



## Syracuse Hearts O'Fire Johnson Family Home Project



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### **Johnson Family Home Makeover Scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> ~More Skilled Volunteers and Supplies are Needed~**

**SYRACUSE, NY (FEBRUARY 6, 2012)** – The “Extreme Home Makeover” of the Johnson family’s home in Tully, NY is scheduled to begin April 16, 2012. Syracuse firefighters, who are leading the effort, and other community volunteers will work 24/7 to complete the whole-house renovation by May 7. Dave Johnson, who retired from the Syracuse Fire Department in 2008, and his wife, Diana, are parents of 3 “home grown” children, 14 adopted children and 12 foster children. Ten people currently reside in the home. Due to serious health problems of two family members, major modifications to the home are needed which the Johnsons cannot do alone.

To date, more than 150 people have volunteered for “the build” and about 40 local businesses are donating materials, supplies and labor. Members of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Central New York and the Central New York State Nursery and Landscape Association have pledged their support for the project.

Project organizers are still seeking volunteers who are electricians or skilled in carpentry, drywall installation, framing, floor sanding, trim work and painting. Electrical supplies, appliances, furniture and monetary contributions are also greatly needed.

“We are amazed by the number of people, local civic groups, professional organizations, churches and schools that have so generously stepped up to the plate to help this truly deserving family”, says Syracuse Fire Captain Bob Whitehead and Scott McClurg of McClurg Remodeling & Construction Services, the project’s coordinators. “More than 30 people are actively involved in planning all phases of this project and everyone we have asked has been more than happy to help.”

Skilled professionals who want to volunteer, and anyone who wishes to donate money, new materials or supplies, can contact either:

**Captain Bob Whitehead at 436-1001** ([bwhitehead638@gmail.com](mailto:bwhitehead638@gmail.com))

**Scott McClurg at 673-4305 ext. 103** ([smcclurg@mcclurgteam.com](mailto:smcclurg@mcclurgteam.com))

To make a monetary contribution online, get updates on fundraising events and other project activities, and to learn more about the Johnson Family, visit the Johnson Family Home Project on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/JohnsonFamilyHomeProject](http://www.facebook.com/JohnsonFamilyHomeProject).

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