



## **More than \$60K donated to Jon Stoffel family**

On May 3, 2015, Local 955 member Jon Stoffel and his 11-year-old daughter, Olivia, were killed in a random shooting while on a family outing in Menasha, Wis. Jon's wife, Erin, was also shot several times and spent weeks recovering in the hospital. The Stoffel's other two children were present at the time of the shooting but were physically unharmed.

Jon was working for Boldt Construction at the time of this tragic event. He joined the Carpenters Union in October 2007. The Stoffels are a Christian family and fortunately have the support of their families and friends, as well as their church family.

Generous union members from 26 Locals in our Council voted in their Local meetings to donate a total of \$20,317.31 to the Stoffel family. The UBC, through its Helping Hands program, donated an additional \$10,000. Regional Council delegates, at their June meeting, voted for the Council to match the previous donations, for a total of \$60,634.62.

Various members and staff from throughout our Council also chose to make individual donations. Erin Stoffel said she is filled with gratitude and deeply touched by everyone's caring for her family, and said that Jon was very proud to be a member of the Carpenters Union.

"It is difficult to understand why a tragedy of this proportion happens to any family," said EST John Raines. "I am grateful Erin and her children have the shoulders of family and friends to lean on in this very painful time in their lives, and I am so proud of the hundreds of members of our Council who chose to support Jon's family with their donations."