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Maleno Family-to-Family Fund to Help Patricia Fronzaglia

Erie Woman to Receive Home Renovation to Accommodate her Special Needs

Wednesday, September 16, 2009, marks the date of John Maleno's second home-makeover project in Erie as well as his first home-building project underwritten by the Maleno Family-to-Family Fund. Beginning Wednesday, Patricia Fronzaglia's Warsaw Avenue home will be renovated to suit her mobility needs, including reconstruction of several rooms.

An official announcement will take place today at 2 p.m. in front of Fronzaglia's home, 3819 Warsaw Avenue, Erie. Joining Fronzaglia will be John Maleno, founder and president of Maleno Development; and Cheryl Kobel, executive director of the St. Martin Center.

Fronzaglia, 57, was injured in a car accident in November 1999, just five months after her husband, Roy, died. They were married nearly 25 years. Still living in the home she shared with her husband and confined to a wheelchair, she cannot reach her kitchen sink and has no access to her home's bedrooms, forcing her to sleep in her chair. She has three sons, all of whom live outside Pennsylvania.

"Pat has seen true hardship by way of death and disability. She deserves a helping hand which we are pleased to provide through our family fund," said John Maleno, founder and president of Maleno Development.

In June, his firm was chosen to build a home for a deserving Erie family for television's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." This project, a home built in a mere eight days for Clara Ward, became the impetus for his family to create a fund to assist other Erie families with home building and renovation projects. The fund is administered by The Erie Community Foundation and is distributed by the St. Martin Center.

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"The St. Martin Center did a fantastic job reviewing the 60 applications received and identifying those who fit the fund's criteria – a person or family who has had difficulty keeping their home in good living condition due to adversity and circumstances beyond their control," Maleno said. "Pat Fronzaglia is a perfect candidate and beneficiary." He explained she is active in her Holy Rosary Catholic Church parish, serving as a Eucharistic minister and lector there.

Construction will begin Wednesday at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude on Friday, September 18, said Dominic Maleno, who will oversee the project. Along with renovations to the kitchen, bedroom and laundry room, the home will be insulated, receive new storm doors, fascia and soffit as well as access to a new rear deck.

Many of the same partners who helped John Maleno with the "Extreme Makeover" project have enlisted to help Fronzaglia. "This time, our construction crew will not be joined by celebrities and production crews. There will be no Hollywood fanfare, but the same community spirit will help transform a house to a home for one of our neighbors," he said.

Those companies and organizations donating materials and labor include Bauer Specialty, C&M Hardwoods, D&L Carpet, Flooring Gallery, Dudenhoeffer Contractors, Ervin Schlabach Construction, Floor Expressions by Greg Thomas, Grace Church, Krahe Brothers, Presta Supply, Scott Enterprises, Service Master Contract Services by Uveges, Sherwin Williams, Signs Now, Steve Burhenn, Terella Drywall, The Hite Co., Waste Management, Yurkovic Plumbing and Young Electric.

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About the Maleno Family-to-Family Fund

The Maleno Family-to-Family fund was established by the Maleno family of Maleno Development, to support building and renovation projects for Erie families and neighborhoods in need. Inspired by their involvement in ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," the Malenos continue to give back to the community through the fund. Donations can be made to the Maleno Family-to-Family Fund by visiting MalenoExtremeHome.com.

Requests for fund recipients should be made through St. Martin Center; an application is available on its Web site at www.stmartincenter.org.

About the St. Martin Center

St. Martin Center Inc., established in 1952 and incorporated in 1969, is a nonprofit, social-service organization that assists individuals in need with immediate and long-term services including emergency provisions, housing, educational and other programs.



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