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## Newsletter

February 2022

### 2021 Volunteer Hours Up 31% Over Previous Year

RHI volunteers in 2021 worked 9,879 hours, topping the previous year's total of 7,561 by 2,318, or 31 percent

Numbers show that volunteers built 46 wheelchair ramps, replaced 12 roofs and completed six other projects. Those totals in 2020 were 29, nine and four, respectively.

The sharp increase in hours was attributed to catching up on work stalled in 2021 by the pandemic. Even with the increase, the backlog of applications for help grew from 279 at the end of 2020 to 301 at the end of 2021. The backlog includes applications for ramps, roofs and both interior and exterior repairs.

While the 2020 Servants on Site week was cancelled because of the pandemic, a modified version of the annual event, SOS Special Edition, allowed more work to be completed in 2021. (A return to the familiar SOS this year is planned for June 18-25. Plans will be announced as they are confirmed.)

Meanwhile, volunteers are needed. If you, your church or group can help, please call the RHI office.

### Clayton Homes of Oxford Continues Partnership with RHI

Clayton Homes of Oxford will continue to partner with RHI in 2022 for its "Volunteer Time Off" (VTO) program begun last year.

The company-wide program offers Clayton employees eight hours of paid time when they volunteer to help with meaningful causes in the communities where they live and work. Employee crews assist RHI with a project each month.

Clayton crews in 2021 helped build six wheelchair ramps.



A 10-foot expansion of RHI's kitchen is underway. The kitchen as it was is pictured in the top photo. The project required removal of one wall. Improvements will include more cabinets, a serving window and a dishwasher. At work are RHI volunteers Larry Leach, Doc Ayscue and Cliff McClanahan.

### Projects Planned for 2022 Include Expanding RHI Kitchen

RHI plans several projects in 2022 to improve operations at the 414 Raleigh Road headquarters.

Underway is expansion of the kitchen. An additional 10 feet will provide for more cabinet space and make more efficient the preparation and serving of meals for ministry events. Food now is carried from the kitchen to the serving table in the dining area. The expansion includes a window from which meals will be served. Clean up will be easier when a dishwasher is installed.

Roof repairs are planned for the drive-through area of the warehouse. Much of the metal needs to be replaced.

An equipment shelter for trucks and trailers is planned. The structure will also provide cover for cookers during the spring and fall barbecue chicken fundraisers. Because of the pandemic, neither event has been held since 2019.

As 2021 came to a close another project was completed. The fascia board around the building was covered with metal, eliminating the need for continued painting. Additionally, the entire office area lighting was changed to LED.

**Urgent Request for Help!  
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## Urgent Request for Help

Rebuilding Hope needs volunteers to answer the phone and interview people applying for help during our Monday-Friday office hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Men and women are welcome and may choose a day, or even a half-day. Volunteers will be trained in the use of the application forms and how to interview applicants.

The need is urgent. If you can help the ministry help others call Randolph or Gail at 252-438-5132 or 252-425-5593.

## 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

### 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](mailto:rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org) or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.



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## RHI's 2022 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

### February

No Events Scheduled

### March

No Events Scheduled

### April

10 — Palm Sunday  
15 — Good Friday — RHI Closed  
17 — Easter Sunday  
29 — **Spring Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### May

1 — **SOS Registration Deadline**  
Registration is \$125 per participant.  
8 — Mother's Day  
30 — Memorial Day — RHI Closed

### June

18-25 — SOS 22  
19 — Father's Day

### July

4 — RHI closed for Independence Day

### August

1-3 — **Kids' Construction Camp**, 9 a.m.-Noon  
**KCC** gives 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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. A midmorning snack is provided. Call or email for more information or to sign up.

### September

5 — Labor Day — RHI Closed  
30 — **Fall Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### October

No events scheduled.

### November

11 — Veterans Day  
23-25 — RHI Closed for Thanksgiving  
25 — Thanksgiving Day

### December

24 — Christmas Eve  
25 — Christmas Day  
26 — Jan. 2 — RHI Closed  
31 — New Year's Eve

## 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 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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.





