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## **Thru the Lens: Connolly Brothers and GraVoc team up to provide 61 beds for children in need**

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Beverly, MA Connolly Brothers and GraVoc Associates teamed up to sponsor a “Build A Bed” event on June 15th, at Connolly Brothers offices to support A Bed for Every Child.

“When we heard about A Bed for Every Child and the work they are doing to help local disadvantaged kids, we instantly thought it was a great cause,” said Thad Minshall, vice president of real estate and development for Connolly. “As a fifth-generation construction company, the Build-A-Bed program dovetails nicely with our expertise and we knew this would be a great way to give back to the community. We were excited to host this event with GraVoc and we were thrilled by the support from local businesses.”

Launched in 2012, A Bed for Every Child provides beds for children living in poverty. Since its inception, the program has delivered more than 7,000 beds.

For a \$250 donation, teams of two to four people were given the materials needed to build a bed for a needy child. Connolly and GraVoc secured sponsorships to cover the cost of 61 beds.

“June 15th was truly a beautiful day as we joined forces with our friends at Connolly Brothers for our Build-A-Bed event,” said David Gravel, CEO of GraVoc. “With 61 sponsored beds, it was amazing to see everyone come together for an important and special cause. A Bed for Every Child truly hits near and dear to our company as we believe no child should be without something so basic as a bed to sleep in. We are proud to have had this opportunity to make a lasting impact on a child’s life.”

The newly built bed frames will be delivered to children in need, along with a new twin mattress and bedding. Children in Lynn, Nahant, Beverly, Danvers, Salem, Saugus, Gloucester, and Peabody will receive the beds.

Sponsors include:

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