

## Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity

In March of this year, the Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity (CVHFH) Home Again program replaced the roof for a double-wide mobile home with a badly deteriorating roof in North Middleton Township. The damage was to the point that buckets were in one room to catch the leaking rain water. Additionally, the roof was so soft in one section that a CVHFH volunteer stepped through it.

The owners were a retiree couple on fixed incomes, with the wife being disabled. The husband had tried to get help with the roof by getting his son to put on tar roof patch, but that didn't work.

The owners applied for financial help from the Todd Baird Lindsey Foundation, who then called CVHFH to see if we could help.

We decided to cover the entire structure with a new metal roof using our volunteers to do the work. Metal roofs require more construction than typical roofing work, so using CVHFH volunteers would work, and save significant funds in the end.

The final result was that CVHFH and the Foundation split the cost of the roof, with each paying about \$1,200. The owner got quotes from roofers ranging from \$4,500 to \$6,000 for a new traditional shingled roof.

Everybody won: The Foundation got an affordable solution for a couple in the population they serve, CVHFH got an affordable solution while our volunteers got valuable experience working with metal roofing (not common). And the owners got a new roof that will last their lifetimes without leaking again.

