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IBEW/NECA Impact Champion sponsor of URS Season of Impact

The United Rehabilitation Services (URS) traditionally holds a telethon fundraiser every year. This year, a new chapter was opened for this 47th annual event: the Season of Impact. Throughout the month of December, URS highlighted client accomplishments, new program additions and community partnerships. The Season of Impact culminated with a special day, the URS Day of Giving on WDTN, Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – featured throughout WDTN and EBDT newscasts and on the Living Dayton show. The expanded format allowed URS to reach a broader audience and share even more of the powerful stories that demonstrate the life changing work of URS.

The Impact Champion sponsorship for this important campaign, again this year, for the 16th year, was the Western Ohio Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of

Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. Tom Anderson, Business Manager for IBEW Local 82 and Carter Harrison, Executive Director for the Western Ohio NECA participated in the program. “We have partnered with URS for 16 years,” says Tom. “We support their mission to work with children and adults to reach their full potential.” Carter added, “URS provides services for those who need it the most, and we are proud to help these families lead more independent lives.”

This is the biggest fundraiser for URS and Executive Director Dennis Grant was elated with the outcome. “Because of IBEW/



From left, Live Dayton host Grace Hewitt, Western Ohio Chapter NECA Executive Director Carter Harrison, IBEW Local 82 Business Manager Tom Anderson, URS CEO Dennis Grant, and Live Dayton host Emily Goodwin.

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Bob Shaffer *retires*

After 45 years in the trade and 27 years at Chapel Electric, Bob Shaffer is retiring.

Bob was born on March 17, 1962, to parents Lloyd and Esther Shaffer. He grew up in New Carlisle, OH and attended Bethel Local School. He began his electrical career, on a part time basis, while still in high school, working for his dad's company (Shafco Electric).

After graduating from Bethel High School in 1980, Bob moved to Houston, Texas

where he served his Apprenticeship and later became a Journeyman Electrician working for McBride Electric in their Service Department.

In the mid-1980's, Bob moved back to the Dayton area where he joined Andy Stuhlmiller's company Electric One (E1). During his time at



Bob Shaffer

E1, Bob served as the General Foremen on several large projects known then as Mead Data Central and known now as LexisNexis.

During this time, Bob began dating Charmaine

Gallagher and the two were married on February 21, 1987.

Next month, they will celebrate their 39th Wedding Anniversary.

Bob moved out of the field and into the office in the spring of 1988, when he became an Estimator / Project Manager for Sollmann Electric Co. in Sidney, OH. During his time at Sollmann, Bob ran several Water and Wastewater Treatment plant projects. Liking the challenge of this type of project, in 1991 Bob started ARCO Electrical

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IBEW/NECA sponsors Dayton Holiday Festival

Celebrating 53 years of being a Dayton family tradition, the Dayton Holiday Festival is the region's premiere holiday event. Started by local philanthropist Virginia W. Kettering, the Festival offers free, family entertainment so that everyone, regardless of economic means, may enjoy the holidays.

The Dayton Holiday Festival has become a local tradition, attracting multiple generations

of families from around the Miami Valley each year.

40,000 people to downtown the day after Thanksgiving.

the Dayton Children's Parade Spectacular in Lights takes place. IBEW/NECA became a sponsor for the 2019 Dayton Festival by donating \$5,000 and providing tools and LED lights needed to refurbish the floats, which had been previously vandalized. Several volunteers worked prior to the event again this year to make sure the floats were ready for the parade. IBEW/NECA continues to be a primary sponsor of the event.

This year, IBEW Local 82 volunteers once again worked on the floats, upgrading them for the parade. A special thanks to Ben Dehart, Estimator/Project Manager for ESI Electrical Contractors for organizing the volunteers.



From left, volunteers Carter Harrison, CJ Pemberton, Nick Behnken, Chris Larrimore, Rodney Blair, Josh Lee and Ben Dehart.



The festival's signature event, the Grande Illumination, is Dayton's official kick-off to the holiday season. This popular event drew approximately 35,000-

Festivities downtown include carriage rides and Christmas window displays at the Schuster Center that are always worth the trip downtown.

Immediately following the tree lighting



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NECA's leadership and generosity, thousands of viewers across the Miami Valley heard about our mission, and together we raised an incredible amount of **\$128,957** to support life-changing programs for the children and adults we serve."

The Season of Impact provides a forum through which URS is able to share incredible stories of the resilience and determination of those URS serves. For over 60 years, URS has been providing hope for families around the

Miami Valley. The URS began in the 1950s as an informal support group created by parents advocating for their children with cerebral palsy.

Today, URS offers a wide variety of services for people with disabilities and their families.

- God Star Rated Early Childhood Education & School-Age Programs for children with and without disabilities, ages 6 weeks to 17 years.

- On-site nursing services along with physical, occupational, and speech therapies.
- Adult Day Activities on site with arts, music, exercise and more.
- Community Integration & Vocational Training Programs.
- Employment Services and Job Placement.

With more than 12 special events each year, volunteers are essential to their success! Every day

URS relies on individuals, companies and community groups to fulfill their mission of enhancing the quality of life for their clients.

For more information visit ursdayton.org.



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Your comments, suggestions and questions are welcome! Contact the Western Ohio Chapter - NECA.

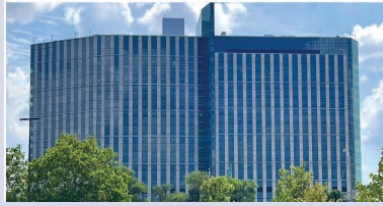
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Chapel / ESI power OSU Wexner Medical Center

Chapel Electric teamed up with ESI on the electrical construction of patient floors 10 through 24 of this amazing, transformative central Ohio healthcare facility, the OSU Wexner Medical Center Inpatient Hospital. From garages to support buildings, auxiliary infrastructure is being built alongside the inpatient tower to support patients and visitors. This includes a large parking garage with nearly 1,900 spaces tied into the inpatient hospital project.

This new hospital is the largest construction project in the history of The Ohio State University. It is designed to serve as a world-class academic medical center, integrating advanced patient care with medical education and research. It is also attached to and integrated

with The James Cancer Center. Project Overview

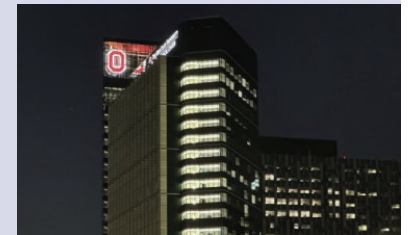


Project Cost: Approx \$1.9 billion
Total Area: 1.9 million square feet
Construction Duration: 5 Years
Construction Workforce (all trades): 8,000 Crew Members
Workforce Man-Hours (all trades): 7,000,000 Man-Hours
Structure Specifics: 29 stories tall (24 floors), making it the tallest building on campus.
Bed Capacity: 820 fully private rooms with 75-inch digital screens for telehealth, entertainment, and team communication.

ICU Beds: 234 specialized intensive care beds.
Specialized Floors: Three floors dedicated to maternity care, including labor and delivery.
NICU Bassinets: 60 neonatal intensive care unit bassinets
Opening: The hospital will officially open ahead of schedule on February 22, 2026.
Project Team
ESI / Chapel Electric:
Brian Hartshorn – ESI – VP Project Executive
Bob Shaffer - Chapel Electric – VP / Sr. Project Manager
Isaac Stewart – ESI – Assistant Project Manager
Dustin Hilty – ESI – Project Engineer
Mike South – Chapel Electric – Project Engineer
Anthony Van Dorpe – Chapel Electric – Project Engineer

Jeff Serrer – Chapel Electric – VP / Preconstruction
Nick Behnken – ESI – VP Prefab / BIM Teams
John Masten – Chapel Electric – Prefab
Brian Meyers – ESI Superintendent
Dillon Isaac – ESI Safety
ESI Chapel Team Partners

To complete a project of this magnitude ahead of schedule, the ESI Chapel Team had to enlist the support of the following partners.
Kastle Technologies
Kastle Electric
CRT
Eagle Electric
ASIDICO
Mid-City Electric
Hatzel and Beuhler



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Contractors in Dayton, OH, which was a division of Adams Robinson Construction. This company specializes in the construction of treatment plant projects. During his time at ARCO, Bob secured his Master Electrical License in eight states. In 1993, he made an excellent hiring decision, when he brought Gary Vencill on board as his Estimator. The team would go on to run numerous projects across the Midwest and southeast United States.

In April 1994, Bob and Charmaine welcomed their daughter, Ashley Marie Shaffer into the world.

In May 1999, Bob joined Chapel Electric in

Dayton, OH where he would become their Vice President of Contract Operations. In this role, Bob served as Project



Bob Shaffer (left) with Richard Penewit.

Manager on many high-profile projects, including the Schuster Performing Arts Center and the Hollywood Racino at the Dayton Raceway. He also oversaw Chapel's project management and BIM teams and acted as the project executive on most major contract projects.

During this time, Bob would also serve on the Dayton LMCC (Labor Management Cooperation Committee), and Chair of the FEC (Federated Electrical Contractor's) National Purchasing Group, as well as Chair of the NECA/IBEW Joint Safety Committee.

On May 8, 2013, Bob and Charmaine became grandparents with the birth of Elizabeth Marie Blum.

In November 2021, Bob was promoted to Vice President of Special Projects. His primary role was as Sr Project Manager for the ESI/Chapel team for the Electrical construction of the OSU Wexner Medical Center Inpatient Hospital.

Bob enjoyed his 27-year tenure at Chapel Electric. He considers himself extremely fortunate for the opportunity to work for Dennis Quebe and Buck Ross and to work alongside the many talented people at Chapel Electric.



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CES 2026

Every year, the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas showcases the latest in tech. Here's a few items that will help you around the house.

Withings Body Scan 2, in just 90 seconds, claims to detect more than 60 biomarkers, providing information such as hypertension risk notifications, in-depth evaluations of metabolic efficiency, glycemic regulation, and much more.

GE's latest refrigerator has a **built-in Scan-to-List barcode scanner** to help you reorder low stock groceries. It's able to recognize more than four million products.

The new **Smart Legos** brick is packed with tech like sensors, accelerometers, and more that enable it to interact and respond to other Legos, alongside SMART tags and SMART Minifigures.

VARMBLIXT donut is integrated with smart lighting functionality. You can adjust the lamp's warmth and color to better suit your home's décor and create the right ambiance.

Roborock Saros Rover: It wouldn't be a tech tradeshow if it weren't for robot vacuums, but what's special about the Saros Rover is that it features two-wheel legs to enable it to climb stairs and more effectively clean your floors.

Stareep AI Mattress is designed to adjust to the body and intervene in real time. The mattress and base work collectively to learn sleepers' habits over time and respond to improve sleep—i.e., by automatically adjusting firmness and support.

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