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Firms donate roof to center

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Usually, nonprofits have to twist lots of donors' arms to get a new \$60,000 roof. But Crossroads Aftercare Program in Minneapolis didn't even have to ask for its donation.

Crossroads offers shelter for as many as 55 people as they rebuild their lives after alcohol or drug-addiction treatment. But it had a leaky roof.

As a donation, Rick Grobovsky dropped by in April to provide some advice on the problem to Sharron Johnson, Crossroads' director.

Grobovsky owns AMBE, a small commercial- and industrial-roofing consulting firm in Edina. He told Johnson he'd help get her a roof.

Johnson thanked Grobovsky and prepared herself for some serious fund raising.

She didn't know that Grobovsky was working all summer to pull together a team to build a new roof for Crossroads.

The day before Thanksgiving, Grobovsky returned with a group of men and said they would start on the roof Monday. Johnson was stunned by the generosity of the 11 companies that donated their time and resources.

"It was free, and I never asked for it," she said.

Grobovsky said the group built the roof because they believe in giving back to the community. He has also organized roof projects for a center for abused children in Minneapolis, (he declined to name it) and Camp Heartland, which serves children with AIDS in Willow River.

Despite the good deeds, Grobovsky wants no publicity. "Every once and a while you get a feeling about a person, and I knew that she was a person who was trying to do a lot for others," he said.

The following firms contributed to the project: AMBE; Peterson Bros. Roofing and Construction Inc.; Dalco Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc.; John A. Dalsin & Son Inc.; Sela Roofing and Remodeling Inc.; GAF Materials Corp.; K.R. Kline and Associates (Firestone Building Products); Roof Depot Inc.; MacArthur Co.; Langford Tool and Drill; and Atomic Architectural Sheet Metal.

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