



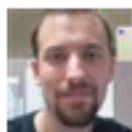
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# Helping hands build a dream

## Regional Council of Carpenters pitches in to replace pole barn



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pole barn this week.

The Special Dreams Farm in St. Clair Township, run by Larry and Mary Collette, offers a work place to developmentally disabled adults who otherwise would be unemployable.

"There's always something to do on a farm, always," Larry Collette said. "So, what we try to do is fit the job to the particular farmer."

The farm runs two days a week and mostly consists of a large vegetable garden. It likely will be open throughout the week, however, and have more to work on in 2010.

Volunteers from the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters Local 687 helped the farm take another step toward growth when they replaced a

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- For more information, check out [www.specialdreamsfarm.org](http://www.specialdreamsfarm.org).

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