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Local roofer gives to hurting family by roofing donated home

ANAHEIM (April 10, 2007) -- Emotion and deep feelings are accompanying the building of a Habitat for Humanity house in Idyllwild this spring. As Western Roofing Systems of Anaheim begins this week to install one of its premium stone-coated steel roofing systems, the installers know the story behind the family members whom they are helping.

The house is going up for Maria Loutzenhiser, 38, and her four children who were left without their father, Mark, a veteran firefighter who was killed in October 2006 by a massive arson-set wildfire. Mark had been trying to complete an expansion on the family's home before his death. The Habitat crew is pitching in to rebuild the home for his widow and children.

"It's very humbling and an honor to do this," said John Popa, the co-owner of Western Roofing Systems who directs installations. "These folks have gone through a lot. Hopefully this can help, even if just a little bit."

The home is on 53535 Middle Ridge Drive in the mountain community of Idyllwild, on the southwest side of Mt. San Jacinto. RAM Metal Roof Mart in Placentia gave the materials for the roof at cost—meaning no profit--and Western Roofing is doing the installation at cost. It will install about 2,000 square feet of decorative MetroShake II roofing on a sloping section of the home and roof about 1,200 square feet of flat roof with a "torch-down" system.

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