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## **National Women in Roofing Arizona Chapter Roof Donation to Avis Angels**

*The National Women in Roofing AZ and members of the [Arizona Roofing Contractors Association](http://www.arizona-roofing.com) working together to give back to the community*

(July 2019, Arizona) – For 2019, the National Women in Roofing AZ Chapter (NWiR AZ) donated a free roof to Avis Lopez a foster parent for Arizona’s youth.

Ms. Lopez was employed by the state of Arizona as a social worker when she was introduced to four siblings who were going to be separated upon entering the foster system. Due to the children’s nationality and politics, potential foster parents were unable to receive subsidies. The combination of not being able to find a home for them and to avoid splitting them up, Ms. Lopez quite her job and became their foster parent.



Frustrated with the system Ms. Lopez decided to make a difference and with the help of few coworkers and friends she started Avis Angels. She currently has 12 children in the home as young as a five-month old, which came to live with her as a newborn, and at times has had up to 17 youth with minimal financial assistance from the government.

In January, Rebecca Hyman, Gryphon Roofing, brought the Avis Angels project to the NWiR AZ council, at the meeting the members voted to make this their 2019 project.

Following the unanimous vote, Bryan Hill of WRECORP agreed to inspect the roof, create a scope and be the project coordinator between all of the roofing companies. Ms. Lopez needed a brand new roof, her shingles were delaminated and there had been a few leaks.

IKO agreed to donate the shingles, Polyglass USA the Peel-N-Stick for the patio. Lyons Roofing was the first to volunteer to install the shingles, Hardacker Roofing jumped on board for the tear-off. Then our council members took the ball and ran with the rest of the project. Minnie Robles, Elite Roofing

Supply, rounded up the remaining materials that were needed from various manufacturers. JBS roofing agreed to do all the wood work and install the patio. ABC Supply Co. roof loaded the shingles and patio material.

Through the process the NWiR AZ members became friends with Avis and the children, upon learning of her receiving the newborn the chapter members hosted a diaper drive. Ms. Lopez was asked to create an Amazon wish list for items that she needed to run her house, hygiene products, and more. Near the end of the roofing project a site visit was planned and the members surprised Ms. Lopez and the kids with a truck load of donations delivered by Gorman Roofing Services. WRECORP and Elite Roofing Supply delivered pizzas for the family to enjoy lunch.

Although Avis Angels received a free roof it is the members of NWiR AZ that received the biggest gift of all, the gift of giving. We all left the site visit knowing we helped a wonderful family that was in need.

NWiR AZ would like to acknowledge the following companies for their involvement and support:

- [ABC Supply Co., Inc.](#)
- [Elite Roofing Supply](#)
- [Gorman Roofing Services](#)
- [Gryphon Roofing & Remodeling](#)
- [Hardacker Roofing](#)
- [IKO](#)
- [JBS Roofing Co., Inc.](#)
- [Lyons Roofing](#)
- [Polyglass USA](#)
- [WRECORP](#)

*\*Additional photos available upon request*

### **About National Women in Roofing Arizona**

For the members of the [National Women in Roofing](#) AZ Chapter (NWiR AZ), philanthropy and giving back to communities statewide holds a special place in their hearts.

National Women in Roofing is a volunteer-based organization that supports and advances the careers of women roofing professionals. We provide networking, mentoring, education and recruitment opportunities for the young professionals at the start of her career to the seasoned manager in the executive suite.

NWiR AZ is a board approved committee with the Arizona Roofing Contractors Association made up of over 60 members and growing. Our membership also includes and welcomes men who support the inclusion of women in the roofing industry. Working together, we are bringing the industry to a new level of excellence by supporting and promoting the contributions of women as an essential component to the future of roofing.

## **About Arizona Roofing Contractors Association**

Established in 1969, ARCA is a dynamic and well-respected subcontractor trade association. We have grown to become one of the largest trade associations in Arizona, with over 250 members throughout the state. The purpose and objectives of the association is networking, education and advocacy for the roofing and construction industry.

The work of ARCA is made possible through membership participation, generous financial support of individuals, businesses, foundations and other organizations that support its mission.

Additional information regarding ARCA can be found online at <http://www.azroofing.org>.

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