

Open house today to mark the finish of Bethany community-based project

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Local 25 of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union and its signatory contractors will join Bethany for Children and Families at an open house today to celebrate the completion of a community-based project to remodel a home originally built in the 1920s.

Aero Plumbing and Heating of Davenport and Erickson Plumbing and Heating of Moline, as well as Local 25 members volunteered to help.

The open house at 718 4th St., Colona, Ill., will be 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Union representatives asked their signatory contractors for help and began the work in May. The union provided all of the plumbing and the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration labor at no charge. Area vendors donated materials. The home received a whole new ventilation system, plumbing, electrical system and roofing.

Earlier this year, the house was donated to Bethany to be rehabilitated with the intention of assisting a family in need. The goal was to fix up the home so it would be maintenance-free and affordable for the family living there.

“When considering who could help us out on this major project, the first thing we thought of that related to community involvement was the unions,” said Jenny Hager, the vice president of marketing and development at Bethany. “Local Union 25 has been involved in several community projects, and we knew they would be more than willing to get involved.”

“The house was in poor condition and almost everything had to be replaced. It was a very big project,” Local 25 business agent Dave Keefer said.