



Syracuse Hearts O'Fire
Johnson Family Home Project



NEWS CONFERENCE & PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITY

**MEDIA ALERT: Johnson Family Home Project Construction Launch
News Conference to be Held on Monday, April 16th
~ Pre-Construction Photo/Video Opportunity on April 15th ~**

Members of the Syracuse Fire Department and a corps of 200 plus volunteers will begin work on the renovation of the home of retired Deputy Fire Chief Dave Johnson and his wife Diana. Eight of the Johnsons' 17 children currently reside in the home. Extensive repairs and modifications of the home are needed to meet the medical and space needs of the family. Donations, supplies, services and labor are being provided by over 100 local businesses. Work will be done around the clock to complete the home by May 7th.

WHO: Project leaders Captain Robert Whitehead of the Syracuse Fire Department and Scott McClurg, President, McClurg Construction & Remodeling Services; members of the Johnson Family; representatives of donors and Syracuse Firefighters

WHAT: A news conference and ceremony to announce the start of the project. Remarks will be made by Project Leaders Whitehead and McClurg, and by Syracuse Fire Chief Mark McLees. Rev. Rob Gates will bless the volunteers and house. There will be a presentation of a check by National Grid, transfer of the keys to the home by the Johnson family to the volunteers, and a fire siren activation to mark the start of demolition work that morning.

Photos and video of the empty home can be taken **ONLY** before construction begins on Sunday, April 15.

WHEN:	News Conference/Ceremony	Pre-Construction Photos/Video
	Monday, April 16, 2012	Sunday, April 15, 2012
	10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

WHERE:	Johnson Residence 1459 Route 80 Tully, NY 13159	NOTE: Parking will be reserved for the Media. Follow signs at the site.
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