

A. O. SMITH BRINGS WARMTH WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

Newly released VF Series saves shelter after company employee sees local news report



A local news station was running a story about a Salvation Army shelter located in a renovated hotel in Columbia, South Carolina, that was at risk of being shut down because the hotel's water heater was no longer operable. Residents of the 80-unit shelter were sharing two bathrooms to conserve water usage, and it looked as if the shelter would be forced to close its doors.

An A. O. Smith employee saw the report and sprang into action. Within days, the A. O. Smith engineering team in McBee, South Carolina, had donated two new boilers and organized a community effort to save the shelter.

"We are all a part of this community, and we want to help where we can," said Steve Drinkwater, A. O. Smith employee. "We were glad that we could bring some real warmth to those in need last Christmas."

A. O. Smith supplied the Salvation Army with two commercial-sized VF Series boiler units and arranged to have services donated by Scott Rivers of Rivers Plumbing & Electric, American Stainless, and Gateway Supply to help complete the project. In two days, A. O. Smith and its community partners installed one VF Series unit and one back-up unit to provide hot water for the 80-unit multi-family shelter.

"We are very excited—all of this is so amazing," said Captain Ethan Frizzell of the Salvation Army in Columbia. "A. O. Smith has brought our residents spirit and hope for the New Year, and for that we couldn't be more grateful."

The hot water units were installed and operational on December 19, 2006. A. O. Smith has promised to continue to monitor and perform maintenance on the units in the future if necessary.



Steve Drinkwater and Dolores Medlock of A. O. Smith, and the Salvation Army Mascot, along with Captain Ethan Frizzell

Case Notes:

Project:

Salvation Army
Housing Development

Location:

McBee, SC

Product:

VF Series Boiler

Product Highlights:

- Up to 88% Thermal Efficiency
- Fully Modulating Burner
4:1 Turndown
- Small Footprint—Vertical Heat Exchanger Design
- Remote Temperature Sensor for Storage Tank or Primary Heating Loop
- Digital Current Boiler Status Display w/Help Screens and Any Boiler Fault Readout
- 360° Metal Fiber Burner
- Flame Inspection Port
- Low-NOx Meets or Exceeds Clean Air Requirements
- Heavy-Duty Rust-Proof Copper Finned Tube Heat Exchanger

Installation:

Installed one 750,000 BTU unit with a 500,000 BTU unit as back-up to provide hot water to more than 150 residents.

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