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A THANKSGIVING GIFT: REMODELER NAMES RECIPIENT OF FREE PROJECT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — A West Valley City resident will have a little more to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. After reviewing 35 entries from families in need of assistance, Spence Bowthorpe, owner of FirstStar Construction, named Blas Juarez the recipient of a Remodeling America project.

“This was the hardest part of this project so far,” Bowthorpe said. “I wish I could help all the families that applied for the program. It was an eye-opener for me to learn of so many families who really are in need.”

Bowthorpe selected Juarez, a 32-year-old disabled, quadriplegic, single father of two children whose request was for a wheelchair accessible bathroom.

“These home improvements would make my life a bit easier,” Juarez wrote in his application letter. “(With the bathroom remodel) I could have my home health aides assist me in taking a shower. At this time, I’m unable to get washed up in my bathroom because of the space...the sink has a cabinet that prevents me from going under it with my wheelchair to be able to wash up or shave on my own.” Juarez has been traveling to his parents’ house to bathe. He is a student at Salt Lake Community College, majoring in architectural technology.

FirstStar Construction will begin work on the project after Thanksgiving and expects to complete the project by mid-December. Project photos will be posted online at FirstStarConst.com.

Other contractors joining FirstStar Construction in the project are: Elevation, Inc.; Shamrock Plumbing; Black Kite Electric; Utah Tile and Stone; Randall Painting; Klein’s Tri-cove Company; and Elitewood Cabinets.

FirstStar Construction (FirstStarConst.com) is a full service remodeler and general contractor for fine homes located along Salt Lake’s East Bench providing: Architectural and interior design; complete “turn-key” construction; financing; full warranties on workmanship.

Remodeling America’s (RemodelingAmerica.org) mission is to assist low-income homeowners, especially those who are elderly, disabled, or raising children, improve the quality of their lives through the donation of a remodeling or home improvement project. The size of the project is dependent on the resources of the remodeler and his subcontractors as well as from donations from the community.

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