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National Women in Roofing Arizona Chapter and the Arizona Roofing Contractors Young Professionals Roof Donation to an Arizona Veteran

The National Women in Roofing AZ and members of the <u>Arizona Roofing Contractors Association</u> working together to give back to the community.

(February 2021, Arizona) – In January 2021 members of the Arizona Roofing Contractors Association learned about Eldon, a Vietnam Veteran, and his son.

Here is their story...

Eldon had a nice patio on his front porch that was there when he bought the house 27 years ago. He made a comment to a friend (while his son was



standing there) that the city is making him take his patio down and he will probably have to tear the eaves out and rebuild them in the process because they were rotting away.

His son is 46 years old now and has the mental capacity of an 8–10-year-old. Cannot read or write, understand the value of money, and lacks general common sense but he is great with tools, fixing and building things but he does not have the capacity to work at a real job. He has lived with Eldon who has taken care of him his entire life.

Two days later while he was gone all day, his son not only tore the patio down to help his dad but tore down the eaves on the house all the way around it. Eldon came back and about cried because there was no way he could afford what it would cost to replace what his son tore down.

Since that fateful summer day in 2019 he would buy sheets of plywood here and there from garage sales, craigslist because he could not afford Home Depot or Lowes.

In the winter of 2019, the banners on the roof he bought begin to leak badly. It has become a crisis for him!

Eldon is a very strong man, but I have seen him mentally deteriorate over the past few months to where he is not sleeping at night, crying at times, and has anxiety as I have never seen in him. He went to the grocery store the other night, walked in with the cart, and in the middle of the aisles just shut down. He panicked and forgot why he was going to the store, he said he started shaking and just left the cart there and went to his truck where he just broke down and cried.

He is a proud man that always keeps his yard immaculate, so his house looking like this is very much an embarrassment to him, he has been offered money and he refuses it, but he's the first one to loan money to someone else even if he doesn't have it.

Upon learning about Eldon and his son, the National Women in Roofing and ARCA's Young Professional rallied and within days Bryan Hill, WRECORP inspected the property and determined only the front half needs to be replaced, approximately 22 squares. Based on his assessment Mr. Hill developed the scope of work and materials list; material was donated; and the labor began. The groups efforts resulted in a repaired roof within days.

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- ATAS International, Inc.
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About National Women in Roofing Arizona

For the members of the <u>National Women in Roofing</u> AZ Chapter (NWiR AZ), philanthropy and giving back to communities statewide holds a special place in their hearts.

National Women in Roofing is a volunteer-based organization that supports and advances the careers of women roofing professionals. We provide networking, mentoring, education and recruitment opportunities for the young professionals at the start of her career to the seasoned manager in the executive suite.

NWiR AZ is a board approved committee with the Arizona Roofing Contractors Association made up of over 60 members and growing. Our membership also includes and welcomes men who support the inclusion of women in the roofing industry. Working together, we are bringing the industry to a new level of excellence by supporting and promoting the contributions of women as an essential component to the future of roofing.

About ARCA Young Professionals

ARCA Young Professionals, a program of Arizona Roofing Contractors Association, is for up-and-coming professionals in the roofing industry under the age of 45.

^{*}Additional photos available upon request

About Arizona Roofing Contractors Association

Established in 1969, ARCA is a dynamic and well-respected subcontractor trade association. We have grown to become one of the largest trade associations in Arizona, with over 250 members throughout the state. The purpose and objectives of the association is networking, education and advocacy for the roofing and construction industry.

The work of ARCA is made possible through membership participation, generous financial support of individuals, businesses, foundations and other organizations that support its mission.

Additional information regarding ARCA can be found online at http://www.azroofing.org.

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