Michael, a homeowner in Randolph who was under Hospice care, submitted a weatherization request to COVER Home Repair.

On the day COVER staff and volunteers met up at Michael’s house, mother nature brought an ice storm, and the driveway was a sheet of ice.

The staff and volunteers of COVER knew that Michael’s days were numbered and he could not afford to wait.

John, the Home Repair Director, used his personal pickup truck with studded snow tires to get the equipment, materials, and the blower door up to the house.

One of the volunteers put chains on his car and drove up and down the driveway to rough up the ice so the others could get up it.

By the end of the day, the COVER team had achieved a 3,649-cfm reduction at Michael’s home, which is huge by any standard.

"I feel like I won the lottery. I could immediately feel such a dramatic increase in warmth!" - Michael

Just as important, this project showed Michael that his community cares. This project and so many others like it remind us of the bigger picture and help us put our work into perspective.

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