

Happy New Year!



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RHI wants to partner with you in ministry. Here one of RHI's box trucks is used by Central Baptist Church to transport its Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child shoebox collection.

Partner with RHI in 2019

Rebuilding Hope wants to be your ministry partner in 2019.

"It's important for us to do this," RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson says. "Together we can do much more than on our own."

"Our aim all along has been to come alongside other ministries with resources that



Annual Christmas Fellowship

Brian Cuthriell (left) and Charles Hilliard were among the Rebuilding Hope volunteers attending the annual Christmas Fellowship at RHI's offices and warehouse Dec. 13 on Raleigh Road. More than 40 volunteers enjoyed the food and fun. Brian's train set and village were center stage at the yuletide gathering. More Fellowship photos on page 5 of this newsletter.

will help them reach their communities for Jesus."

In its 13-year history, RHI has done just that and today invites ministries to take advantage of those resources.

During the recent holiday seasons, RHI:

Opened its kitchen, storage cooler and dining area to Grace Ministries so it could prepare 4,000 Thanksgiving meals.

Opened the dining area and provided warehouse space for Grace Ministries' Christmas toy project.

Provided its box trucks so churches could transport Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Year-round, RHI provides a conference room for the monthly meeting of pastors involved in Embrace Henderson.

Weekly, space is provided for Grace Ministries' meetings as it reaches out to recovering addicts.

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Angela Poole (left) and Valerie Long, volunteers with Grace Ministries, serve Thanksgiving dinner in the dining area at RHI for those in the community in need. This is one example of how RHI partners with other ministries.

Recently, RHI volunteers came alongside a church in Cove City as it provided hurricane disaster relief for a homeowner.

Each year, RHI partners with DNow (Disciple Now), a weekend youth retreat organized by local churches. RHI provides mission opportunities through projects, leadership, tools and materials for hands-on projects such as building wheelchair ramps or handrail and steps and yard clean up.

In addition to two box trucks, RHI can provide tool trailers equipped with everything needed to build wheelchair ramps; a dump trailer; a game trailer; and a kitchen trailer equipped with snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

To find out how RHI resources can help you, call the office at 252-425-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593.



This trailer, stocked with games of all sorts, is available to ministries for their outreach programs.

RHI Volunteer Spotlight

In over a decade of volunteering at Rebuilding Hope, Bill Overby has found a story behind each project.

“Over the years I have been involved in roofing jobs, steps and railings, floor repairs, and probably 50 or 60 ramps,” says the retired engineer. “I have come to realize that there is a story behind each one of these projects – often difficult and heart-rending stories.



Bill

“Understanding that helps remind me to reassure

those we assist that Jesus loves them and is present even during their most difficult times.”

Bill began his service to the ministry when RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson spoke to the Baptist Men at West End Baptist Church (WEBC), where he was then a member. Soon after, a lady in the church needed a ramp.

“I called Randolph to get some direction about design, permitting and construction requirements,” he says. “After that initial experience, I supervised and hosted the WEBC youth for a DNow (Disciple Now) project and the rest is history.”

That history for Bill, a native and resident of Warren County, includes leading teams from various churches in projects, coordinating through assessment and construction of RHI efforts for Warren County and serving on the RHI board of directors.

“Initially, after retirement I wanted some way to serve that would utilize my professional experience and training while affording opportunities for Christian fellowship and witness to the communities we serve.

“After hearing Randolph’s vision for sharing Christ while working to solve people’s physical needs, I realized God’s perfect timing and preparation for my retirement,” Bill says.

Because his mother was in a wheelchair for the last 15 years of her life, Bill says he had an up-close look at the difficulties that people

with mobility problems encounter in their lives every day.

"I think that has given me a special desire to assist with those kinds of projects," he says.

Special experiences for Bill include helping an amputee who couldn't leave re-hab because he couldn't get in or out of his home; a 15-year-old who needed a ramp before he could get a wheelchair; an aged dialysis patient who had to navigate steps to go to her appointments; and an amputee on dialysis who lived alone and navigated chest-high steps at his home to get to therapy three times a week.

Bill encourages others to volunteer.

"When we make ourselves available, the Lord will give us the abilities we need," he says.

A member of Enterprise Baptist Church in Littleton, he is director of the church's Baptist Men's ministry.

Bill and Linda have been married for 55 years and have one son.

In his leisure time, Bill volunteers for RHI and church projects and occasionally shows a 1965 Shelby Cobra that he built.

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.

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Every item available for purchase on amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile at the same price. Eligible products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

When you're shopping online at smile.amazon.com, Rebuilding Hope will benefit from a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation – and you're helping us help our communities.

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.

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.

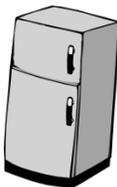


Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of property. A landlord's permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.

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

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.

Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions

Churches, do you have groups – like the one pictured -- 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

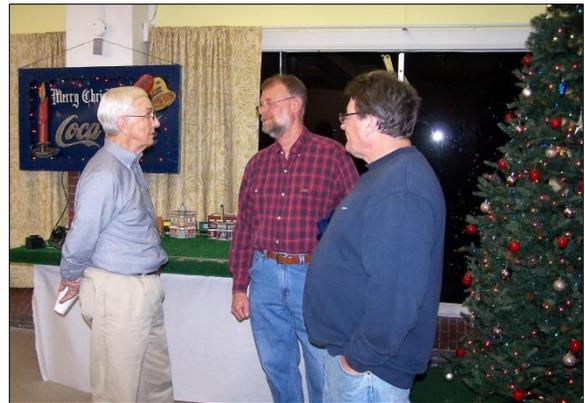
RHI has equipment – like the game trailer pictured below – that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-425-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. Available equipment:

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.

Our Annual Christmas Fellowship



Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Joan Cuthriell, Larry Yates, Brian Cuthriell, Cliff McClanahan and Gina and John Clark who are enjoying a "ride" on Brian's model train; Steve and Paula Lyles (left) chat with Brian and Ellie Fouts; Dorothy and Leo Suintte share a laugh with Brian Cuthriell; Bill Overby, Steve Cannon and Doc Ayscue catch up; Robbie and Bess Parham visit with Linda Jackson; and Sunnie and Donnie Wade (facing camera) visit with Bob and Chris Demarco and Brian Cuthriell.

Tentative 2019 Calendar

January 2019

1 – New Year's Day – Closed

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 to a local homeowner. 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