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Newsletter

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RHI – Here to Help You

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.

DNow Projects in Focus for RHI; Crew Chiefs Needed

RHI construction leader Vann Wester is busy identifying projects for youths who will take part in the DNow weekend March 23-25.



For the eighth consecutive year RHI will partner with local churches for the event. DNow (Disciple Now) brings together about 200 youths from about a dozen churches for worship and work, the latter provided by RHI.

"We'll have eight to 10 projects" identified for the March 24 workday, Vann says.

Projects, he says, will include repairing wheelchair ramps, hand rails and steps and yard cleanup – projects that can be completed in a day. RHI provides materials and tools.

Crew chiefs are needed for the projects, beginning at 8 a.m. To volunteer, call Vann at 919-495-3099.

Youths attend worship services Friday and Saturday nights at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church. Overnight accommodations are provided by host homes.

Guest speaker for DNow will be Dr. Jamie K. Dew, dean of The College at Southeastern. Students from Southeastern will conduct the music program.

Volunteer Spotlight

Richard Roberts travelled a long and winding road to get to Rebuilding Hope.

Richard says he and Joyce, his wife of 35 years, have lived in 40 places -- in his native Texas, her native California, the Philippines, New York, Arkansas and, now, North Carolina.



Bonding with the five generations of Joyce's family who live in North Carolina brought them to Franklin County a little over a year ago.

Independent career missionaries, the Roberts have served three terms in the Philippines, where, Richard says, they brought "spiritual support and encouragement to Filipino pastors and their congregations."

Richard and Joyce raised their own funds for their ministry, and local churches provided administrative management.

Work on the mission field included speaking at youth camps, conducting marriage seminars, leading Bible studies and preaching in a different church every week.

The couple will return to the Philippines for eight weeks in July and August to see how the churches are doing, Richard says.

"On the mission field we've witnessed many miracles and self-experienced many miracles," he says.

Richard and Joyce united with New Sandy Creek Baptist Church where two RHI volunteers invited him to our weekly Thursday morning prayer breakfast for men.

Now a volunteer at RHI, Richard works in the office taking applications for assistance and helps with spring and fall fundraisers, SOS week and Kids' Construction Camp.

"I was looking for a way to help and share the gospel of Christ, desiring fellowship with Christian men," Richard says.

But the most rewarding work at RHI is "praying with people as they come in to fill out applications."

**SOS Theme "Fixed";
97 Already Registered**

While the deadline for registering for this summer's SOS youth mission project is May 1, nearly half of the 200 openings for participants have been filled.

RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson reports that 97 have registered for the June 23-30 event and that a theme for the Servants on Site week has been chosen.

The theme, "Fixed," will be explained by guest speakers at each of the evening worship services during the week.

The services and their emphasis 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 evening, participants choose their own activities

Encourage your youth, who have completed Grade 6 through adults, to take part in this mission endeavor. If you know of any churches or youth you feel would be interested, call our office with contact information.

The cost is \$150 per participant. "Scholarships" are also available.

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. Construction Crew Leaders are also needed. Contact Vann Wester at 919-495-3099.

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.

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.

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.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

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

- 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 Closed
- 22-23 - Thanksgiving – 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.

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 this spring – 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 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.

