navigate safely. We replaced the carpet in the affected areas with hardwood flooring that matched the adjacent kitchen, and we resurfaced the stairs and landing with hardwood. Reducing the homeowner's risk of tripping was a great trip for The Build Team volunteers.



## HELPING NONPROFITS PROFIT

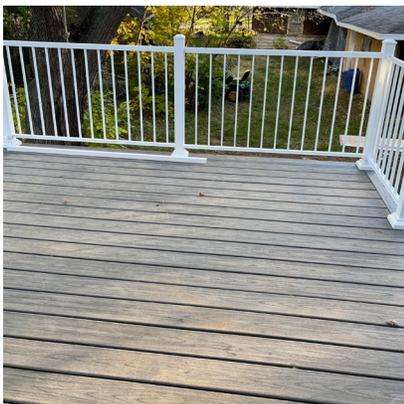
The Build Team continues to assist other nonprofits with projects to help or improve their missions. Recipients of our reciprocity this year were Barrington Township, Citizens for Conservation, Neurobalance, Asheville hurricane relief, and Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity. John Dawson, one of The Build Team founders and still board member, asked our team to build a deck on a home 10 minutes north of Richmond, Illinois. John, a regional director of HFH, needed extra manpower to meet the family's move-in date. We were happy to help John, and it was great working with the Wisconsin volunteers to get this new home "habitated" on time for the mom and her six kids.





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## DECK FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, WALWORTH COUNTY WI



## JOIN THE TEAM

The Build Team welcomes volunteer interest and donations. You can do one or both on our website, [thebuildteam.org](http://thebuildteam.org). There, you will find more stories and details about our mission.

***We couldn't continue to share these wonderful stories without your support. By using volunteer labor, a small amount of money will fund a large project. Please consider a contribution to The Build Team this Holiday Season.***

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