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**Kick-off project for *Helping Hands for Seniors* set for Saturday**

TEMPE, Ariz. (June 24, 2014) - Skilled construction workers this Saturday will take on the inaugural project in a community service program launched by the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council and Torres Consulting & Law Group (TCLG).

The *Helping Hands for Seniors* program, announced in April, provides free minor home repair and independent living modifications for low-income seniors living year-round in metro Phoenix. The first project entails repair work at the home of Karen Smith, a senior living in Sun City West.

“We’re proud to be involved in *Helping Hands for Seniors* and to help our community,” says Buzz Murphy, president of the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council.

Construction union members will provide volunteer labor to patch a leaky sunlight, make bathroom repairs and other improvement on June 28, in an effort to help Smith continue to live independently. The building trades council and TCLG pay for the cost of materials and supplies necessary to complete the repair work.

“A simple home modification or repair can make a huge difference in the functionality of a home for a senior,” says TCLG Managing Partner Israel Torres. “We hope this is the first of many efforts to give back to our community and help Arizonans, such as Karen, carry out daily activities that many of us take for granted.”

Smith was selected from several letters of need submitted to the program during its first round of applications.

The Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council is the state’s premier source for construction craftspeople in all trade areas, representing union workers across the state.

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