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Newsletter

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76 Sign Up Early for SOS 2023; Registration Deadline Is May 1

As the May 1 registration deadline approaches, "SOS 2023 is filling up," Servants on Site secretary Amy Beck reports.



Six local churches and one from Windy Gap took advantage of the Early Bird registration. Together they have approximately 76 participants signed up. SOS is scheduled for June 19-23. The fee for the week is \$150. The fee covers the cost of a theme T-shirt, meals and lodging. Scholarships are available.

To register, or for more information, visit our web site, rebuildinghopeinc.org, or our office at 414 Raleigh Road, Henderson, or call 252-438-5132.

"We are trying an online (paperless) registration process this year as we hope to simplify that process," Amy says. Web designer Katie Jones has been updating the RHI website since November for just such an influx.

SOS — a week of work, worship and witness in Vance and surrounding counties — is a mission opportunity for youths who have completed sixth grade and up and adults.

Plans for this 10th year of SOS will be announced as they are confirmed. SOS started in 2013 and was held annually until the pandemic canceled the event in 2020.

Spring Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Returns on April 28

The RHI Spring Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser returns. The event is on the calendar for Friday, April 28.

The \$8-a-plate dinners will be cooked and served from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at 414 Raleigh Road, the location of RHI's offices and warehouse. The familiar menu will include green beans, potatoes and dessert.



**See next month's newsletter
for more information.**



M. Hager Rand (left), chairman and president of the Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Company, recently visited with Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson. The Durham company sold the 414 Raleigh Road property to the ministry in 2016.

Rebuilding Hope Location Has Deep Coca-Cola Roots

Most of the history of the property at 414 Raleigh Road in Henderson is identified with Coca-Cola. Since 2016, it has been the home of Rebuilding Hope.

That year, the ministry purchased the property from the Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which had purchased it in 1991 from The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Henderson, Inc.

The two previous owners — Donald Seifert and M. Hager Rand — recently visited Rebuilding Hope and provided some history about the property.

The story of the Henderson company began in the 1920s when C.O. Seifert came to Henderson from Salem, New Hampshire, where he and associates were Coca-Cola bottlers. The first home of the Henderson company was on Garnett Street.

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Donald Seifert (left), whose family started the Coca-Cola bottling company in Henderson, tours the ministry's use of the former business site on a recent visit with Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson.

Volunteers Needed for Small Repair Projects



While teams of Rebuilding Hope volunteers build wheelchair ramps and replace roofs, requests for smaller and simpler repairs can't be immediately answered. The solution is teams that can spend a few hours repairing a ramp, a stoop, stairs or a door.

The projects are perfect for a men's group or a youth group. Groups can provide a much needed service. A group need not be church-affiliated to help.

The goal is to provide two projects each month to groups in the four counties served by Rebuilding Hope, Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren.

Rebuilding Hope will provide the tools and materials for each job.

Call 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593 and let us answer your questions and get you started.

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.



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.

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 20 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, team leaders Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Bethel Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church. Or Perry Faulkner of Louisburg Baptist Church, our team leader in Franklin County.



RHI's 2023 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

March

No Events Scheduled

April

- 2 — Palm Sunday
- 7 – Good Friday – RHI Closed
- 9 – Easter Sunday
- 28 — **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

May

- 1 – **SOS Registration Deadline**
Registration, with \$50 deposit.
Feb. 1-May 1, cost is \$150 per participant.
- 14 – Mother's Day
- 30 – Memorial Day – RHI Closed

June

- 18 — Father's Day
- 19-23 — **SOS23**

July

- 4 – RHI closed for Independence Day

August

7-9 — **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 and Roofing. There is no cost. A snack is provided mid-morning. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

September

- 4 — Labor Day—RHI closed.
- 29 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

No Events Scheduled

November

- 11 — Veteran's Day
- 22-24 — RHI closed for Thanksgiving
- 23 — Thanksgiving

December

- 12 — Volunteer Christmas Party
- 24 — Christmas Eve
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 25-Jan. 1 — RHI Closed

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 used furniture, household goods and clothing cannot be accepted.



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.

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

Our Ongoing Needs

Prayer, Volunteers, Building Materials, Donations, Monthly Financial Support

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 Speakers Bureau

The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is off go 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.

Our Monthly Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, let us know at info@rebuildinghopeinc.org.

We're online at Rebuildinghopeinc.org.

Follow us on **Facebook**.

12 Ramps Built in January, February



After a long day's work, Rebuilding Hope volunteers had built this ramp for a resident on N. Williams Street in Henderson. Volunteers built 12 ramps in January and February.

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.

Coca-Cola

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The main building at 414 Raleigh Road was constructed in the 1930s, recalls Donald Seifert, C.O. Seifert's son. The rear extension with a bowed roof was added in 1949. The office addition on the south side was constructed in the 1980s. Bowed windows of thick glass at each end mimic Coca-Cola bottles.

C.O. Seifert retired about 1960 and passed away in 1970. The business was sold in 1991 to the Durham company. Bottling operations were eventually moved to Durham, and the property was used as a repair and storage site.

During the Seifert years, a lattice-work arbor with a rose garden and goldfish pond next to the building was well-known to locals. It was the backdrop for many graduation, big dance and engagement photos. For about eight Christmas seasons, the company erected a Nativity scene on the lawn. The scene's popularity eventually led to its end as long lines of cars created a traffic hazard on Raleigh Road, the highway patrol said.

In 2016, Rebuilding Hope purchased the 1.9-acre site.

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