



## **THE GOOD WORKS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER – Volume 1 Number 1**

We have enjoyed wonderful support from the conferences throughout Saint Louis. To date, we've been able to help many seniors throughout Saint Louis and surrounding areas with their home repair and maintenance.

We have been blessed with several donations of tools. The Central Council office, in a move to cut costs, is going to be phasing out its warehouse in a few months. We need a place to store the tools of the Good Works Program. If you have secure space that you would be willing to allow the Good Works Program to use, we want to talk with you. We would prefer a location within three miles of the Central Council office. We need approximately one hundred square feet of space.

Sent along with this update, you should find a checklist that will help you to assess home safety when you go out on home visits. Please feel free to make copies of the checklist. Please remember that a senior may ask us to do one specific project but may not be aware that other projects need to be performed. Let's be pro-active in assessing potential risk and offering service to our clients.

The highlight achievement of the last few months was an extreme plumbing project that we accomplished for an extended family that lives in the area by Cardinal Glennon Hospital. They had no hot water, no faucets in their kitchen or bathroom, and pipes that were not connected in the basement. Many pipes had to be replaced. Over the course of two weeks, our volunteer plumbers donated approximately \$14,000.00 worth of professional labor hours. We concluded the project very successfully and now the grandmother of the family is overjoyed that her family no longer needs to tote water in their own home and she is able to bathe her adult daughter (who is disabled as a result of having been shot in the head by her former husband).

Three Saturdays ago, we performed several projects for a senior widow in O'Fallon. At the end of the day, she had a brand new kitchen tile floor and we had filled thirty-two large trash bags with leaves, thus beautifying her yard and making her kitchen floor less likely to cause a fall.

Are you a skilled trades worker? Can you perform general labor? Please consider helping us in the Good Works Program. It's a great way to put a smile on the face of a senior and the exercise certainly won't hurt you. In addition, we would appreciate your referral of volunteers to the program. Please have volunteers phone or email me. Thanks.

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