



## Badly Needed: A New Roof

A 71 year old senior citizen single woman in Aurora has been working to get a new roof on her home for over 10 years. But due to many complex problems and her low income, she was not able to make this happen. The roof had deteriorated so badly that there was a 3' x 5' hole in her roof, letting the sun and rain come directly into her living room. When a men's Bible Study group from Eastern Hills Church became aware of this situation, one of the group members, Tim, felt God



leading him to do something to help her.



With Tim leading the effort, Eastern Hills Church, Volunteers in Action and staff at the City of Aurora came together to solve some complex problems and work on fixing this roof. Tim has tenaciously sought funding through Lowe's Home Improvement and Home Depot and as well as help from Spike Roofing Company to replace this woman's roof, free of cost to her. Tim, following God's nudging in his life, has taken on this challenging task that no one else had been able to accomplish in over 10 years. Here are 2 "before" pictures of her house. We will continue to update the progress of this project with pictures in future newsletters! —Donn Hansum

## Got Inspiration for 2015?

Isn't it funny how we seem to equate inspiration, motivation or even challenge with "powerful or famous" people? We have the expectation that the more influential a person is, based on society's view, that they must have the key to giving us inspiration. Nix that thought....you could easily find your inspiration for 2015 right in your own backyard!! I found it last week when I visited the VIA volunteers at Joshua Station; those men give me pause. Most of these men are not "young pups"; they are individuals who have had careers or jobs throughout their lives but see that giving of themselves and using their skills is valuable to God's kingdom. These are men to honestly emulate; these are men who inspire.

I attended a funeral for one of our client/friends who had the same VIA volunteer for seven plus years. This female volunteer captured my thoughts as I drove back to the office. To devote seven years to a woman who wanted nothing to do with God was a stretch for the volunteer. To stick it out, be consistent, and be a quiet, calming spirit to the client/friend over all the years, this too was my inspiration. I pray that you'll find someone to be your inspiration for making 2015 a spectacular year of service to the King. —Kelli Schuttinga



## 2014 Leaf Raking Adventure

Gold, red, yellow, orange, the pallet of leaf colors that drop each fall are gloriously beautiful. Alas, we eventually advocate raking, bagging and mulching them....sad but necessary. With the help of **Denver Christian Middle School** students on October 31st, thousands of leaves were gathered from lawns of elderly homeowners. As the students prepared to leave campus, several people "prayed over" the students asking the **Father** to encourage the students' awareness of service and compassion, provide protection, and bring joy to the lives of seniors. We hope that volunteering will be more than getting out of school and having a fun time with friends. May it be learning how to follow in the steps of Christ to SERVE and HONOR the creator of those lovely leaves! —Kelli Schuttinga

## 2015 Calendar of Events

- \* **January 29 - In-service** for VIA Long-Term Volunteers
- \* **February 26 - Power of Partnership Conference** featuring Bob Lupton, author of **Toxic Charity**  
(Call VIA if interested in attending)
- \* **April 30 - Equipping Seminar on *The Art of Listening***, open to the public.  
*"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." --Covey*  
*"We have 2 ears and 1 tongue so that we would listen more and talk less." --Diogenes*



### Workshops Available:

Volunteers in Action is available to facilitate discussions or present workshops on a variety of ministry topics.

- Leading your congregation in service.
- How to use financial assistance to empower people rather than enable them negatively.
- A process for setting goals as a ministry team.
- Transforming the community around your church.
- The role and task of the deacon.
- Promoting stewardship with your church.
- Developing target and side door ministries.
- Visiting someone needing help.
- Praying with someone who is struggling.

If your church, deacons or servant leaders are interested in discovering more on these topics, please call Donn at the VIA office at 303-713-9144 or e-mail him at [donn@volunteersinaction.info](mailto:donn@volunteersinaction.info)

## 2014 Financial Report

Volunteers in Action is thankful to God for the support and donations that were given to VIA in 2014!

Income: \$169,941  
Expenses: \$146,746  
Net Income: \$ 23,195

Because of this generous support, VIA will be able to accomplish more in 2015. The VIA Board and staff are considering and planning what God is calling us to next. Please pray for us as we seek how we can best be a blessing and make a positive impact in our communities in 2015!

