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Newsletter

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Servants on Site (SOS) Early Bird Deadline

The Early Bird Deadline for registering for this year's SOS is almost here. With registration and a \$50 deposit per person, the cost per participant is \$125. After February 1 the cost is \$150 per person. Contact us now to take advantage of the lower registration cost. We have 200 openings for youth who have completed 6th grade through adult. Keep in mind that for every five youth, we require one adult of the same sex.

The deadline for registration for all participants is May 1. Contact us about scholarships.

SOS this year – the sixth annual coordinated and hosted by RHI -- is set for June 23-30.

Encourage your youth to participate in this mission endeavor. If you know of any churches or youth who would be interested, call our office with contact information.

SOS -- a week of work, worship and witness in Vance County and surrounding areas -- is a mission opportunity. Participants are housed at Crossroads Christian School. They work on homes in the area during the day, meet for worship in the evening and have devotion time with their own church group. Breakfast, supper and worship are at Central Baptist Church.



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.

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.

Volunteer Spotlight

Leo Suitte, a nine-year volunteer at RHI, believes the organization “is the greatest thing going on in Henderson.”



RHI Coordinator Randolph Wilson “came to my church one night to tell us about Rebuilding Hope, and I knew that was for me,” Leo recalls. “I got involved because I wanted to get out of the church walls and do some work.”

Leo, a retired Roses warehouse coordinator, said he lays bricks, pours cement and helps with whatever else needs to be done.

“I wish we could get more people to volunteer because of the need,” says Leo, a member of Saints Delight Church in Manson.

“When I am working with people, I ask if they have accepted Christ,” he says. “If I have to lead them, I give them the scriptures about accepting Christ. I’ve had a lot of great experiences doing this. I love to pray for people, too.”

Leo is a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and usher at his church.

He and his wife, Dorothy, have four grown children and six grandchildren.

When he’s not busy at RHI, Leo enjoys golf, fishing and travelling.

Our Ongoing Needs

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

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.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

February

1 – SOS ’18 Early Bird Deadline

March

DNow Weekend Workday – TBA

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

17 - Father’s Day

23-30 - **SOS**

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 Closing at noon

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

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.