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# Newsletter

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## Rebuilding Hope Partners With Area Churches to Build Deck, Ramp

Led by Rebuilding Hope crew leader Cliff McClanahan (holding level), Richard Waverly, D.J. Neal, William Carter, Lynn Williams and Timothy Wimbish last month built a deck and ramp at this home in Henderson. The team members represent St. Delight United Holy Church, Mitchell Baptist Church and Flat Creek Baptist Church. If your church or organization is looking for a project that will serve our communities, see [How to Bring a Group to RHI](#) and [Building Wheelchair Ramps: Answers to Your Questions](#) elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser Sept. 30

The RHI Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser returns. The event is on the calendar for Friday, Sept. 30.

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.



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The Vance County board of commissioners presents Rebuilding Hope founder Randolph Wilson (left) with a framed resolution recognizing the ministry's work since it began in 2006. Also pictured are Leo Kelly Jr. (center), chairman of the board, and Jordan McMillen, county manager.

## Rebuilding Hope, the Wilsons Honored by Commissioners

The Vance County board of commissioners at its July meeting recognized Rebuilding Hope Inc. and Randolph and Gail Wilson, its founders, for the ministry's success in providing opportunities for volunteers to share the Gospel while meeting families' physical needs.

Calling Rebuilding Hope "a beacon of hope for families in need" and a "critical resource in Vance County," the board presented Randolph with a framed resolution at its meeting on July 5.

Randolph and Gail founded the Rebuilding Hope ministry in 2006. The ministry provides tools, materials and leadership for volunteers who build wheelchair ramps, reroof homes and complete minor home repairs while sharing the love of Jesus.

The resolution:

*Whereas, Rebuilding Hope, Inc. was formed by Randolph and Gail Wilson in 2006 with a focus on providing opportunities to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others through practical learning and experiences that teach servant-hood and personal missions; and,*

*Whereas, since its formation Rebuilding Hope has used home repairs to meet the physical needs of hurting*

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### Can You Use Some Gatorade? We Have a Truckload

God's Pit Crew, a non-profit, faith-based ministry in Danville, Va., last month donated a truckload of Gatorade to Rebuilding Hope, which, in turn, notified local organizations of the availability of the beverage. Local organizations that can use the Gatorade are invited to contact Rebuilding Hope. Pictured in left photo are (from left) Vassie Vaught, the delivery driver, Rebuilding Hope coordinator Randolph Wilson and RHI volunteer Walt Slaton. Pictured in right photo are Linda and Vassie Vaught. The Virginia ministry, with over 700 volunteers, is a crisis response team.

### Resolution

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people while gaining the opportunity to share the gospel and minister to their spiritual needs; and

Whereas, their annual summer Servants on Site mission program provides a tool for churches to mobilize, equip and disciple their students while completing hand-capped ramps, roof repairs, and other critical home repairs for elderly, disabled and low to moderate income individuals and families in Vance County and the region; and

Whereas, their regular Kids' Construction Camp provides hands-on experience with basic construction skills for children in the community; and

Whereas, the mission of Rebuilding Hope is made possible through many local churches and volunteers who donate their time, gifts, and financial resources to provide host sites and assist with housing, feeding, and teaching the hundreds of volunteers who come to the area and provide tens of thousands of volunteer hours each year; and

Whereas, Rebuilding Hope is a beacon of hope for families in need and is a critical resource in Vance County.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Rebuilding Hope, Inc. for its success in creating opportunities for individuals and groups who are restoring broken lives in Vance County and furthermore bestows appreciation upon Randolph and Gail Wilson for their calling and dedication to this cause.

### RHI Speakers Bureau



The Rebuilding Hope Speakers Bureau is ready to go in 2022. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## Fundraiser

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The familiar menu will include green beans, potatoes and dessert.

Volunteers will deliver orders for five or more plates. Call and place your order. Dinners may be picked up in the drive-through area or enjoyed in the RHI dining room.

Volunteers are needed both the day before and the day of the fundraiser. The day before, bread and desserts are bagged; cups are filled with barbecue sauce. On fundraiser day, helping hands are needed to fill plates and keep the serving line supplied.

## RHI's 2022 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

### 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

## NOTICES

**Men's Prayer Group meets 7-8:30 each Thursday morning.**

Coffee & Breakfast Biscuits are served. Full breakfast is served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

All men are welcome.

Homeowners living in homes that need repairs that they are unable to otherwise make may make application Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We accept used appliances that are in good working order and make them available at no cost to people in need.

## 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.

## Share Our Newsletter

If you know someone who would enjoy our newsletter, send the email address to us at [info@rebuildinghopeinc.org](mailto:info@rebuildinghopeinc.org)

Check us out online at [Rebuildinghopeinc.org](http://Rebuildinghopeinc.org)

Or follow us on [Facebook](#)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## 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

## 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.

## 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.



