

OHC aids Long Island family

Oil Heat Cares shone recently in a job on Long Island. The project, spearheaded by Rob O'Brien of Technical Heating Company, LLC in Mt. Sinai, NY (Long Island) and a member of the Nassau-Suffolk chapter of The National Association of Oil Heating Service Managers (NAOHSM), was in response to an unfortunate turn events for the Shaljian family. The father, James Shaljian, a carpenter, has been battling cancer for over two years and in consequence, his doctor recommended he move out of his mold-infested house in Mt. Sinai.

Diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2002, he received a stem-cell transplant a year later, but it was unsuccessful; he was diagnosed with graft-versus-host disease. It ended hope that he would be able to move back into the house with his family. Mr. Shaljian, the father of several girls, hasn't been able to work for nine years.

The family seemed an ideal candidate for the ABC television show "Extreme Makeover-Home Edition," but eventually was not chosen. At that point, Building Hope for Long Island stepped in. Dorothy Schlosser, the treasurer for BHLI, said the nonprofit foundation wasn't even in existence until they met this family. "They were the catalyst and inspiration or this non-



From left rear: Matt Spink, Billy Rella, Dan Auciello, Charlie Masone, Bob Chapman, Tom Olsen, Wayne Lawrence, Rob O'Brien, Carl Graf
From left front: Andy McGovern, Jacob Rella, Ron Poniatowski, Ron Mannino, Mike Dwyer

profit foundation," she said. Schlosser had a personal interest, since she originally nominated the family for the television show.

At that point Rob O'Brien, who is a member of NAOHSM, approached Oil Heat Cares about getting involved with Building Hope. The family needed a new home and through donations and volunteerism, their old home was razed and a new home built, with Oil Heat Cares providing the heating equipment.

At press time, O'Brien reported the new home is nearly complete. Some key donations: Boyertown Furnace donated a high-efficiency Solaia furnace, rated at 86.9%, and Amtrol provided a "red" Boilermate indirect. Roth donated an oil tank, R. W. Beckett provided its NX burner and AquaSmart control with its new low water cutoff sensor, and Venco Sales donated the Grundfos pumps. Hart's Petroleum supplied a fill-up of 5% bioheat.

The following link provides additional background on the family and BHLI:

<http://www.northshoreoflongisland.com/Articles-i-2010-12-16-86435.112114-sub18237.112114-Locals-begin-building-hope-for-Shaljian-family>.

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