

## Central Chapter Sees Benefit of ‘Community Care’

A Community Care Project grant from the Central Chapter of the Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois has allowed the New Promise Center, a shelter program at South Side Mission in Peoria, to refurbish five dormitory rooms. Last fall the shelter program for homeless women and women with children were one of several grants awarded to social service organizations in Central Illinois. Recently FCAI representatives were invited for a tour to see the work from beginning to finish.

“This is a dream come true. It’s been seventeen years since the shelter relocated to a newly built facility, so a makeover of the rooms was very needful. This shelter houses over 200 long-term residents per year. We have had lots of wear and tear with patch work here and there. It is exciting to be able to give each of the five rooms wall repair, new paint, new ceiling tiles and new tile floors. Even the storage cabinets were painted, repaired and received new hardware. The rooms are bright and new. It’s a significant way of saying to the residents that we value them and want them to have a successful stay at the New Promise Center,” stated New Promise Center Director, Rev Linda Butler.

An amazing job was done for approximately \$400 per room. The maintenance staff, Steve Suttor, Perry Aldridge and John Phillips, did all the work.

The five rooms will house twenty-four residents. Overall the 16-room facility can house 75 - 80 residents. The daily average attendance is 45 - 50 residents. It is the largest residential shelter in the Peoria area.



By  
**Rev Linda Butler, Director**  
**New Promise Center**

The shelter program is the only Central Illinois shelter that houses parolees from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Most the residents live at the shelter because of insufficient income, family matters, addiction and mental health needs.

Pete Chiras, Secretary-Treasurer of the FCAI Central Chapter, walked through the facility to view the project.



He was shown four rooms: a room that was not refurbished, a room being worked on, a room completed and waiting for the furniture to be returned, and a room where residents are enjoying their new room. After the visit, Chiras stated, “Very warm atmosphere and very welcoming,

rooms look great.”

The New Promise Center is one of several ministries at South Side Mission. The mission is Christian based and primarily focuses on the need of the poor living on the south side of Peoria. This year the mission celebrates 85 years of changing lives through social, physical and spiritual care. ☩

*Launched in 2008, the FCAI Central Chapter offers grants to assist area social service agencies and non-profit organizations through the Community Care Project. Grant requests are limited to projects or purchases related to building upgrades or restoration, maintenance projects, equipment replacement, or educational needs. It is preferred that projects utilize union contractors and workers. In 2009 over \$20,000 was granted to 13 organizations. There were 69 applications with close to \$500,000 in needs.*

## Hester Painting & Decorating Employee Honored with Top Industry Award

Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) named Nick Pasquale, a 16-year employee of Hester Painting & Decorating, as the 2009 Craftsman of the Year.

PDCA presented Pasquale with the award Feb. 8, 2010, at the annual PACE (Paint and Coatings Expo) Convention.

Pasquale, who has been in the industry for more than twenty years, was nominated by Jeff Hester, vice president of Hester Painting & Decorating, based on a number of factors. Said Hester, "While Nick is a forerunner in craftsmanship, he is more importantly a leader and a mentor to the painters in our company. He shares his knowledge and technique with anyone who is looking to excel in the field."

Pasquale's effort to educate himself has gone beyond his work. Pasquale enrolled in art classes to better understand color and finishes, and he took time out of his daily schedule to attend the Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee (JATC) safety classes.

PDCA awarded Pasquale with the honor based on 11 categories, which include the ability to understand the paint and other materials, knowledge of applications, mastery of tools, overall professionalism and unique execution.



In addition to Pasquale's Craftsman of the Year Award, Hester Painting & Decorating received its eleventh PDCA Picture It Painted Professionally (PIPP) Award for its charity project at The CoACH Care Center in Naperville, Ill. A Hester team volunteered time and supplies to help improve and update the Center's facilities, which house medically unstable children during their transition from the hospital to long-term care at home.

Founded in 1884, The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) represents the interests of professional painting and decorating contractors nationwide. PDCA provides products, programs, services and opportunities for its members. Today, PDCA represents more than 5,000 owners and managers from more than 3,400 painting and decorating firms.

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## Hester President Elected to Serve on Board of Directors for the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America

The Board of Directors of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America recently announced Steve Hester, president of Skokie-based Hester Painting & Decorating, has been voted to the board by members of the Central Region. Hester's two-year term begins on Feb. 6, 2010.

"When my father started the business, he hoped that Hester Painting & Decorating would be known as 'the best painting contractor around,'" said Hester.

"The PDCA members are – without a doubt – the top professionals in our industry, so I'm thrilled to be working with the board to serve our fellow contractors – providing them with resources for improving their business and craftsmanship."

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in real estate finance from the University of Miami, Steve spent six years working in real estate management at Heitman Financial Services in Chicago. Later, Steve joined his father, Tom Hester, in the family business. While serving as manager and vice president for several years, Steve earned an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Steve took the helm as president of Hester Painting & Decorating in 2006, working alongside his brother, vice president Jeff Hester a.k.a. "Professor Paint."

"Steve not only oversees our company strategy and business development, but he is also a driving

force behind our philanthropic efforts," said Jeff Hester. "The company has participated in the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk for four years in a row now. He encourages excellence from Hester employees on professional level and a personal level, too. He

will make an outstanding addition to the PDCA Board of Directors."

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*Save the Date*  
**The NiPDi Annual Golf Outing**  
will be  
**Friday, August 13th, 1 pm shotgun**  
**Details to Follow!**



# Founders' Night

**For FCAI Members & NiPDi Contributors**

**Maggiano's, 1847 Freedom Dr, Naperville**

**Thursday, April 8, 2010 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**The NiPDi Founding Fathers that will be honored are:**

**Larry Nedrow, Nedrow Decorating, Aurora**

**Tony Pintozzi, International Decorators, Barrington**

**Morrie Svendsen, Svendsen Brothers Decorators, Elgin**

**Please submit your stories and photos of these famous three to Kelly @ NiPDi.com.**

**They will be used to create a memory book that will be handed out at the dinner.**

<b>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Open Bar &amp; Hors d'oeuvres</b>
<b>6:30 pm - 7:15 pm</b>	<b>Italian Dinner Served Family Style</b>
<b>7:15 pm - 9:00 pm</b>	<b>NiPDi Founding Fathers Honored</b>

**RSVP Kelly @ NiPDi.com or call 630-264-7880 by Friday, April 2**

**FCAI, 1991 W Downer Pl, Aurora, IL 60506, 630-264-7988 Fax**

FCAI Contractor Members/NiPDi Contributors receive 2 complimentary passes. FCAI Associate Members receive 1 complimentary pass. Each additional attendee will be \$25. Cancellations received within 72 hours of the event and no-shows may be subject to a \$25 cancellation fee.



## FCAI Annual Baseball Event

For FCAI members/NiPDi Contributors

Chicago Cubs vs Chicago White Sox

The **Crosstown Classic** on a **Wrigley Rooftop**

3 pm Saturday, June 12, 2010



**All you can eat & drink**  
**Goose Island food & beer**

\$200/person

**\$125** if you attended the FCAI conference

Sold Out - Wait List Only

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**April 8, 2010**

**NiPDi's Founders Night  
Maggiano's, Naperville**

**June 12, 2010**

**FCAI Cubs/Sox Game  
Skybox on Sheffield, Chicago**