

Meyer Capel & McGladrey Team Up to Build & Restore

Volunteer Day Focus: Habitat

he temperature hovered between 15 and 20 degrees for the day but that didn't deter some warm-hearted employees of RSM McGladrey and Meyer Capel Law Firm from teaming up to give back to the community. The two firms partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County on December 5, 2013 for a day of volunteering at a local Urbana build site and in the organization's ReStore located at 119 East University Avenue, Champaign.



Meyer Capel attorneys Harold Adams (front row, third from left), Forrest Heyman (back, second from left) and Brooke Didier Starks (back, third from left) pause for a group photo with some McGladrey friends at the build site.

McGladrey, a national accounting firm with a large office in Champaign, has extended Meyer Capel the offer to participate in the annual volunteer day for the last few years. Both firms strongly encourage volunteerism and giving back to the Champaign-Urbana community. This year, employees were given the opportunity to spend part of the work day helping the staff at Habitat's ReStore or contributing manual labor at the build site.

At the ReStore, a resale shop where donated items are sold and the profits contributed to Habitat, employees worked to sort, organize and stock donations.



Meyer Capel employees Amy Hottman and Angie Brown in the stock room



Group shot of morning ReStore volunteers, including (starting third from left) Meyer Capel's Vicki Dunlap, Rochelle Funderburg and LynnEl Springer.

Volunteers at the ReStore also organized hundreds upon hundreds of storage tubs and muscled a room full of unusable bed frames out the door and into the trash... all with a smile!



At the ReStore in the afternoon: Meyer Capel's Jamie Froman and Michele Brunk (front row left, middle) and Amy Hottman and Angie Brown (back row left and right)

Out at the build site, it was frigid but volunteers bundled up and stayed warm by keeping busy as they took hammer to nail and wrapped the house in Tyvek paper, installed flashing, hung windows and mounted doors. Not an ordinary day's work for a bunch of lawyers and accountants, but a success (we think?) just the same!





Attorneys Harold Adams (top photo) and Forrest Heyman (bottom photo) work to install windows at the build site.

Each year, McGladrey identifies a local charity to benefit from Volunteer Day and invites Meyer Capel to join them in maximizing the impact. In addition to this year's successes for Habitat, the project has also recently benefited Eastern Illinois Foodbank.