# Happy Thanksgiving

O, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1 (NIV)



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# Newsletter

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Most envied volunteer? Martha McGowan slices and bags cakes for the dessert entry on the Fall Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser menu.

# **Volunteers, Community Support Make For Successful Fundraiser**

We're once again grateful to all the volunteers who worked to make our 2019 Fall Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser a success.

The day before the fundraiser, volunteers bagged bread and desserts and filled cups with barbecue sauce. Others cleaned coolers and tidied up

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Jerry, Jason and Art Patterson at C&P Body Shop take delivery of barbecue chicken plates for their staff members.



The menu is a favorite of Dwight Frazier, Angela Jacobs and Sandra Hunt and the rest of the staff at Carolina Country Snacks. At right is RHI volunteer Dave Burns.



At Hoyle's Tire & Axle, Kathryn Coghill and Nickie Mann and staff are ready to feast on barbecue chicken, potatoes, green beans and dessert.



And thank you to Jen Patsy, Amber Washington, Kathryn Roberson and the rest of the staff at the Rogers Group.

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the dining room and restrooms. On fundraiser day, more than a dozen cookers lined the parking lot as volunteers tended to the main course and others inside prepared the plates.

Beyond the preparation and serving were all of you who purchased the plates of chicken, beans and potatoes and the desserts. (By the way, the \$7 cost of the plates hasn't changed over all the years of the fall and spring fundraisers.)

After each fundraiser we've published a photo gallery in the newsletter as a way of thanking all who volunteered, as well as friends who enjoyed their meals in the dining room. This time we're including photos of some of the businesses that support RHI with purchases of multiple meals. On fundraiser day, we couldn't get around to all the businesses, but we are grateful to you, one and all.

As you know, proceeds from the fundraiser helps us to serve our communities, building wheel-chair ramps and replacing roofs.

Look for the 2020 Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser in April.



An assembly line of volunteers fills cups with Roger Bibee's barbecue sauce.



Gail Prather, Linda Soles, Nancy Eason and Carolyn Wortham bag bread.



Terry Fain and John Rice tend to the main dish.



Filling plates: Linda Soles, Amber West, Lori Pience, Ellen Lee, Betsy Skinner and Stacy West.



Billy Layton and Steve Cannon supply the cookers.

# **RHI Volunteer Spotlight**

When Rebuilding Hope needed an online upgrade, it was Katie Jones to the rescue.

"I first heard about RHI from Pastor Ralph

McGowan at West Church," Katie are long-time and I was a memmarried and my moved away for



Katie

says. "My parents members there, ber before I got husband and I several years. that Rebuilding

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"He mentioned Hope was in need sign help, and I

of some web dehad a little experience with this. He took me to meet Randolph and

Gail Wilson. Thankfully, I was a good fit and have been able to help with setting up the new website and adding monthly updates." Katie, who is a free lance e-commerce manag-

er, data entry specialist and transcriptionist and works from her home, has been an RHI volunteer for about 18 months.

The Oxford resident says she was "immediately drawn to the ministry because of Randolph's passion for serving the local community and drawing others to Christ.

"I felt that he was a great leader and knew it would be a pleasure to help with this organization in any way I could."

Katie, a member of Clearview Baptist Church, encourages others to volunteer at RHI.

"I think RHI has a great mission and is focused on being a positive influence to our community," she

Katie's volunteer spirit extends beyond RHI.

"An organization that is close to my heart is Renewal Coalition," she says.

The non-profit, based in Jupiter, Fla., brings wounded veterans and their families to its property for all-expense-paid retreats where they can relax and spend time together.

Katie and her husband, Steven, helped run the retreats when they lived in Florida, she says. Steven is medically retired from the Marine Corps after being injured in combat in 2011.

"This is an organization that means a lot to us," she says. "We still try to travel back to Jupiter at least once a year to assist with a retreat, and I also help to create Renewal Coalition's quarterly newsletters."

At Clearview, Katie, a Henderson native, volunteers in the nursery, and the couple works with the church's BLAZE kids ministry.

Married for eight years, the couple has two sons and a daughter.

## 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 needs of your to put its faith others. We proand materials for

also to meet the group in its effort into action serving vide job locations hands-on experi-

ence 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.

### 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 Welding/Sheet Metal Evangelism Internet Organization Ramps Reception Roofing Siding Secretarial Telephone Welding/Sheet Metal Windows Writing

#### RHI - Here to Help

To request help to build a wheelchair ramp or to make home repairs, visit our office where a vol-

unteer will take does not take phone or make

Depending requested, RHI of ownership of permission for a required.



your application. RHI applications over the monetary awards. on the type of work may require evidence property. A landlord's wheelchair ramp is

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

#### **Share Our Newsletter**

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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.

# **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.

### 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.

# **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.

# **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.

### **Tentative 2019 Calendar**

#### November

- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 RHI Closed
- 28 Thanksgiving Day RHI Closed
- 29 RHI Closed for Thanksgiving

#### December

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