

Feb. 6, 2013

John a/k/a John Joseph Construction,

I know we have told you numerous times over the last several months how much we have appreciated your rebuilding of our home since hurricane Sandy hit on October 29, 2012, but without sounding or being corny, we wanted to express our feelings in a Thank You card. With so much to be said and my large handwriting, I thought it would be better to write this note and put the note in the card, ha, ha !

First, ***we can never thank you and your team enough*** for your efforts over the last several months to help our family rebuild our home and quite frankly our lives. Meeting you for the first time right after the storm with Larry was God sent. At that time, when I came out of the river after trying to secure my boat dock, you pledged to help us get heat into our home and we were the first in the neighborhood to have heat thanks to you and Bob. From that point forward, as busy as you were with other homes, you said don't worry, I'll help you. And that you certainly did.

As our family lived in a one bedroom condo for several months (which seemed like a year), you did everything in your power to move our rebuilding process along with the other families you were helping , often trying to prioritize subcontractors, etc. You truly cared about trying to get our family back into our home as soon as you could and it showed everyday. Needless to say, due to your professionalism, commitment and compassion for the families that were victims of hurricane Sandy, we were the first family on our block to return home about a week ago.

John, I know you have built many homes in your day and I'm sure over the years you've been very proud of your finished projects and I bet you have built some beautiful homes around Monmouth County. But from our perspective, this wasn't just building a home or an addition, in reality it was rebuilding the lives of the families impacted by hurricane Sandy. As a family, I can tell you we have never been so impacted by an event or circumstance as much as hurricane Sandy. From the kids living away from their home, friends, schools and everything they called home, to the uncertainties of when we would return home. But you understood that dynamic and worked every day with a sense of purpose and the goal of getting us home as soon as possible. I know you understood what it meant to us to get back home, and that's why you did it with a true sense of urgency. We can never thank you enough for your work restoring our building structure and helping our family regain "Our Home".

As a family, we wanted to in some small way to say a ***Sincere Thank You*** and we hope in the future our families can get together for dinner or something like that, so we can let you and your family know how much we appreciated what you did for us. But with that probably months away, Judy and I knowing you are going away to Florida on a well deserved vacation, thought it would be nice if we could do a little something for your family to show our appreciation for all you have done for our family. So, we **insist** you have dinner on us one night and by way of this small gesture, please know how much we truly have appreciated all you have done !!!

I will stop rambling on for now and hope you get the true message what we want to say and that simply is, ***THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR FAMILY !!!***

Mike & Judy