



# Home Helps

*a ministry of Servants, Inc.*

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Servants' Workcamp Northeast** **July 29- August 2, 2013**

### **Preliminary Fact Sheet**

#### **Overview**

In 2007, Servants started a new ministry in York County, Pennsylvania, called Home Helps. This ministry provides home maintenance and repair services to homeowners who, for whatever reason, are unable to do the work themselves and are unable to pay professionals to do the work for them. Senior Citizens, people with disabilities, and single parents are the primary focus of Home Helps.

Our mission is to improve the lives of people in York County. Our purpose is to give them hope and help them see and feel the love of Jesus Christ. In the first 5 years of ministry, God has enabled us to serve over 350 different homeowners.

In 2009, we kicked off our 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Servants' Workcamp Northeast** which focuses on service in the Northeastern School District of York County. A work camp is a concentrated event that brings multiple groups of volunteers together to serve our neighbors in need. It is actually a local "Mission Trip" where volunteers can do everything as if they traveled to a distant location; however, they can enjoy their own hot shower and sleep in their own beds at night.

#### **Cost**

Servants does not charge a fee to participate in this Work Camp. We do, however, look for donations to offset our costs. The average cost of materials per home is \$350. This is dependent on the project and varies greatly. We also incur costs for food and drinks for the volunteers. As a volunteer, if you are willing to make a donation toward these costs, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can spread the word to others about this outreach opportunity and the need for funding, this also would be a blessing. By doing this, you may enable someone to serve in another way.

#### **Host Facility**

We will be utilizing Starview UCC as our host facility this year. Starview UCC is located at 4832 N. Sherman St. Ext, Mt. Wolf, PA 17347. They have graciously offered their site for this year's camp and will be the base of operations for all meals and material distributions.

#### **Food/Meals**

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided for volunteers during the week. Breakfast and the evening meal are provided and served by area churches throughout the week. Lunch materials will be provided at the host facility; however, team members are responsible for packing their own lunches to take to the jobsite. We try to offer a nutritious variety each day. Friday evening will include a celebration dinner with the homeowners.

## **Staffing/Project Planning**

Servants will provide some leadership for projects. We will arrange for all necessary materials to be on the jobsite for the work to proceed. It is our job to make serving easy for you. The work may not be easy, but the process should be! Any personal tools you can bring would be helpful, and appreciated.

## **Work Plans**

We will be working on various types of projects. Work could entail drywall, painting, roofing, flooring, yard work, and other minor construction/maintenance tasks. We will do our best, with God's help, to place you on a project where your "gifts and talents" can be best utilized. We ask for your patience and flexibility. We remind you that "sharing the love of Jesus Christ" is our primary mission.

## **Possible Workday Schedule**

<b>7:00</b>	Arrive, pack lunches, fellowship together
<b>7:15</b>	Devotions
<b>7:30</b>	Breakfast, finish packing lunches
<b>8:00</b>	Work projects
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch
<b>4:00-4:30</b>	Wrap up on site
<b>5:00</b>	Devotions/Debriefing
<b>5:15</b>	Dinner

## **Devotions**

We strive to make this a spiritual journey for the volunteers and for the homeowners. We encourage you to participate in all of the devotions. If you feel called to lead any of the devotions, please let Trent or Todd know about this desire.

## **Work Site Dress**

We require closed-toed shoes or boots, knee-length shorts or pants, long-sleeve shirts (recommended-not required), and modest tops. You will be performing construction type work and should dress appropriately for safety.

## **Ages**

At Servants, we believe that God calls and uses people of any age to serve Him and the people in need. We highly encourage youth at least 14 years old to serve and to encourage their friends to serve also. A ratio of 1 adult to 5 youth has worked well in the past and allows great mentoring between youth and adult leaders, especially skilled adult leaders.

We welcome youth younger than 14 years; however, we ask that they serve with a parent, or at a minimum, to work beside a youth group leader on a 1 to 1 ratio. There is no upper age limit (or excuses) to serve Christ by serving others.

**More details will be provided at team meetings prior to the work camp.**

**\*\*There is a mandatory orientation meeting Sunday night, July 28, @ 6:30PM at Starview UCC**

**In order to make our work camps successful and rewarding to both homeowners and volunteers, we will be capping our registrations at 100 volunteers. Deadline for registration is July 12<sup>th</sup>**

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