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Newsletter

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Laura Newton (left) and Gail Prather have volunteered to manage RHI's four specialty trailers.

Pair Will Manage RHI Trailers

Managing RHI's four specialty trailers is now in the hands of volunteers Gail Prather and Laura Newton.

The pair will manage the inventory of the contents and the use of two tool trailers and the kitchen and game trailers.

"We've needed someone to keep track of the many items in our trailers," RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson says. "This is a big job, and we're thankful for their help."

The two tool trailers are equipped with all the tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp, the mobile kitchen with snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines and the game trailer with a variety of games. Gail and Laura will be on the lookout for new games.

The trailers are available for use in their projects by churches and other groups. See [Equipment Available for Check-out](#) on page 3 of this newsletter.

Call the office at 252-438-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593 for more information.



RHI Building Ramps — You Can Help

Whenever the weather breaks, RHI volunteers are back on the job building wheelchair ramps. Volunteers (from left) Taurus Howard, Donnie Wade, Jeff Strickland and Dave Burns tackle this one last month in Henderson. Does your church or group have a team of volunteers who could build a ramp? See [Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions](#) on page 3 of this newsletter.

SOS Registration at 176; 2020 Theme: "You Are Here"

While the deadline for registering for this summer's SOS is May 1, well over half of the 200 openings for participants have been filled.



RHI coordinator Randolph Wilson reports that 176 Early Bird registrations have been received for the June 20-27 event and that a theme for the Servants on Site week has been chosen.

This year's theme is "You Are Here." The theme Bible verse is Isaiah 41:10.

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.

The cost is \$150 per participant. Youths must have completed sixth grade.

Keep in mind that for every five youths, we require one adult of the same sex.

Financial Support for SOS Projects

Churches provide financial support to purchase materials that a crew will need for the work project at their work site, and they provide lunches to the crew and homeowner during the week. Churches serve the crew and the homeowner, but they will tell you that they are also blessed by both.

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Change of Mailing Address

Effective immediately, mail should be addressed to Rebuilding Hope at 414 Raleigh Road, Henderson, N.C. 27536. We are not renewing our post office box.

SOS Registration at 176

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Crew partners could number as many as 15 participants from as many as eight of our different registered groups. The crew, and often the homeowner, worship with their sponsoring church on Sunday morning and have lunch with them afterwards. This is the first time the crew members meet together as a crew. It is a great time for all the partners to begin knowing each other. Crews serve the homeowner and the church, and they will tell you they are blessed by both.

The homeowners are also both blessed and a blessing.

We expect the partnership of a sponsoring church, an SOS crew, and a homeowner to provide a rewarding experience for everyone. We have seen that the relationships that are built last beyond the week of SOS.

SOS will have worship services at Central Baptist Church at 7:30p.m. Sunday through Friday, June 21 – June 26, with the exception of Wednesday. We hope many will join us as often as possible.

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, a volunteer will take your application. RHI does not take applications or make monetary awards.

Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of proper permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.



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

REMINDER:

Mark your calendars for our Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser on Friday, April 24, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at our office and warehouse at 414 Raleigh Road.



Green Thumb Wanted

Have a green thumb and want to put it to good use? RHI needs a volunteer, a group of volunteers or club to maintain shrubbery and flower beds. RHI will furnish all materials and equipment. Call us at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.



Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI



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

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.



DNow Projects in Focus for RHI; Crew Chiefs Needed

RHI is busy identifying six to eight projects for youths who will take part in the DNow weekend March 27-29.

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

Projects 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. on March 28. To volunteer, call Randolph at 252-425-5593

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

"Ascend" is the theme for this year's weekend, with Psalm 24 as the Bible text.

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 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 Bethel Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church.

Share Our Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, send the email address to us at info@rebuildinghopeinc.org

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 252-438-5132 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.

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.

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.

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 Thursdays at 7 a.m. A light breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for prayer and Christian fellowship.

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RHI Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off to a good start in 2020.



RHI volunteers in January spoke to four churches and a group of pastors in Franklin, Warren and Vance counties.

If your church or organization would like to hear more about RHI and our mission in our communities, we can provide a speaker.

Call our office. We can coordinate a date and time for one of our volunteers to talk to you about our work and how you can participate.

RHI's 2020 Calendar

Just a reminder: dates and events are subject to change.

March

28 – **DNow** Workday

April

5 – Palm Sunday

10 – Good Friday – RHI Closed

12 – Easter Sunday

24 – **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

May

1 – **SOS Registration Deadline**

Registration with deposit Feb. 1-May1 is \$150 per participant.

10 – Mother's Day

25 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

21 – Father's Day

20-27 – **SOS19**

July

4 – RHI closed for Independence Day

August

3-5 – **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 take-home project.

September

7 – Labor Day – RHI Closed

25 – **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

No events scheduled.

November

11 – Veterans Day

23-27 – RHI Closed

26 – Thanksgiving Day

December

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

21-25 – RHI Closed

31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed