

# MPMCA Board Report

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The Flint PMC is proud to report that member ATIGROUP has received its MSCA STAR Certification and certified 12 MSCA STAR Mechanics.

ATIGROUP recently held a celebration dinner for their Service Technicians who put the time and effort into achieving their national certification. Their certification helps the company obtain their new status as a MSCA STAR Certified Contractor.



MSCA STAR qualification assures building owners and facility managers that their contractor is providing the highest level of skill, quality, value, and professionalism in the industry. How? To qualify as an MSCA STAR contractor, applicants must meet eight stringent criteria and submit supporting documentation to ensure all criteria are being met.



**Left to right. Jeremy Harrison, General Manager, Not UA STAR Certified, Mike Good, Brian Lukasavitz, Terry Oldeck, Greg Babcock, Bob Campbell, Jerry Majeske, Todd Bacon, Harry Uhl, Steve Witchger, Kim Sutherby, Not Pictured, Ray Johnson, Craig Gisse**

ATIGROUP provides its clients with a complete array of integrated mechanical services. Installation, preventive maintenance, service and repair of every type of equipment is done by their factory trained professionals.



The following is a reprint regarding a member's Christmas Project . . .

**Holiday Warmth.** . . . To the wondering eyes of 2-year old Serena Heath, that might explain those four guys in red shirts who installed a free furnace in her family's basement



▲ Tara Heath of Flint holds 2-year old Serena and admires her family's new furnace, donated by Goyette Mechanical. "Things like this just don't happen to us," Heath said. "It's a great Christmas present."

Saturday. Or maybe it was that guy up on the snow-covered roof sliding stuff down the chimney. Actually, Saint Nick for the Heath family is Dominic Goyette, owner of Goyette Mechanical of Flint, who wanted to do something nice for someone for Christmas. "Our company has been blessed and we are happy to give back to someone less fortunate," he said.

Serena is the daughter of Brian and Tara Heath, whose 52-year old

furnace was replaced by Goyette's crew, who also donated their time. Santa's helpers arrived at the Heath's Chicago Boulevard home at 8:30 a.m. Four hours later, the new furnace was up and running. The work included a new thermostat and a chimney liner.

The Heath's hulking Moncrief furnace was at least 30 years past its prime, emitted dangerous levels of carbon monoxide fumes, had cracks in the heat exchanger and was experiencing flame rollout, a fire hazard, Goyette said. The average lifespan of a furnace is 20 years, he said. After that, they should be replaced or regularly checked for problems. The Heath's new furnace is an energy-efficient Bryant model, about one-fourth the size of the old one.



▲ Goyette employee Scott Hamman of Lapeer takes apart the Heaths' old furnace Saturday morning.



▲ "Thank you so much!" exclaims Pam Heath of Flint while hugging Dominic Goyette, owner of Goyette Mechanical. The company installed a new furnace Saturday in the house Heath shares with her son's family. The Heaths' old furnace was 52 years old and failing.

"That's it?" said Tara Heath, watching two crew members carry it in. Goyette said it's typical for owners of older furnaces to be surprised by how much smaller a new, efficient furnace is. Rated at 80 percent efficiency (compared to 50 percent for the old furnace), the new furnace should shave half off the Heath's monthly heating costs, he said.

Being a young, low-income family, she said they decided to forego a home inspection when buying their home three years ago. Since then, their ornery furnace was one of many problems they found. Tara Heath is a full-time student at Mott Community College, where she expects to complete a criminal justice degree next spring. Her husband has a low-wage

factory job in Imlay City. Serena is their only child. They share their home with Brian's mom, Pam Heath, who has lived in the couple's basement since a 2004 fire at a Clio apartment house she formerly managed landed her with a broken leg that healed improperly.

Pam Heath was using an electric blanket and space heater to help warm her bedroom. Her voice broke as she expressed her gratitude for the new furnace. She slipped a thank-you letter into the pocket of one of the crew members and asked that he read it later. In part, it said: "Now, when my grandchildren ask me what Christmas is about, I will say this is how much people care."