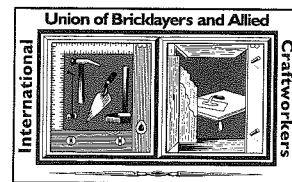


# *Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota Apprenticeship Training Center*



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Bart Bettiga:

The Apprentices with Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota were asked by the Women's Recovery Center in Shoreview, Minnesota if we would be interested in helping the center with a tile project. Initially, we were just asked for guidance, but after taking a look at the site, I knew it was a perfect chance to help out and conduct training at the same time.

There was 1150 square feet to tile. Three different conditions existed to provide the Apprentices with technical challenges. A large portion of the floor was covered by carpet; two other sections were covered by 1970's VCT glue and sheet linoleum. Normally, I would have the apprentices grind the floor to bare concrete, but in this instance we used Mer-Krete's 626 Primer to encapsulate the old glue. By using 626 we not only saved time, but we limited our mess to the packaging that held the materials. The Apprentices next condition to contend with was the linoleum. We stripped that portion of the floor and covered all 1150 square feet with Mer-Krete's Fracture Guard 5000. Tile provided by Dal Tile was installed with Mer-Krete's 501 Classicset. The Apprentices rounded out their training experience by using StarQuartz's new urethane grout.

This project was a joint effort made possible by the following people and organizations list below.

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All in all, the Apprentices participation in this project was the perfect opportunity to train and be active in our community.

*"In November and December the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union 1, through its apprenticeship training center, contributed generously in providing labor to install tile at the Volunteers of America Women's Recovery Center. They displayed skill and professionalism while beautifying the facility and uplifted the spirits of both staff and clients, many compliments have been received upon completion of the project. A special thanks to Local Union 1 Apprenticeship and all companies involved!"*

*-Teri Twardowski, Program Manager*

*-Bill Nelson, Director of Correctional Services Volunteers of America-MN*

Sincerely,

*Rick J Martagon*

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