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THAT'S A WRAP

Dearborn ADA pipe wrap helps Veterans Village get new crisis center up and running quickly

Serving more than 400 people a day, Veterans Village in Las Vegas provides U.S. military veterans with temporary and permanent housing, medical and mental health services, employment training, food and transportation. But while the facility had ample space to provide its housing services for vets, its other services were confined to one small, older building.

The Challenge

Veterans Village desperately needed a new Crisis Intervention Center where vets could drop in to get food, medical care, meal assistance, counseling and other assistance to help prevent homelessness and put vets on a positive path. The new center had to be easily accessible to the many vets who use wheelchairs. And work had to be done quickly to save time and money — and get the center up and running as soon as possible.

Without the budget for a new building, Veterans Village leaders asked for help to make the Crisis Intervention Center a reality.



The Solution

The Las Vegas community responded enthusiastically, with more than 100 local companies and trade unions donating their expertise, materials and labor to the project. Designers from Wynn Design and Development created a plan for the new center, and PENTA Building Group served as the general contractor. A host of subcontractors worked together to handle mechanical, HVAC and other work.

MMC Contractors, a mechanical contractor based in Kansas City, Missouri, with offices in Las Vegas, installed the building's plumbing.

"We were working long hours with everybody stacked on top of each other," recalls Tim Slattery, vice president of operations and business development for MMC Contractors. "Some of us were even competitors. But we were all coming together for something that's good for our country and our vets."

Contractors put their noses to the grindstone to complete their work quickly, without cutting corners. "It was a powerful project," he says. "Everyone was engaged."

The Dearborn ADA pipe wrap that Oatey donated to the project were a godsend for the plumbers, thanks to a simple and intuitive installation process, Slattery recalls. Made of EVA foam insulating material, the ADA pipe wrap conforms easily to 1¼" and 1½" tubular pipes, making it exceptionally fast and easy to install.

Commercial plumbers simply wrapped the product around the P-traps and supply lines under bathroom and kitchen sinks, snapped it into place, and used hook and loop fasteners to hold it in place. Then they cut the lightweight but heavy-duty wrap with scissors for a seamless fit.

The Results

Veterans Village opened the new Crisis Intervention Center on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017. Incredibly, the on-site construction that started Nov. 1 was completed Nov. 10, in a little over one week.

Staff got to work right away to serve the burgeoning need. "This center takes us to the next level instantly," says Arnold Stalk, founder of Veterans Village. "It prevents the slide into homelessness and poverty, and it will help thousands of people a year.

The ADA pipe wraps used throughout the building will also deliver immediate and long-term benefits for the center and the veterans it serves. Made from soft, durable and antimicrobial material, each pipe wrap helps provide:

- Improved safety and comfort for people in wheelchairs
- Reduced wear and tear from day-to-day contact
- Time savings during building maintenance and cleaning.

The wrap is even simple to take apart and put back together, Slattery notes. "If you have to go in and repair a leak, it's very easy to remove and reinstall."

Stalk says, "We are so grateful and humbled to be helped by MMC, Oatey and so many other companies and individuals who came together to provide emergency services for our heroes — our veterans."



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