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**WORKING ON** Judy Aguirre's home near Baldwinsville are (from left) David Furness, Jim Kelley and Tim Green, of McClurg Construction. Aguirre suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident and uses a wheelchair.

# All Hands on Deck

## Businesses help build better life for injured Warners mom

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**A** dozen local companies have been collaborating on a wheelchair-accessible deck for a Warners' woman who was paralyzed in an accident at her home last September.

Judy Aguirre, 44, fell down her basement stairs on Sept. 26, suffering an incomplete spinal cord injury. After 13 weeks in the hospital, she now receives physical therapy at home and is regaining some movement in her feet and legs.

While no two of these injuries are alike, an incomplete spinal cord injury is one in which only part of the cord is damaged, and there may be some sensation or movement below the affected area, according to the Mayo Clinic's website.

McClurg Remodeling and Construction Services, of Marcellus, is leading the communitywide effort by building the deck off the Aguirres' home on North Brickyard Road. Eleven other businesses donated the materials.

"Judy has two children, and this deck will allow her to come out here



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**JUDY AGUIRRE** suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in her home.

and watch them and be able to enjoy being outside again," said Scott McClurg, co-owner of the remodeling company with Brian Ciota. When they first heard about the need, they agreed to meet Aguirre and find out more about the project.

"We wanted to see what she was like and what the family was like," McClurg said. "And once we saw Judy, there was no question. We instantly loved her."

McClurg said the company had worked on charity projects in the past and was eager to help. Aguirre and her

husband, Xavier, have two sons, Nicholas, 11, and Diego, 8.

"We find the payback on these things is just phenomenal," McClurg said. "You give, and you get back 10 times, you really do. It's also a great morale booster for the company. We all work together as a team to make things better for someone that has had a real big misfortune."

McClurg employees, who are volunteering part of their time, started work on Wednesday and hope to be done by Monday evening, McClurg said.

Aguirre said she is very thankful for the work the company is doing.

"It has exceeded my expectations," she said. "I'm really thankful for everyone who has helped out and who has donated."

The supplies to build the deck were donated by Trexx, Black Glass, Skaneateles Scapes, 84 Lumber, Liverpool Lumber, Matheison Portable Toilets, Nightingale True Value Hardware, Kelly Hardware, Van Derhoof Roofing Co., Healy Plumbing and Benjamin Electric.

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