Letters to the editor: Fire victims mark anniversary

On June 7, 2011, I accidentally caused a grease fire in our home. Fortunately, my husband Joe was at a Cleveland Indians game with his son David. They were safe and the Indians won! My grandson Justin and I were in the yard planting flowers. The dog was with us. We were safe. Within a half-hour, our kitchen was burned to a crisp and our home uninhabitable. I was devastated.

Firefighters from West Ridge, Lake Shore and West Lake were here within minutes and were so focused. They quickly and efficiently had the fire out. My neighbors Chelsea and Erin were priceless and dedicated to help me in every way imaginable. Within a short time of notifying State Farm, representatives from Serv-Pro and Peter J. Hardner Construction Company were here to make our home safe from possible explosions and the fire restarting. The chaplain from the fire department prayed with us. The American Red Cross found us a place to stay that night. Until Oct. 4, 2011, we made TownePlace Suites our summer home. The staff there made us feel like family.

Under the contractor's supervisor, Bob Schroeck, parts of our home were destroyed and reconstructed. We had to have absolutely everything that wasn't damaged removed and stored by Serv-Pro and its staff. Eventually, that same stuff was returned, cleaned and stored in boxes.

On Oct. 4, 2012, we marked the first anniversary of being in our beautiful new home. In light of that, I'd like to thank God for State Farm (especially Larry, John and Darrianne), Serv-Pro, Arthur F. Schultz (especially Paul), Robertson Kitchens, Custom Kitchens, Carpetowne, Hilbrich Electric, Spaeder Plumbing, Dan Brewer and his painting crew, and last but not least, Bob Schroeck and Dave Hardner and their wonderful subcontractors. It's nice to have become friends with Mark and Linda Coblentz as well.

A special thanks to our friends and relatives for all the prayers offered on our behalf.

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