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Remodelors™ Council and Local Building Association Bring Hope to a Family for Christmas

In October of 2006 a tragic accident took the life of a 16 year old boy and left a 36 year old man paralyzed from the neck down. Nick Szymanski, 16, of Comstock Park was holding a metal ladder for Calvary Assembly of God assistant pastor Chris Klco, 36, of Rockford. The church youth group was helping paint Klco's house in the 7600 block of Peterson before he sold it and left for Brazil on a missionary trip.

Klco was about two stories up on the ladder when it began to tip. Klco jumped off the ladder before it landed on power lines. Szymanski was electrocuted and passed away shortly after.

Since that time Klco has been struggling to live in the old farmhouse with no handicap accessible features. Klco now lives on the first floor of the home and all 5 of his children have moved downstairs to be with dad. The bathroom he uses is not designed for a wheelchair and he has great difficulties bathing.

Members of the Remodelors™ Council and the Home & Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids were informed of this tragedy and were determined to help the family for Christmas. Kirk Morris of Morris Builders and Chair of the Remodelors™ Council spear headed the project. He found that once he told people about the family's situation they were more than willing to help.

The project kicked off two weeks ago with hopes of wrapping up on Friday, December 21, right before Christmas. All of the materials and labor have been generously donated such as tile, flooring, windows, glass blocks, vanities, mirrors and the list goes on. Below is a list of all of the people and companies who donated labor and materials.

Kirk Morris	Morris Builders, Inc.	Phillip McConahy	Home Repair Services of Kent County
Seth Walter	Morris Builders, Inc.	Bob Boersma	Just Floors, Inc.
Heidi De Young	Morris Builders, Inc.	Chad Wright	Just Wright Construction
Gavin Morris	Morris Builders, Inc.	Dave Hebebrand	Just Wright Construction
Kyle Lee	Morris Builders, Inc.	Brian Koole	Kleyn Electric, Inc.
Brandon Lee	Morris Builders, Inc.	Greg Cowan	West Michigan Glass Block, Inc.
Ed Moorehead	84 Lumber	Mike O'Toole	O'Toole Design & Construction, Inc.
Chad Hovermale	Banner Drywall	Richard Johnson	Richard Johnson Countertops
Tom Anschuetz	Certified Tile & Stone Installers	Ron Landon	Thompson Remodeling, Inc.
Traver Skubick	Certified Tile & Stone Installers	Joe Miles	Williams Kitchen & Bath
Justin Linsea	Certified Tile & Stone Installers	Brad Scott	Scott's Tile
Russ Durst	Durst Drywall, Inc.	Dave Ralph	Jerry's Paint Store
Doug Durst	Durst Drywall, Inc.	Becky Steiner	
Josh Collier	Freedom Construction	Jeff Tolar	
Fred Klementowski	H.J. Oldenkamp Company	Pastor Dave Olsen	
Bob Heneveld	Home Repair Services of Kent County	Al Heisel	
Jim Lynch	Home Repair Services of Kent County	Robin VanFleet	
		Tim Lindeman	

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