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## Newsletter

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Dan Goodin (left), general manager of Clayton Homes of Oxford, presents RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson with a donation of \$500.

### Clayton Homes of Oxford Partners with Rebuilding Hope

Rebuilding Hope is one of five non-profits that will be helped this year by the employees of Clayton Homes of Oxford.

The builder of mobile homes presented RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson with a \$500 donation during an employee meeting on March 19.

The employees are looking to be of even more help to RHI by volunteering to work on projects.

"I'm excited about them wanting to partner with us in the future," Randolph says. "We certainly appreciate the donation. It was a blessing to go through the plant and hear the way the employees spoke to me. It was such a welcoming atmosphere."

### Game Trailer Has First Outing



Kathy Paine (top photo), a member of Central Baptist Church, puts the finishing touches on RHI's new game trailer. Outfitted with corn hole games, soccer balls, volleyballs, Frisbees and horseshoes, its's ready at no cost for use in outreach by any ministry. The trailer had its first outing March 17 (bottom photo) as members of Central used the resource at an outreach event at Sterling Park Apartments in Henderson. For information on how you can use the game trailer, call our office.

According to Leslie Dixon, Clayton's team member experience (TMX) coordinator, employees choose the recipients and provide the funds for the donations.

"I really think that a lot of our work force has come from impoverished communities" and has seen RHI's work, she said. "And the fact that this one is local."

Other recipients are Duke Cancer Center, \$2,500; and Special Olympics, National Fire Safety Council and Children's Wish Foundation, \$150 each.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for  
Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**

*Date: Friday, April 27*

*Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

*Location: 414 Raleigh Road*

*Tickets: \$7*

The grills heat up on Friday, April 27, as RHI celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its spring barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser.

The \$7-a-plate dinners will be prepared and served at 414 Raleigh Road, the location of RHI's office and warehouse in the former Coca-Cola building. You're invited to eat in or take out from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Delivery



of five or more plates to one location is available.

Purchase your tickets at our office or from one of our many volunteers.

Preparations begin the day before the event as volunteers fill cups with barbecue sauce and bag bread.

At about 4:30 a.m. on the last Friday of every April, John Soles takes charge of about 15 mobile cookers and the 2,300 chicken halves that will be prepared. Roger Bibee prepares barbecue sauce, green beans and potatoes.

A much loved part of every plate is Roger's barbecue sauce, which is available for \$5 a pint.

Volunteers from several churches bring cakes for dessert. "It's what they do," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson.

Some volunteers have helped for years, he says. "They just show up."

The fundraiser began on April 8, 2008, following a suggestion made at a men's Bible study at Central Baptist Church. RHI was then two years old.

"The guys in the group were real supportive," says Willard Jackson, who took the idea from a fundraiser at his brother's church and each year assures that flyers and tickets are printed.

"When we first started, we weren't quite organized," says John Soles, who has helped from the start and has coordinated the cooking for the past several years. "We cooked the night before, all night long" with only a few mobile cookers. Now, cooking begins around 4:30 a.m. the day of the fundraiser and is complete by about noon.

He says that "help comes from three counties, little towns all around. All of them are church folks."

John, a member of Island Creek Baptist Church, says, "It's hard work. It takes you two or three days to get over it. But we have a lot of fun."

Robbie Parham agrees, but thinks of the event as more of a "friendraiser" than fundraiser.

Robbie, who has since the beginning coordinated the work of the plate preparation line, says, "A lot of people make it happen," estimating that a hundred different volunteers have helped over the years.

His job is anything to keep the line going so that the plates are ready to meet the demand.

"It's like the church. A lot of little parts make it a success," says Robbie, who calls himself an "encourager."

"The key to why those plates do so well" is the desserts, he says.

John, a Sunday school teacher and past president of his church's Baptist Men, says, "We all are very much aware of the importance of that program (Rebuilding Hope), helping people who can't help themselves. We're blessed to be a part of it

"When somebody needs help, we're available."

**RHI – Here to Help**

To request help to build a wheelchair ramp or to make home repairs, visit our office where a volunteer will take your application. RHI does not take applications over the phone or make



monetary awards.

Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of property. A landlord's permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.

While RHI provides services at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

### **2017 Activity Report**

A report on our activity in 2017 is complete and shows another busy year.

RHI received 153 applications for help, and 550 volunteers completed 89 projects. Volunteer hours totaled 20,206.

### **Update: 119 Registered for SOS; May 1 Deadline Approaching**

The pace of registering for the 2018 Servants on Site week is picking up.

With the May 1 deadline approaching, 119



participants from 10 churches have signed up. Only 200 openings are available.

The theme for the week – this year June 23-30 – is “Fixed.” The meaning of the theme will be explained by guest speakers at each of the evening worship services during the week.

The services and their emphases will be: Sunday, “Need Fixing,” based on Romans 3:9-18; Monday, “Can Be Fixed,” based on Romans 1:16; Tuesday, “All Eyes Fixed on Jesus,” a panel discussion; Thursday, “God’s Plan is Fixed,” based on Matthew 28; Friday, “God is Fixing a Place – Eternity,” based on John 14:1-11. On Wednesday, participants have free time.

The public is encouraged to attend the worship services at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

Encourage your youths to take part in this mission endeavor. If you know of any churches or youths you feel would be interested, call our office with contact information.

The cost is \$150 per participant. Youths must have completed sixth grade.

Keep in mind that for every five youths, we require one adult of the same sex.

### Needs for SOS

Volunteers – Adult/college-age volunteers are needed to serve as staff during the week. Staff assists with setting up the rooms, posting signs and schedules and for chores such as cleaning bath and restroom facilities.

### Financial Support for SOS Projects

A roofing project costs approximately \$2,000, but any amount is appreciated. A church sponsoring a project will “adopt” the crew for the week and serve lunch each day. Your crew will attend your church for worship and lunch on Sunday and meet your congregation. Afterwards, the crew will visit the homeowner.

### **Volunteer Spotlight**

After a career as a firefighter, Richard Rogers continues to help his community as an RHI volunteer.

Richard came to RHI following an invitation from an RHI volunteer who is a fellow church member at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

A volunteer for six years, Richard says he has done “a little bit of everything,” including helping construct wheelchair ramps, assisting in the warehouse and preparing meals.

“It’s a good ministry to help the needy,” Richard says. “You do work for people and minister to them at the same time.”

At RHI, Richard continues to serve his community. A firefighter for 38 years, he retired in 1994 from the Henderson Fire Department. At retirement he was assistant fire chief.

A Vance native who enjoys hunting and fishing, Richard is a Navy veteran who also served in the National Guard.

Richard and Nelliogrey, his wife of 63 years, live in Henderson. They have three children and two grandchildren.



**Richard**

### **Our Ongoing Needs**

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials, Donations, Monthly Financial Support

### Areas Where You Can Serve

AC/Heating Accounting  
Carpentry/Framing and Finishing  
Carpet/Vinyl Installation  
Cleaning Computer Cooking  
Doors Drafting Drywall  
Electrical Evangelism Internet  
Office Organization  
Painting Plumbing Ramps  
Reception Roofing Siding  
Secretarial Telephone Windows  
Welding/Sheet Metal Writing

### Appliances Accepted

RHI accepts some used appliances that are in good working order. The appliances include washers and dryers, refrigerators and electric stoves. Appliances that require repairs cannot be accepted.



RHI does not have used furniture and cannot accept household goods or clothing.

### Wheelchair Ramps – Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers like those pictured above to help build wheelchair ramps and reduce a backlog of more than thirty requests.

Building the ramps slowed as we moved to and set up in our new location. The recent cold weather further hampered our work.

Churches, do you have men's groups who could lend a hand?

If you can help, we'll put you in touch with Bill Overby of Enterprise Baptist Church, our team leader in Warren County. Or Steve Timberlake of Oxford Baptist Church, our team

leader in Granville County. Or, in Vance County, Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church. Every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.



### Visitors Tour Rebuilding Hope

A group of senior citizens from New Sandy Creek Baptist Church visited RHI's new headquarters on March 13. Following a presentation by RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson (standing) about the non-profit's work and a tour of the offices and warehouse, lunch was served. Groups are welcome to tour the facility. Call the RHI office for information.

### Tentative 2018 Calendar

#### April

- 1 - Easter
- 27 - Spring Fundraiser, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### May

- 1 - SOS Registration Deadline  
Registration with deposit Feb. 1-May 1 is \$150 per participant.
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 28 - Memorial Day – RHI Closed

#### June

- 23-30 SOS
- 17 - Father's Day

#### July

- 4 - RHI Closed for Independence Day

#### August

- 6-8 - Kids' Construction Camp – 9 a.m.-noon  
KCC gives second-sixth graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and a Take-home Building Project.

### **September**

3 - Labor Day – RHI Closed  
28 - Fall Fundraiser – 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### **October**

19-20 - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Ministry Weekend  
On Friday evening of our Men's Ministry Weekend, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and a worship service at a local church. On Saturday morning they will gather at Rebuilding Hope to make up teams and receive assignments for hands-on projects in our communities.

### **November**

21 - RHI Closed  
22 - Thanksgiving – RHI Closed  
23 - RHI Closed

### **December**

24-28 – RHI Closed  
31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

### **Weekly Men's Prayer Group**

*As iron sharpens iron,  
so one man sharpens another.*

*Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

You're invited to our weekly men's prayer group on Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock. A light breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for a time of prayer and Christian fellowship.

### **Equipment Available for Check-out**

RHI has equipment that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593. The following equipment is available:

Mobile kitchen – Stove, griddle, snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

2 tool trailers – Equipped with all tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp.

Game trailer – Game trailer with all kinds of games to use for outreach.

### **How to Bring a Group to RHI**

RHI has a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and will work with you or your group (youth or adult) to not only meet the needs of homeowners, but also to meet the needs of your group in its

effort to put its faith into action serving others. We provide job locations and materials for hands-on experience and will arrange for one-day projects or projects for more than one day. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. E-mail us at [rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org) or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.

### **Appreciation**

Thanks to all the churches, businesses and individuals who have supported and continue to support the Rebuilding Hope ministry. Without your support, meeting the needs of our communities would be impossible. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to reach our communities with the gospel.