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Companies donate new bathroom to ABC house

A Better Chance program scholars and members of its board recently gathered at the ABC house to honor representatives of local construction and building supply companies that donated time and materials to the renovate a bathroom.

The renovation project, which was conducted throughout the months of July and August, updated a worn upstairs bathroom into one that is now, according to senior ABC scholar Juanita Gyamera, "soothing and calming." The new bathroom features a new granite countertop and a new travertine limestone floor as well as new recessed lights that illuminate the spacious shower area.

All of the materials and construction hours were donated to the ABC program. Many members of local construction and building supply companies participated, including Bob Calve, Anthony Frate, Mike Giordano and Frank Corenti of Fox Hill Builders; David Campbell of Ring's End Lumber; Jim of Flaherty Plumbing; Mike of Brookside Electric; Bill Panapada, Vinnie Sciarretta and Mayson Linn of Bella Pietra; and representatives of Mr. Shower Door.

"I think the ABC program is a fine organization and the girls are great and it gives them a better environment here

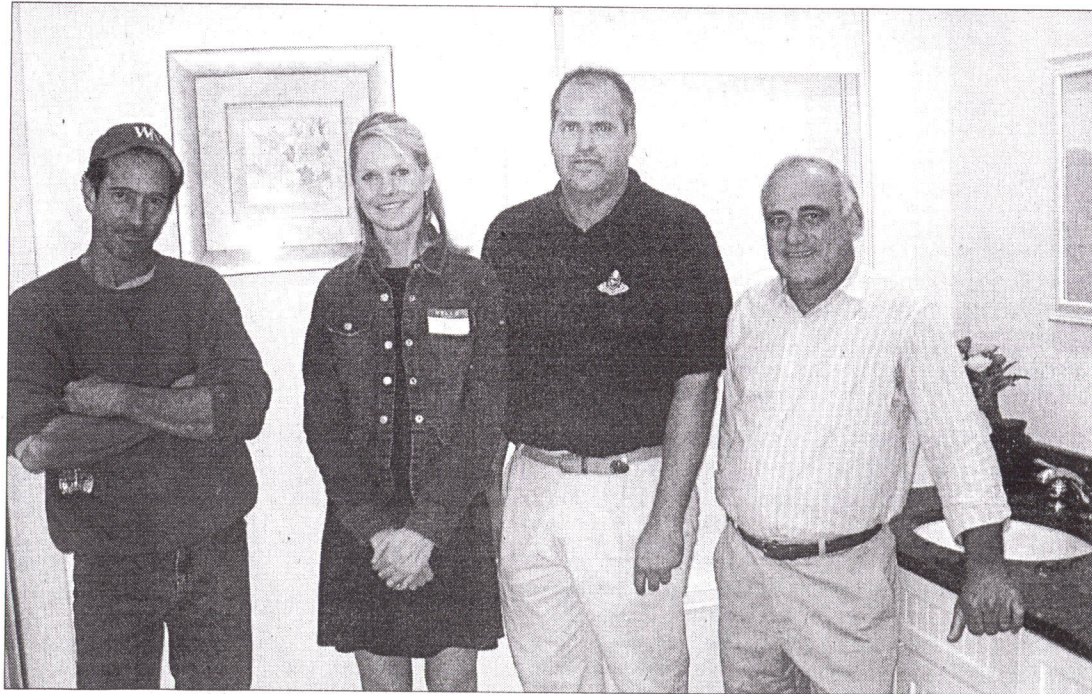
in Darien," Campbell said. Ring's End donated the vanity, sheet rock, trim and doors.

"One of my daughters was friends with one of the ABC girls when she was in high school," Frate said. "And through that experience I got to know the program and I just wanted to help the girls out any way I could."

"On behalf of the entire ABC program I would like to extend my like to extend my warmest thanks for the generosity and dedication of all who participated in this summer's renovations," said Cokey Concannon, co-president of Darien ABC. "The plywood doors and linoleum floors have been transformed into a beautiful and functional bathroom. The project was completed on time much to the delight of our seven ABC scholars."

"I really like the floors and the granite countertops," senior ABC scholar Diana Morris said. "They really liven up the room and will look good years after I leave."

In addition to the bathroom renovations, Darien ABC would also like to extend its thanks to Vinnie Sciarretta of VAS Construction, who donated a stovetop for the ABC house kitchen, as well as well as the people at 1-800-Mattress of Stamford, who helped in replacing four bedroom mattresses.



BATHROOM MAKE-OVER — The ABC program recognized several local construction and building supply companies for helping to renovate the ABC house bathroom. Pictured, from left, are Mike Giordano of Fox Hill Builders; Cokey Concannon, co-president of Darien ABC; and Bob Calve and Anthony Frate of Fox Hill Builders.