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Two dozen community leaders recently joined staff at the Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. to celebrate the "Raise the Roof" campaign. Through a CDBG grant from Volusia County, a private foundation donation, gifts from private individuals and in-kind donations from experts in engineering and roofing consultants, the total commercial project cost about \$150,000.

"Because of the generosity of the professionals, including Dickens & Associates Engineering and ECS Florida who aided us in launching this project, we saved about \$50,000. If they hadn't donated their services, we would have had to spend our reserves to complete the roof replacement," Cheryl Fuller CEO for the Domestic Abuse Council said.

In the last two years, shelter bedrooms had to close during torrential rainfall and were untenable for those in crisis. Since the roof completion in August, no rooms have closed because of water penetration. In fact in August, the emergency shelter was full, serving 102 different individuals with over 1200 bed-nights.

The Domestic Abuse Council was founded in 1976 and has been providing respite for victims of intimate partner violence ever since. In the spring of 2012, the shelter initiated a waiting list due to the demand for shelter.

"Since demand for the shelter continues to increase, we are looking forward to not have to close rooms because of rainy weather and roof leaks," Danielle Stansbury, Shelter Manager said.

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