

Roof Crafters Gives Away New Roof



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The project at White's house changed when Vaughn, an Owens-Corning Platinum Contractor, contacted Magee, another Platinum Preferred installer with Owens Corning, to see if Magee had a "backup crew" available in case inclement weather or other difficulties forced the Tulsa team to return home before the project was complete. Being community minded Roof Crafters gives away new roof by providing all the labor to install the roofing system.

"[Magee] said, 'Hey, I've got a crew that will do the whole thing,'" Vaughn said. Materials were donated by ABC Supply, a nationwide supplier.

White's one-story home was elevated after the storm, but the roof was not replaced at the time. White has lived in the 50-year old house for 15 years.

Team coordinator Dr. Amy Emerson said the team wanted to help White because she gives so much to others.

"She is an incredible lady who uses her vacation time each year to cook two hot meals for children in the Hollygrove neighborhood, who attend a week-long summer camp," Emerson said. "It's fun to see all kinds of people come together to do this project."

Other activities held in conjunction with the team's visit included a "Pete the Cat" literacy event, based on the popular children's series books by Eric Litwin. Free books were provided for children that attended. The churches are co-led by ministers Charles Marsalis and Kirk Garrison.

While the long-standing partnership with the Oklahoma team has made them "family," White said the focus of the week was on the children and not the adults workers. "Even though it's just for a few days, the children are getting something they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

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