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Newsletter

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RHI Hours of Operation

Rebuilding Hope is open to serve you from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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.

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.

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.

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

Volunteer Spotlight

You'll find Martha McGowan among the volunteers on the front lines of the paperwork at Rebuilding Hope.

"I do secretarial work in the office, logging and keeping records of applications and work completed and doing monthly reports," says Martha, whose husband, Ralph, is the pastor at West End Baptist Church. "I'm also the secretary for SOS-Servants on Site, Rebuilding Hope's summer youth mission project."



When Martha and Ralph first came to Henderson, one of the ladies from the church took them on a tour that included the old Rebuilding Hope location on North Oliver Drive and explained Rebuilding Hope's mission.

"We had been involved in several construction projects with youth during the summer and through that I realized how much I enjoyed construction work and how much easier witnessing was while helping those in need," says Martha, who is West End's music leader and choir director. "I was excited that there was a possibility we could be involved in something similar here on a regular basis if God allowed us to relocate to Henderson.

"I really enjoy doing construction work, but was also willing to use the abilities God has given me to help others, whether it was working in the office or working on someone's home," she says.

Martha, who is a nine-year volunteer, encourages volunteering at Rebuilding Hope.

"Many people don't realize they can use the abilities they have to serve the Lord," she says. "There's more to volunteering at Rebuilding Hope than construction, like preparing lunches for volunteers, cleaning the offices, answering the phone, taking applications or helping to organize the warehouse."

She says, "I am always amazed how God can take what little we have – no matter what it is – and use it for His glory. I've learned that it is true that He is not looking for our ability, but our availability."

Martha, who retired in 1998 as executive secretary for a school superintendent in her

native Alabama, says her dad was always building something and her mother made quilts, sewed and crocheted. Martha says she was always fascinated with seeing things put together.

“I suppose that’s why I enjoy construction and doing handwork,” she says.

“Working in a Christian environment with some great Christian people who are willing to give their time to serve others has been very rewarding,” she says. “But I think all of us at Rebuilding Hope would agree that helping those in need, talking with them and praying with them is the greatest of all blessings.”

DNow Workday

For the eighth year, Rebuilding Hope will partner with local churches for the March 23-25.

DNow (Disciple Now) brings together about 200 youths from about a dozen churches for worship and work, the latter provided by RHI.

By the time the event rolls around, RHI will have identified projects like wheelchair ramps and other home repairs that can be completed on Saturday of the weekend.

“We couldn’t do DNow without Rebuilding Hope,” says Corey Foster, associate pastor at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church and one of the weekend’s coordinators.

“We let Rebuilding Hope know the number of youths, and they set up the jobs, donate all the materials and provide crew chiefs where needed,” Corey says. RHI is the “backbone and heart” of the weekend.

Youths attend worship services at New Sandy Creek on Friday and Saturday nights. Overnight accommodations are provided at host homes, says Allen Mustian, worship and student pastor at Central Baptist Church and another weekend coordinator.

“DNow is a great way for students to grow together and serve the community in the name of Christ,” Allen says.

“What I love about DNow is all the churches coming together,” Corey says.

Wheelchair Ramps – Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help build wheelchair ramps and reduce a backlog of more than two dozen 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.

Servants on Site (SOS) Final Deadline is May 1

The early deadline for registering for the June 23-30 SOS has passed. All others who expect to participate are reminded that the registration deadline for all participants is May 1.

The cost is \$150 per participant.

We have 200 openings for youths who have completed sixth grade. Keep in mind that for every five youths, we require one adult of the same sex.

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.

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. Churches may also partner to sponsor a project.

Our Ongoing Needs

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

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 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.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

February

1 – SOS '18 Early Bird Deadline

March

24 - DNow Weekend Workday
25 - Palm Sunday
30 - Good Friday – RHI Closed

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 Building a Birdhouse.

September

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

October

19-20 - 8th 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

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 1st Thursday. Join us for a time of prayer and Christian fellowship.

