

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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Thankful for You at Thanksgiving — and Always

We come to a time of the year when we say thank you to the volunteers and other supporters of the Rebuilding Hope ministry. And, as always, saying thank you never seems like enough. "Rebuilding Homes, Lives and Hearts" is our mission, a mission we couldn't carry out without you.



There is much to be thankful for this year after two years of canceling events because of the pandemic. The April and September barbecue chicken dinner fundraisers were back on the schedule. The familiar Servants on Site week in June — our signature project — was likely our best yet. August brought youngsters back to our Kids' Construction Camp.

All through the year, our Clayton Homes partners helped us build numerous wheelchair ramps. Renovation of our second floor was completed, and we added a second shower trailer to our fleet of vehicles.

Each of these activities provide opportunities for us to not only meet physical needs in our communities, but also to present the soul-saving Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Rebuilding Homes, Lives and Hearts" is the mission to which God has called us. With humble hearts, we strive daily to be faithful to that calling.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Rebuilding Hope.

Randolph

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Allie Outhouse has joined the volunteer team at Rebuilding Hope and will help visitors with our application process and field telephone calls.

Rebuilding Hope's Volunteer Team Grows

Rebuilding Hope welcomes Allie Outhouse to the team of volunteers.

Allie is no stranger to the ministry. "Having served in Servants on Site, I thought perhaps I could serve Randolph and Ms. Gail in a different way."

The Franklinton resident will man the visitors' office, helping with applications for assistance and fielding telephone calls.

"I love that Rebuilding Hope is the hands and feet in the community, physically demonstrating the love of Christ," she says.

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Most Envied Fundraiser Volunteers?



It's possible that these ladies were the most envied volunteers at the Fall Barbecue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser in September. Tending to the desserts were Carolyn Wortham, Nancy Eason and Brenda Wheeler. More photos of the fundraiser appear on pages 4 and 5.

RHI's 2022 Calendar

Dates and events are subject to change.

November

11 – Veterans Day

23-25 – RHI Closed for Thanksgiving

December - January

24 – Jan. 2 — Closed for Christmas and New Year's

Volunteer

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Most rewarding about volunteering at RHI is "knowing that every act of service makes a difference in easing the burdens of difficulties of life while putting Christ first."

Encouraging others to volunteer, Allie says, "Volunteering is a selfless service that grows people by opening their eyes to how Christ is moving in different areas."

In her leisure time, she enjoys Chinese dramas and comedies.

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.



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.

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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.

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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.



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

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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.

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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.

Our Monthly Newsletter

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The loading dock sheltered cookers from rain on fundraiser day.

Volunteers, Community Support Make for Successful Fundraiser

We're once again grateful to all the volunteers who worked to make our 2022 Fall Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser comeback a success. The pandemic had forced us to cancel the event the two previous falls.

The day before the fundraiser on Sept. 30, volunteers bagged bread and desserts and filled cups with barbecue sauce. On fundraiser day, cooking the main course took a different course this year. Much needed rain forced cookers off the parking lot and onto our loading dock and into the back-lot storage building.

Beyond the preparation and serving were all of you who purchased the plates of chicken, beans and potatoes and the desserts. After each fundraiser we've published a photo gallery in the newsletter as a way of thanking all who volunteered and purchased dinners, including some of the businesses that purchased multiple dinners. On fundraiser day, we couldn't get around to all the businesses, but we are grateful to you, one and all. In total, you purchased over 600 dinners.

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

Look for the 2023 Spring Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser in April.



Preparing plates for delivery requires many volunteer hands.



Thank you to Brewer Cycles, represented by Jeff Shearin, Martin Foster, Gervase Scott and Ralph Iglesias.



And to Builder's Discount Center. Pictured are Chuck Elliott and Hunter Hobson



Ready for lunch at Farm Bureau are Angie Glover, Ashley Wright, Jamie Harris and Tim O'Geary.

More fundraiser photos on next page



Fall 2022 Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser



Bagging bread is a day-before task.



Sheltered from the rain in the maintenance and storage building, volunteers keep an eye on the main course.



Everyone kept dry on fundraiser day thanks to the garage doors at each end of the warehouse. From top to bottom, customers entered the warehouse, volunteers loaded orders, and exit was at the rear.

