

Finalists Named For New Roof Program

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After nearly four months of accepting nominees, four finalists – three from the Journal area – have been selected as finalists in the first annual “No Roof Left Behind” community program sponsored by Mt. Prospect-based Peterson Roofing.

The first finalist is Janet Carinato of Des Plaines. According to company officials, Carinato is a hardworking, single mom of three in need of a new roof. In order to make ends meet, she works three jobs and does them all with a smile on her face, company officials added.

Her current roof leaks in multiple places with some shingles being held together by tar. She previously had problems with her roof and was scammed by a friend that was going to fix the roof so she lost out on her insurance money, company officials said.

Another Des Plaines resident, Marianne Pajak is a second finalist.

Pajak is a widow, working part-time and trying to finish paying off her house within the next four years.

According to Pajak, her shingles are curled and when it rains, water leaks into the walls and ceilings, primarily her front room and basement.

“I tried to have this roof fixed in July of 2012, but the roofer who agreed to do the work took my money and never even started on the repairs,” Pajak said. “I took him to court and won but do not have the money to continue to pursue him.”

A third local finalist is Scott and Heather Thornton of Palatine.

Their son is serving in the marines and they have committed themselves to service projects making life easier for military deployed and families at home.

Heather works with special needs students and tutors afterwards at a facility for needy children.

The family often sells baked goods and refreshments raising money for cancer with all proceeds donated to the LIVESTRONG Foundation.

There are several tarps over the top of the roof to deter the leaks. Additionally, water damage is apparent, company officials said.

One of those community members in need will receive a free roof from Peterson Roofing – valued between \$7,000-\$12,000, that will be finished in the early fall.

The public can vote for their favorite finalist at www.noroofleftbehind.com/program/il/28.