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LOCAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS APPEAR ON A&E'S HOARDERS

On August 8, 2011, members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-GPC) appeared on an episode of A&E's hit TV show *Hoarders*.

NAPO-GPC members located in the vicinity of the featured hoarder, Becky, were sent a request to help by Dorothy Breininger, a featured organizing expert on the show. Filming took place at a storage facility in Kennett Square, PA, on May 23 and May 24, 2011.

Becky's goal was to empty out 16 storage units, which were not paid for, that were filled to their capacities. Inside were many antiques and heirlooms, which she had inherited, along with her house, from her grandmother. Becky was evicted from that house a year ago and, at the time of filming, was living with her son and his fiancé who gave her an ultimatum to clean up or leave.

"This was such an invaluable experience for us," says NAPO-GPC member, Naomi Cook of Devon, PA. "We got an insider's look at what it takes to film a show, and had time during our lunch breaks to ask Dorothy questions about our own businesses."

Members who volunteered their efforts to help Becky, included Cook and Professional Organizers Courtenay Day Becker of Schwenksville, PA; Jen Bowen of Oxford, PA; Cindy Eddy of Havertown, PA; Donna Jumper of Springfield, PA; and Kathy Schlegel of Millersville, PA.

By the end of the filming, the client went from 16 storage units down to four. At the end of the show, we learned from *Hoarders* that, "Becky is currently living with a distant relative. She took back most of her items from the auction house and earned only \$650." That money went to the owner of the storage units, Walter, who "has not yet filed charges for back payment".

NAPO-GPC members previously helped out on another episode of *Hoarders*, which was taped in Broomall, PA during the first weekend in November 2010. Cindy Eddy, Bev Ranstead and Debbie Lillard appeared on the episode which aired December 27, 2010, which featured Mary, who had a home as well as a consignment shop that were packed.

It is important to note that not all professional organizing clients are hoarders, or chronically disorganized. Many clients just need help straightening up one room, preparing for a move, or finding a system to make their home or office more efficient.

NAPO-GPC is a nonprofit member organization whose missions are to educate members, to promote the highest standards of ethics and professional competence, and to raise public awareness regarding the benefits of organizing. To find a Professional Organizer in your area, use the search tool on www.napo-gpc.org.

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PHOTOS



Members of the National Association of Professional Organizers – Greater Philadelphia Chapter (NAPO-GPC) volunteer on-site at a filming of A&E's hit TV show *Hoarders* in May 2011. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Charlene Arnold of Kimberton, PA; Courtenay Day Becker of Schwenksville, PA; Naomi Cook of Devon, PA; Kathy Schlegel of Millersville, PA; Cindy Eddy of Havertown, PA; Dorothy Breininger; (second row, left to right): Jen Bowen of Oxford, PA; Bridget Blitz of Center Valley, PA; and Donna Jumper of Springfield, PA.



Members of the National Association of Professional Organizers – Greater Philadelphia Chapter (NAPO-GPC) volunteer on-site at a filming of A&E's hit TV show *Hoarders* in December 2010. Pictured are: Debbie Lillard of Broomall, PA; Cindy Eddy of Havertown, PA; Cory Chalmers of California; and Bev Ranstead of Wayne, PA.