



CRAWFORD CARES

A Community Relations Program



Contractor ConnectionSM, Network Contractors Serve Communities Across Nation

Contractor Connection teamed up with its network contractors to give back to communities across the nation on Saturday, October 4, as part of Crawford's Global Day of Service.

Twenty of Contractor Connection's network contractors accepted CEO Larry Thomas' invitation to join the Crawford & Company Global Day of Service effort across the globe to help communities in need and put their skills to good work in their local communities. Projects ranged from city park beautifications to golf tournament fundraisers to home repairs for people in need.

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The national effort of network members joining Crawford was the first in what Thomas plans to become an annual event and anticipates an increase in participation from other Contractor Connection Network Members operating in North America.

"The Crawford & Company Global Day of Service initiated by Jeff Bowman has been taking place for over six years and has had a tremendous response from many caring Crawford employees across the globe," Thomas said. "I am delighted to extend this great cause to our network members who also show great consideration for those in need in their local communities."

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In numerous cities across the United States, Contractor Connection and its network members banded together to serve their local communities by performing various projects. The following pages include project summaries from some of the cities.

Jacksonville, Florida

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Spokane, Washington

Compass Construction and Servicemaster Fire & Water Restoration by Compass

In Spokane, Washington, Compass Construction partnered with The Isaac Foundation, a local non-profit organization, by renovating and updating their mobile events trailer. The ISAAC Foundation's mission is to provide educational opportunities to families and economic assistance for intervention services and therapies to children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders living in Spokane, Stevens, Lincoln, Whitman, and Kootenai Counties.

Servicemaster Fire & Water partnered with the Spokane Home Builders Office for the inaugural Festival of Chefs, a local fundraising effort to support the Women & Children's Free Restaurant. Their group of volunteers spent the day cleaning and restoring the homes that were going to be featured in the event. The Women & Children's Free Restaurant is a vital safety net that fills nutritional gaps for women and children in need while fostering dignity and respect, both within the restaurant and in the community.



Fayetteville, North Carolina

Highland Construction

In Fayetteville, N.C., several Highland Construction volunteers spruced up the Child Advocacy Center of Fayetteville by painting several areas inside the building.

The Child Advocacy Center has been Highland Construction's cause of choice for many years, having assisted the organization by donating materials and labor for many projects in the past.



Grovetown, Georgia

First General Services of the CSRA

In Grovetown, Ga., First General Services of the CSRA spent its day making much-needed repairs and renovations to military veteran Sgt. Eddie Harris' home.

His house, located just a block away from the original FGS office, had a new roof, closet and front porch along with flowers and a United States flag when the FGS volunteers were finished.



Colorado – Various Locations

FRSTeam of Colorado

Across various locations in Colorado, FRSTeam partnered with SeniorHub.org to provide free laundry services for the elderly. Sixty percent of the FRSTeam staff in Colorado volunteered their time.

SeniorHub works to advance the quality of life for older adults through advocacy, community partnerships and a variety of direct services planned to sustain an independent, healthy aging experience.



Atlanta, Georgia

Parker Young Construction

In Atlanta, Parker Young Construction volunteered their time to make some much-needed renovations to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House interior. ARMH management was very grateful for the improvements.

Dedicated to serving the needs of children, ARMH provides temporary housing and support services to families of ill and injured children being treated at local hospitals.



Snellville, Georgia

Purofirst of Gwinnet

In Snellville, Ga., Purofirst of Gwinnet assisted a local family in need by making major maintenance repairs to their home.

A total of 13 volunteers contributed to the project, which included a complete crawlspace cleaning along with re-insulation and new moisture protection.



Springfield, Tennessee

Rapid Restoration

In Springfield, Tenn., Rapid Restoration built a corral for recycling cardboard and a food storage shed at Walden's Puddle, a rehabilitation facility for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in Middle Tennessee.



Baltimore, Maryland

ServiceMaster by Singer

In Baltimore, Md., ServiceMaster by Singer, which was also joined by Contractor Connection District Manager Jim Dougherty, donated its services by cleaning the public areas on the four floors of the Single Room Occupancy Program at the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training. The program houses homeless veterans and puts them through comprehensive evaluation and training to help them rejoin their communities as independent, productive members.

MCVET Director of Development Kristoffer Evans expressed the organization's appreciation of the project.

"Our Executive Director and our Residence Manager were very impressed with all that your team did," he said. "Your work gave 10 years back to our SRO facility. Everyone I met from your company was very hard working and enthusiastic. Our veterans in the SRO will definitely benefit from your work. Thank you for your entire group's efforts on Saturday. It was a great event."



Miami, Florida

Sir Galloway Fabric Restoration

In Miami, Sir Galloway Fabric Restoration held a clothing drive for The Camillus House. Volunteers filled multiple laundry carts with donations. Sir Galloway plans to continue the drive as a year-round effort.

The Camillus House provides direct care for the homeless, treatment programs and job training for individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues, emergency, transitional and permanent housing for individual and families and healthcare for the homeless and uninsured.



Redding, California

Cronic Disaster Services

In Redding, Calif., Cronic Disaster Services hosted its 13th annual golf tournament. Each year, the tournament selects its beneficiary depending on the community's needs.

This year, proceeds went to Shasta County K-9 program, raising more than \$33,000 for new dogs, training and protective vests.



Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Paul Davis Restoration of Elizabethtown

In Elizabethtown, Ky., Paul Davis Restoration of Elizabethtown made improvements to the home of an elderly woman in need.

Carol Wooden had originally purchased the home for her daughter, Carrie, who had Down's Syndrome. Carol's hope was to renovate the home so that Carrie would be able to live in the home independently when Carol passed on. Unfortunately due to Carrie's sudden onset of seizures, Carol had to leave her job and care for Carrie full time, and the special needs modifications Carol had hoped for had to be put on hold. And unfortunately in July 2012, Carrie passed away.

Within three months, Carol's son E.J., who had been helping remodel the house for free, passed away in a car accident. E.J. was also the husband of PDR estimator Dawnica Renfrow.

So when the opportunity to participate in the Global Day of Service was presented, PDR of Elizabethtown did not need to look far for someone in need.



Gold River, California

Five Star Restoration & Construction

In Gold River, Calif., Five Star Restoration & Construction partnered with Team Rebuild, a volunteer group that rescues farm animals during fires, secures temporary home for the animals and helps return them home.

Five Star's efforts went to assist families affected by the Northern California "King Fire," where 12 homes have been burnt to the ground. Although the fire has been mostly contained, new fences were needed to help bring the farm animals home.

