



Claremont Lead Abatement Grants

UVHFH has granted Mary Thomas and Jon Nelson & Berkley Heath the two final \$10,000 Claremont lead abatement grants.

Jon & Berkley used their \$10,000 grant as the match requirement for Sullivan County's HUD Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program, ultimately receiving \$51,000 from the County to abate lead at their 1885 duplex. Since starting in June, Berkley & Jon (who is a lead abatement contractor), have removed lead from the first floor. Now that the space they worked on has passed the preliminary clearance from the lead inspector and been cleared of lead hazards, the next steps are for the



Berkley restoring windows in her & Jon's home

couple to restore the windows and put the interior space back together. They will shift their focus to abating lead upstairs this winter, and then begin on the outside of the home in the spring. Jon reports that receiving lead abatement equipment from the grant has allowed them work on similar projects, thereby having a "multiplier effect."

Mary's lead abatement project will start in late September. These projects are possible thanks to a \$30,000 gift from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation.

Please Donate Today - or Plan a Gift for Tomorrow

Your UVHFH donation dollars stay local and are used to build a new home for a family or individual by purchasing materials and hiring licensed subcontractors. We receive no federal or state funding and rely solely on individual donations and grants, which reduce the family's purchase price.

In addition to cash donations, we also accept planned gifts in the form of bequests, beneficiary designations, stock, and real estate. A planned gift is one that is made today and that may not fully mature until a future date. Planned giving is an excellent way to leave a legacy of helping those in need achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through homeownership.

We encourage you to join our Legacy Society by including UVHFH in your planned giving strategy. You can find more details on planned giving options (including language to include in your will or information to list on a beneficiary designation form) [on our website](#).

You can donate online, or mail a check to us at:
PO BOX 1038, White River Junction, VT 05001

Thank you in advance for your support!

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Repair Projects with Vet to Vet Program



Gordon Best (veteran), PM John Heath, Charlie Clark (veteran), Dave Sherman, and George Imbrie take a break while renovating veteran Fran's bathroom.

We are pleased to announce that we are adding a new program by expanding partnerships and the ways in which we help people in our community. This fall and winter, we will take on a series of repair projects to improve the quality of life for those already housed.

The first of these projects is in partnership with Senior Solutions' Vet to Vet Vermont Visitor Program. UVHFH Project Manager John Heath has led repair projects to repair a set of steps and a bathroom renovation for veteran Fran Raymond of Windsor.

Repair projects may be a part of our on-going mission because they are a good way to help Upper Valley residents and engage volunteers between the timing of our home builds, which remains our primary focus.

We have emailing volunteers of upcoming opportunities to help on other repair projects this fall & winter. Stay tuned!

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Lebanon Build Scheduled for Spring 2022

Despite the recent record-breaking increases in construction materials and labor costs, coupled with supply chain disruptions and delays for all building-related supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we plan to break ground on a new home on a lot we own in Lebanon in Spring 2022.

As OSB jumped from \$9 to \$64 per sheet and an 8-foot long 2"x4" increased from \$1.75 - \$2.50 to nearly \$10, our Board decided to delay the groundbreaking of the Sargeant-Goodrich home to Spring 2022, when building material prices may be more affordable.

Now more than ever, we will need to rely on the help of our generous donors to achieve this goal. Please consider giving generously to help make Shannon and the boys' dream of a home a reality.

We are very much looking forward to starting work on this energy efficient, 3-bedroom home with our partner family, volunteers, and subcontractors in the Spring!

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We are currently recruiting volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors.

Specifically, we are seeking individuals with experience and skills in the following fields:

- Real estate
- Banking
- Law
- Human Resources
- Fundraising
- Information Technology

We are also recruiting for a Building Committee Chairperson and Human Resources Chairperson.

You can read all the details, including a full description of the Board of Director's responsibilities and expectations [on our website](#).

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