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Newsletter

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Pictured at a recent SOS SE planning meeting are Susan Sears, Martha Sears and Carolyn Roy of Plank Chapel UMC; Cran and Jeanne Wilson of West Oxford Baptist Church; Leon Dillard and Jerry Parrish of West End Baptist Church; Gail and Randolph Wilson (seated) and Gail Prather of RHI.

SOS SE Gets Underway This Month; Weeks Still Available in July, August

SOS Special Edition gets underway this month, with church groups from across the area replacing roofs and building wheelchair ramps.

While the weekly work schedule in June is full, weeks are still available in July and August. SOS SE runs from June 21-25 through Aug. 23-27.



Email rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org to register a group or for information.

Instead of the familiar one-week event, SOS SE will be conducted on a group-by-group basis, with each group working during the week it chooses. The 2021 approach will allow service to our communities to continue, but because of the coronavirus pandemic omits large groups of youths and leaders in housing, meals and worship.



Megan Rogers, community outreach coordinator for the Catholic Campus Ministry at N.C. State, borrowed RHI's game trailer for an end-of-semester carnival in May.

Game Trailer Aids N.C. State Student Ministry Outreach Activity

Rebuilding Hope's game trailer traveled to Raleigh last month to help the Catholic Campus Ministry at N.C. State celebrate the end of a semester.

In a note to RHI, Megan Rogers, the campus ministry's community outreach coordinator, said its carnival "helps us in our mission of allowing others to encounter Christ on a college campus."

The sophomore from Wake Forest said the carnival was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Megan said she learned of the game trailer from family friends.

(If your church or group would like to borrow the RHI game trailer for an outreach project, call our office at 252-438-5132.)

Second Shower Trailer in the Works, Doubling Capacity



RHI volunteers are transforming this 30-foot camper into an eight-unit shower trailer. It will be the ministry's second shower trailer, doubling the number of stalls available to RHI volunteers and other groups where only sleeping accommodations are available, such as disaster areas.

It's Back! KIDS' CONSTRUCTION CAMP is Aug. 2-4. See page 2.

Kids' Construction Camp in August



Kids' Construction Camp is scheduled for Aug. 2-4. The camp from 9 a.m.-noon each day 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.

Call or email Rebuilding Hope for more information or to sign up.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the camp was canceled in 2020.

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.

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

RHI Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off on 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.

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.

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 materials for hands on job locations and will arrange for one-day projects or 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.



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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.

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.



RHI's 2021 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

June

20 – Father's Day

July

5 – RHI closed for Independence Day

August

2-4 – **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. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

September

6 – Labor Day – RHI Closed

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

October

No events scheduled.

November

11 – Veterans Day

22-26 – RHI Closed

25 – Thanksgiving Day

December

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

Areas Where You Can Serve at RHI and Meet Needs in Our Communities



Painting Office Plumbing Electrical

AC/Heating Accounting

Carpentry/Framing & Finishing

Carpet/Vinyl Installation

Cleaning Computer Cooking

Drafting Drywall Doors

Welding/Sheet Metal

Evangelism Internet Organization

Ramps Reception Roofing

Siding Secretarial Telephone

Welding/Sheet Metal Windows Writing

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 reach our communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

