

Meier Supply team assists with Habitat project

JOHNSON CITY, N.Y. - Staff and family members of Meier Supply Co. Inc. teamed up in June, 2005 to assist Broome County Habitat for Humanity with a home restoration project in Endicott. The crews worked for two consecutive Saturdays, with a team of 11 the first week and eight the second. Warehouse staff, management and family members all pitched in to do their part.

"It really felt good," said Bernadette Meier, Meier Supply design and development manager. "Everyone I talked to said they'd like to do it again. At the end of the day, you may be dirty, tired and sore, but you also know you were a part of something that will make a difference in another person's life."

The house on Lawndale Avenue in Endicott was gutted to the bare walls and will be completely refinished. The Meier Supply teams removed a brick chimney between the first floor and the roof; removed the furnace; ripped out lath, plaster and nails; and removed all the debris that was created in the process.

Frank Meier Jr., president and CEO of Meier Supply Co. Inc., has long been a supporter of Habitat for Humanity, first through his involvement with the trade organization HARDI, and now on a more local level. Meier recently completed his term as president of HARDI.

"HARDI has always been very supportive of Habitat for Humanity and has actually sent teams to a Jimmy Carter build," he said. "Last year we got involved on a local level donating window air conditioners to the Broome County Chapter of Habitat and decided to put a team together."

Broome County Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build simple, decent homes and to create safe neighborhoods in partnership with people in need. Habitat for Humanity forms partnerships with local churches, large and small business, civic groups, individuals and other non-profit organizations who are also dedicated to helping people in need.

Meier Supply Company Inc. is a wholesale distributor of heating, cooling, ventilation and refrigeration products employing 94 full-time and 15 part-time associates. The company operates 14 branch locations in New York and Pennsylvania, as well as a 36,000 square-foot distribution center in Johnson City, N.Y.