## All for One

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."



### YOUR spiritual gifts joined with ours to work MIRACLES!

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? My guess is — because you are a donor and/or volunteer for ASP — at least one of them is GIVING or HELPING others generously. And I want to say a heart-felt **THANK YOU** for using your gifts to help families in Appalachia!

Our 2012 theme came from I Corinthians 12 — which lists several different spiritual gifts that God gives His children. Another list is found in Romans 12. Both places describe a beautiful scene where Christ has called together all kinds of different people, given us different gifts... different talents... different resources... and different abilities...

All so we can work together to serve others and build them up in faith.

Each time you GIVE or VOLUNTEER with ASP, you are exercising your spiritual gift and together with ours, we build up families... restore hope... and change lives!

In essence, you are one of the pieces God uses to birth a miracle. So let me remind you of a few miracles God worked through **YOU** in 2012...



Dr. Walter B. Crouch ASP President & CEO

## our. . vision

To see substandard housing in Central Appalachia *eradicated* and everyone who comes into contact with ASP *transformed*.

#### our . mission

ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires *hope* and *service* through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia.

## guiding principles

- We believe that each person is a child of God imbued with dignity and worth.
- We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.
- We believe that affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right.
- We are committed to witness through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.
- → We believe God calls volunteers to serve others as partners in ministry and we will encourage their growth in faith as they are involved in this service.
- We believe where ASP is involved in local communities we will encourage, affirm and support social and economic justice.

# FAMILIES served in 2012

I was so happy everyday to see the van. Prepared with electric drills, hammers and a sheet rock knife, you came in to

fix my home but you changed my life. Each and every one of you touched my heart. This is just the beginning of a brand new start. I love you all so very much.

— Elisha J., Anderson, TN

"I was convinced that there was no longer good left in the world, however, after meeting such wonderful Christian people, I now am convinced God is still present in our lives and that He has a reason for all of our existence. May God bless all of you."

— Danny V., Sevier, TN

"You restored my faith — it's amazing that people you don't even know will come together to help someone. My little girl would've never had a bedroom and pretty soon we wouldn't have had a home. I am eternally grateful. If I EVER get the

chance, I will pay this forward to the best of my ability. You guys did more for me than you will ever know."

— Chenoa W., Perry, KY

Because you
built this
wheelchair ramp,
we no longer have to
carry Molly up and down
the stairs to the car!
— Bryant Family, WV

YOU TURN DRY CREEK TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH

On August 5, 2012, floodwaters ravaged the community of Dry Creek, TN.

One year later, nearly ALL those homes have been rebuilt by ASP friends like YOU!

#### Flood victim gets new home one year later

August 2nd, 2013 - **Johnson City Press** by SUE GUINN LEGG, Press Staff Writer

One year after floodwaters destroyed her home, 89-yearold Annabelle King of Cash Hollow was presented the keys to a newly constructed house Friday, one of 22 new homes built through the Washington County New Build project launched by Johnson City-based Appalachia Service Project in response to the flood of Aug. 5, 2012.

One year ago Monday, King was three months short of her 89th birthday, home alone and wading knee deep in water inside her house after torrential rains brought the little creek that runs through Cash Hollow out of its banks and over her community.

"I've been in that house 70 years and the flood came right through it," the spry octogenarian said, unfazed by the news crews gathered to hear her story and the story of the new home that was recently completed on her property. "I was up to my knees. ... The rescue squad got me out."

King's 15-year-old great-granddaughter, Cassi Nickols, remembers King's first words as she stepped out of the floodwaters. "The first words she said were, 'What am I going to do?' And the next morning it was a miracle from God. There were all kinds of people here."

Much like Nickols' recollection of the flood response, the nonprofit ASP ministry was quick to step in.

Partnering with Washington County, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, the Small Business Administration, many community partners and hundreds of volunteer youth groups from churches around the country that the ministry brings to the Appalachian region each summer, ASP has replaced nearly two dozen homes destroyed by last year's flood and repaired many others that were damaged, all at no cost to the homeowners.

To replace King's home, the Johnson City Area Home Builders Association stepped up as the New Build project's sponsors and JCAHBA's president, Tim Hicks of Hicks Construction, served as the lead contractor. With the property just a little more than a foot above the creek, Hicks said King's new home site presented some extra challenges, but nothing that 18 loads of fill dirt and five loads of shale and gravel could not overcome.

"We built it up above the flood plain, and I don't believe the flood can get her now," he said. "We've overseen a few of these homes, and it has been a great pleasure for the Johnson City Area Home Builders Association. All that the Appalachia Service Project has done around this community is a great blessing."



With that said, Hicks handed King her door keys and asked if she'd like to take the ramp that leads around the house to her back door. "No, I want you to take me up those steps and go in the front door,' she said. And so Hicks did.

Inside, with the news crews, her four daughters and many of her 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 14-great-great grandchildren gathered around her, King finally wept. "I don't know what to say. I just want to stand and look," she said. "It's something I never thought I'd have."

A few tears and several hugs later she concluded, "I want to thank every one who did this."

And on Friday night, King, who has spent the past year at the home of her oldest daughter, slept in her new bed, in her new bedroom, in her new house at her old address at 406 Cash Hollow Road.



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I realized this is the best vacation I could have ever had ... our family was so happy we stopped the rain inside their house! from our 2012

I wouldn't trade it for anything.

"Being on ASP summer staff has shaped my life more than anything or anyone else. You spend all summer being challenged, stretched and loved beyond what you thought was possible. At the end of every summer I have left Appalachia closer to the version of myself I want to be. ASP has made me a better person."

"Greatest job in the world."

"I have had the best summer of my life, learning about myself, others and God. I have gained time management and organizational skills that I will use the rest of my life."

## 2012 by the numbers

Penny S., WV, and

ASP staffer, Ben Litke

KENTUCKY (192 homes) NORTH CAROLINA (16 homes) TENNESSEE (141 homes) VIRGINIA (111 homes) WEST VIRGINIA (136 homes)

#### **SUMMARY STATISTICS**

15,999 volunteers from 31 states Investment in Communities Served: \$20,435,620.92\*

#### 1,901 people served

- ✓ 645 children (under 18)
- √ 567 elderly (60+)
- ✓ 129 elderly living alone
- ✓ 534 disabled
- √ 116 single-parent families
- √ 54 grandparents raising grandchildren

#### 596 homes repaired

- √ 93 foundations repaired/replaced
- ✓ 253 homes insulated
- √ 455 floors replaced/repaired
- ✓ 289 porches, landings or steps added
- √ 83 plumbing repaired/replaced
- √ 53 electrical wiring updates
- ✓ 19 room additions
- √ 157 roofs repaired or replaced
- √ 74 wheelchair ramps
- ✓ Also 6 complete homes

Number of families who applied for help but we were unable to serve: 3,077

\*ASP's direct expenditures, volunteer labor and volunteer spending in communities served





Three gunshots — which serve as the local fire alarm rang out one afternoon in July and the volunteer crew from Nichols UMC in Trumbull, CT, saw a blue-white plume of smoke billowing out of a trailer down the street from their assigned worksite. Without a moment's hesitation, they all began running toward the fire to see how they could help. A first responder drove up with an assortment of buckets in his truck. ASP volunteers quickly formed a "bucket brigade" from the river behind the house and within minutes — the fire was put out. The fire truck pulled up right then and one of the firemen told an adult leader, "If you had not done this, that trailer would have been completely gone — most trailer fires last less than five minutes!"

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Thank God, no one was home at the time but the young couple who lived here with their two young children stopped by the worksite the next day to say thanks! This story is just one more reason why we say — ASP has the best volunteers anywhere!



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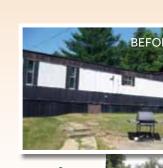
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**AFTER** 

a new roof



### gave people back their homes!

139 tornados ripped through the Midwest in March 2012 .... During this severe storm, 39 people were killed and hundreds of millions of dollars of damage were sustained by families and businesses many of whom had very little or no insurance to cover such losses.

Thanks to your gifts and service, 27 families in Kentucky were able to get their homes repaired!



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As a teenager, I reluctantly took part in my first ASP experience over 20 years ago. I was not a kid who enjoyed church or church people, and I did not see the point of spending my own money to go and sleep on the floor of a high school in the mountains to help a complete stranger. But I climbed into the church van and headed far from home.

And I have never been the same.

ASP gave me eyes to see Christ. To see Christ in the faces of the families we serve. To see Christ in the joy of volunteers finding meaning and purpose as they swing hammers and repair roofs. To see Christ in His Kingdom being built, one heart at a time.

Like many of you, I owe a tremendous debt to this organization, because it taught me how to believe in miracles. It gave me hope in what the people of God could do when they united together for a common cause... It helped me to understand that every miracle begins when we give our best...

And it also helped me accept the awesome responsibility that without us, God's work won't get done.

When we give to ASP, we are doing much more than repairing homes — we are changing the world. We help families in tremendous poverty stay warm in the winter. We send volunteers home convinced that they can make a difference.

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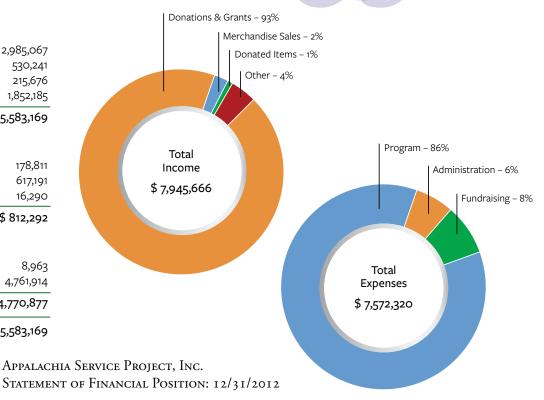
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This is an informal summary of our financial results for the year ending 12/31/2012. Copies of the audit report conducted by independent auditors are available from our Philanthropy Department. Please email *lyssa.perry@buildanewyou.org* 



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