

Architecture firm and builders collaborate on home makeover

JK Roller Architects joined with the Building Industry Association of Philadelphia, in partnership with Delaware Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council, collaborated on the first ever Partnership Build - a makeover project launched on Labor Day to provide a completely rebuilt home to a Philadelphia family in just 80 days.

Those organizations began rehabilitating a house at 4269 Leidy Avenue in the East Parkside section; the home was subject to such neglect and vandalism over the years that it needed an almost complete rebuilding from foundation to roof. Members of the Building Industry Association joined carpenters, plumbers, electricians, sheet metal workers, painters, laborers and other skilled volunteers from the trade council.

The site, donated to Habitat for Humanity by the City of Philadelphia for \$1, was chosen in part because of its proximity to Leidy elementary school and because the home is located in a neighborhood undergoing significant revitalization efforts led by community groups, private and public sector sources.

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