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Dallas Construction Company and 9/11 Foundation Join Forces to Rebuild Home of Texas Family

Rogers-O'Brien Construction to partner with New York City firefighters to rebuild Vincent Family home destroyed in December '06 Groesbeck tornado

Building suppliers from Dallas to San Marcos are helping in this 9/11 Anniversary effort

DALLAS, TX & NEW YORK, NY – JULY 16, 2007 – A nationwide volunteer organization born out of the ashes of September 11 will be partnering with a leading Texas construction company to rebuild the home of a very special Texas family this coming 9/11 Anniversary. Each year on the weekend before the 9/11 Anniversary, **The New York Says Thank You Foundation** sends New York City firefighters, many of them survivors of the World Trade Center attack, to help rebuild communities around the U.S. affected by disaster. It's the group's way of saying "Thank You" for all the love and support Americans from across the country gave to New Yorkers in the days, weeks, and months following September 11. The group is often joined by hundreds of local volunteers as well as by disaster survivors from communities the organization has helped nationwide on previous anniversaries of 9/11 who continue to help out as their way to "pay it forward." This year, The New York Says Thank You Foundation is partnering with Rogers-O'Brien Construction Company, headquartered in Dallas, to rebuild the home of James & Eva Vincent of Groesbeck, Texas and they need the immediate help of local building suppliers to make this special volunteer home rebuilding effort and community service project possible.

"The Vincents are an extraordinary American family and we are asking for the help of our colleagues in the building supply and construction industries to provide materials for this statewide volunteer effort to rebuild the Vincent family home" stated John Carver, Vice President of Rogers-O'Brien Construction Company.

A Special Texas Family in Need

Three generations of the Vincent family have run assisted-living centers for Disabled Veterans out of their homes. They created a unique and loving environment where these men who served our nation could eat at the family's dining room table, play with the children in the extended Vincent family, and enjoy the 100+ animals on the Vincent family farm in a beautiful country setting. In addition to serving the Disabled Veterans, the Vincents also serve their community as they comprise nearly one-quarter of the 40-member Volunteer Fire Department of Groesbeck, a town of just 4,000 people half way between Dallas and Austin and just east of Waco.

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On December 29, 2006 a deadly tornado ripped through the Vincent family compound, damaging one of the veterans' homes and destroying the home where James and Eva Vincent lived with their 14-month son Hunter and 5 of the veterans. With just 30 seconds warning before the tornado struck, Eva woke Hunter from his crib and gathered the five veterans in her home and huddled them in a small interior hallway of the house. Sadly, one of the men died in the tornado but Eva's quick actions literally saved the lives of her young son and the other men in her care. The house sustained major damage in the storm and was rendered unlivable. Originally built by hand thirty years ago by James' grandfather, the home was unfortunately un-insured. And because Groesbeck was never declared a federal disaster area, the family was not eligible for FEMA or other government assistance to rebuild. While the extended Vincent family will continue to care for the Disabled Veterans in the home of Debbie Vincent (James' mom), James and Eva and their young son Hunter, need a new home.

A Special Partnership between Texas builders and The New York Says Thank You Foundation

In honor of the Vincent's family extraordinary service in caring for Disabled Veterans for 3 generations, and in recognition of this family's dedication to their community through their service on the Groesbeck Volunteer Fire Dept., The New York Says Thank You Foundation has chosen the Vincent family as their rebuilding project for the upcoming 9/11 Anniversary weekend of **September 6-9, 2007**. Rogers-O'Brien Construction will be working with Bob McCain Custom Homes of Limestone County TX to oversee the volunteer rebuilding effort.

To date, building supply companies from across Texas have agreed to donate materials to this special effort, for which they can receive a tax-deduction through The New York Says Thank You Foundation's 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. Suppliers helping in this effort already include: FamilySafe of Texas, McCoy's Building Supply, Woodson Lumber, Bi-Stone Building Supply, Weir Brothers Excavation, Potter Concrete, CMC Alamo Rebar, Arrowhead Rebar, A & A Landscape, K-Post Roofing, Spectrum Brands, Marek Brothers Drywall, Sterling Tile, Carrco Painting, RWA Flooring, Loop 340 Overhead Door, Grizzly Glass, Darden Building Supply, Venture Mechanical, Kettman Heating & Plumbing, Freedom Quality Heat & Air, Polk Mechanical, TD Mechanical, JMEG Electric, Prism Electric, Zeig Electric, JMS Electric and Services, Joe Neason Contracting, Jimmie Norris Cabinet Shop, and Scott Dobbels.

Key Building Materials Still Needed – Contact info to Help

Some key materials are still needed for this rebuilding project including: framing lumber, Hardi-Plank siding, roof trusses, windows, doors and hardware, cabinets, appliances and interior trim. Suppliers interested in donating to this volunteer effort can contact Bryan Cerney at Rogers-O'Brien Construction in Dallas at 214-962-3108 or Bob McCain at Bob McCain Custom Homes in Limestone County at 903-626-5687.

A Small Town Community Service Project with National Exposure on the 9/11 Anniversary.

In addition to the New York City firefighters and other volunteers from the Big Apple, The New York Says Thank You Foundation expects to be joined in Groesbeck by as many as 100 volunteers from around the country including survivors of Hurricane Katrina from Slidell, Louisiana, and survivors of the 2003 San Diego wildfires, the 2004 Utica, Illinois and 2005 Evansville, Indiana tornadoes. As with all rebuilding projects, the Foundation welcomes the participation of volunteers from the local community to create a unique weekend of community service to focus on giving back on the Anniversary of 9/11. Organizers of the Groesbeck project expect 800 to 1,000 people to turn out for the weekend rebuilding effort and related events. To date, the Foundation's rebuilding efforts have been featured on over 300 television news programs nationwide including CNN, NBC, and Fox and the story of how the Foundation was started by the suggestion of a 5-year-old New York City boy is explained at the group's website at www.NewYorkSaysThankYou.org.

About Rogers-O'Brien Construction

Established in 1969, Rogers-O'Brien Construction has been committed to making our clients successful for four decades. From our early years as a small building contractor to the industry leader we are today, our culture is based on providing solutions to the construction aspect of your project in a team-centered environment built on honesty, trust and competence. For every project, we listen to our clients' needs so that we can fully understand and support their business goals. By flexibly managing a myriad of complex construction details, we support each client's objectives. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, with an office in Austin, Texas, Rogers-O'Brien's construction experience spans diverse industries, including the Educational, Healthcare, Hospitality, Industrial, Institutional, Office and Retail markets.

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