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Haven for Heroes' Cottage No. 3 Receives New Roof

ANOKA, Minn. – The historic Anoka County Rum River Campus (The Old Anoka State Hospital) in Anoka, is home to Haven for Heroes, a safe haven for veterans and their family members. Cottage No. 3, which will house male veterans, was in dire need of a new roof until several businesses came together to donate materials, supplies and labor.

GAF (General Aniline & Film) donated the three layer, top-of-the-line roofing materials; one of the best roofing systems the company manufactures. This type of material cannot be purchased in Minnesota and was shipped to Anoka from Elkhart, Indiana. Coon Rapids-based ABC Supply donated the metal pieces. Trulson Construction from Buffalo is donating the fabrication of the gutters.

McGough Construction, Hoffman Weber Construction and A-Team Construction, all - based companies, collaborated to do the tear-off of the old roofing materials and the laying of the new roofing system. Atomic Recycling is providing the dumpsters. Also a supporter of the project is Twin Cities Harley-Davidson® North.

“Such amazing generosity to our veterans! With this kind of help, it won’t be long before Cottage No. 3 is online to help 28 men in recovery stay on track,” said Senator Jim Abeler, a volunteer who has devoted countless hours to this project.

Some of the Haven for Heroes veterans are also lending a hand where possible. Approximately 95% of the cost of the new roof was donated in materials, supplies and labor. The project is expected to be completed by the end of May.

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Haven for Heroes, founded in December of 2018, is a stand-alone, non-profit, substance and alcohol-free board and lodging facility that provides recovery and transitional housing to service members and veterans. Access to services and various activities in the community is offered including those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), or in cooperation with the VA, and other supportive entities. Learn more at haven4heroesmn.org.

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Cottage No. 3 at Haven for Heroes, prior to new roof project.

