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Randolph and Gail Wilson (far left and far right) welcome NCBM veterans J.E. and Betsy Skinner and Ann and Billy Layton to RHI.

North Carolina Baptist Men Veterans Give Rebuilding Hope a Helping Hand

Four veterans of service with North Carolina Baptist Men (NCBM) lent a helping hand at Rebuilding Hope last month.

Billy and Ann Layton of Momeyer, fulltime NCBM site coordinators, are taking a break from their work. The couple coordinates volunteers to rebuild homes following hurricanes and other disasters.

Billy began his service in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew hit Florida. Ann began her service several years later.

The North Carolina natives are members of Momeyer Baptist Church.



New Display Highlights SOS Weeks

A new display in the RHI dining room recalls the six Servants on Site weeks sponsored since 2013, the year the annual summer mission projects began. The display is made up of framed t-shirts from each of the years. The 2019 SOS week is scheduled for June 22-29.

J.E. and Betsy Skinner of Williamston are NCBM volunteers.

J.E., with 25 years of service, has worked in the U.S. and abroad. His assignments have included Gulfport, Miss., in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and New York City following the terrorist attacks in 2001. Abroad, he's served in such locations as Cuba, Kenya, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

The Skinners, also North Carolina natives, volunteer in NCBM's summer Student Mobilization Movement.

They are members of Memorial Baptist Church.

At RHI over two days, the couples helped build a second-floor bathroom, installed shelves, cleaned and assisted in the office.

Both couples have worked alongside two other NCBM volunteers, RHI's own Randolph and Gail Wilson.

646 Volunteered at RHI in 2018; 2019 Shaping Up As a 'Busy Year'

RHI volunteers in 2018 numbered 646. That number and others make up a year-end report that also shows that the volunteers worked 20,638 hours, building 31 wheelchair ramps, replacing 13 roofs and completing 19 other projects. Among the other projects was hurricane disaster relief in Jones County.

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"This is going to be a busy year, too," says RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson.

While dates have been set for annual projects, Randolph says that RHI wants to build a portable shower trailer that can also be loaned to churches and ministry groups. Roof repair for offices and warehouse and building a shelter for RHI vehicles are other projects eyed for 2019.

RHI's first annual project is the Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser on April 26.

Registration is already underway for the June 22-29 SOS (Servants on Site), which brings together hundreds of youths each year for a week of hands-on ministry projects in our communities.

"In August we have our Kids' Construction Camp," Randolph says. "Once again we'll teach basic construction skills." The camp is set for Aug. 5-7.

The Fall Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser is set for Sept. 27.

The Men's Ministry Weekend is slated for Oct. 25-26.

For more on the annual events, see the calendar on page 5 of this newsletter, call the RHI office or go to www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

Or see the "Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI" section on page 4 of this newsletter.

"We welcome volunteers who have a heart for ministry in our communities to join us," Randolph says.

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 services are provided at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

"There are a lot of broken lives all around us," says Bryan Cuthriell. "And if I could do or say anything that might help or at least be a source of encouragement, then that's what I want to do."

Bryan has followed up on that mission for the last 10 years as a volunteer at Rebuilding Hope.

At a Brotherhood meeting in 2009 at

Central Baptist Church, Bryan and brother-in-law Cliff McClanahan, also an RHI volunteer, heard a presentation by Randolph Wilson, the RHI coordinator.



Bryan

"I was greatly impressed with the mission of RHI, and I committed to being a part of these services in any way I was able to contribute," he recalls.

After an accident in 2001, Bryan says he's been unable to do heavy construction work and focuses on encouraging those who do the heavy work.

"For the most part, I have manned the phones and served as greeter to individuals who call or visit RHI," says Bryan, who has also assisted with fundraisers and other events and cleaned and sorted supplies coming into the warehouse.

"I find particular satisfaction in being able to witness and share Jesus with everyone who comes into contact with me at the desk," he says.

Among his volunteer experiences, Bryan recalls one that stands out:

"We had a preacher in the area come in looking for a project. Going over the worksheet we found a woman who needed work done on her front porch.

"Seeing the address, the preacher realized that she lived across the street from his church, but he had never noticed the porch or visited the people who lived there.

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“He took on the project, and it’s my understanding she is now attending that preacher’s church.”

Would he encourage other to volunteer at RHI?

“Absolutely, yes,” Bryan, a native of Chesapeake, Va., says. “The fellowship with other Christians is phenomenal alone. There is a lot of fun and laughter and sharing, and the food is good, too. I think any volunteer will tell you that you get far more back than you will ever be able to put in.”

Bryan says he enjoys visiting with family and “telling the same old stories over and over, boring my wife and family to death”; listening to good music; and church fellowship, “particularly when we sing the old hymns of the faith. I love that.”

A member and deacon at Central Baptist Church, he is retired from the Naval Base Norfolk Fire Department where he served for 30 years.

Bryan and Joan will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in May. They have two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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.



AmazonSmile Purchases Benefit Rebuilding Hope

Your Amazon purchases can now benefit Rebuilding Hope.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a half-percent of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

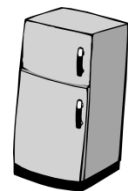
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Appliances Accepted

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.



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.

Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups – like the one pictured below -- who can lend a hand and help us build wheelchair ramps? Your participation would help reduce a backlog of more than 30 requests – and help us all reach our communities for Christ.

Here are answers to some questions you



might have:

What preparations are made before work begins? Before work begins, an RHI volunteer will visit the job site and assess the owner's physical and spiritual needs. The volunteer will take measurements and draw a plan. Job sites are different and custom plans are necessary.

What about materials and tools? RHI will gather the materials and deliver them to the job site and provide tools, as needed.

Are building permits required? RHI will obtain the required permits.

Who will supervise and be responsible for the work? An experienced RHI crew leader.

How long does building a ramp take? Depending on the ramp (e.g., straight ramp or ramp with a landing) and the number of crew members, it's a day to a day-and-a-half job.

Where are job sites located? In all the communities we serve, but every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.

Can work be scheduled on Saturdays?
Yes.

For more information? Call the RHI office at 252-438-5132.

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.

Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI

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

Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment – like the game trailer pictured below – that churches and groups may



check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-425-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. Available equipment:

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

Mobile kitchen – Snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

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

Tentative 2019 Calendar

February

1 – **SOS Early Bird Special** Deadline
SOS (Servants on Site) is our summer event. Local and out-of-town groups of youth who have completed 6th grade, along with their adult group leaders, are housed at Crossroads Christian School. Crews are formed and go out Monday-Friday to do hands-on ministry for local homeowners. Breakfast, supper and worship are at Central Baptist Church. With registration and a \$50 deposit by Feb. 1, the cost per participant is \$125.

March

TBA – **DNow** Workday

April

14 – Palm Sunday
19 – Good Friday – RHI Closed
21 – Easter Sunday
26 – **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

May

1 – **SOS Registration Deadline**
Registration with deposit Feb. 1-May1 is \$150 per participant.
12 – Mother's Day
27 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

16 – Father's Day
22-29 – **SOS19**

July

4 – RHI closed for Independence Day

August

5-7 – **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon
KCC gives 2nd-6th 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

2 – Labor Day – RHI Closed
27 – **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

25-26 – 9th Annual **Men's Ministry Weekend**
On Friday evening, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and 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

11 – Veterans Day
27 – RHI Closed
28 – Thanksgiving Day – RHI Closed
29 – RHI Closed

December

24 – Christmas Eve
25 – Christmas Day
23 -27 – RHI Closed
31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed