

RESTORING HOPE

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Why I Volunteer

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others. Philippians. 2:4

Veronica Young



Veronica Young volunteers as a Good Neighbors' Ambassador. She visits and prays with various homeowners. She has also spent several years cooking meals for our youth camp.

"I volunteer with Good Neighbors because of the people and the comradery. It also gives

me the opportunity to do the things that Jesus would do."

Micah Freer

Micah Freer began volunteering with Good Neighbors when he attended Youth Camp several summers ago. More recently he served as a summer intern for Good Neighbors.

"I volunteer with Good Neighbors because it provides a meaningful opportunity to serve people in the community who are truly in need of assistance."



Mike Smith

Mike Smith serves as an individual volunteer making repairs to homes throughout Chester County and New Castle County.

"I volunteer for Good Neighbors because I enjoy helping people who are less fortunate and are in need. It is rewarding to see how they [homeowners] appreciate the work that's being done."



Since Good Neighbors started in 1992, volunteers have been an essential part of our work in the community. Without volunteers, we couldn't get much done! In 2019 alone, 518 volunteers logged 8,381 hours working alongside Good Neighbors' project managers and staff. We cannot thank you enough! According to an Independent Sector Study, a volunteer is worth on average, \$24.14 an hour! Your service to Good Neighbors empowers us to make more repairs at less cost which means that every donated dollar makes three dollars of repairs!

Volunteerism doesn't just make a difference for nonprofits, it also makes a difference for the volunteers themselves. Studies show that people who volunteer report less incidences of depression, an increase in self-confidence and a greater sense of purpose. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer with Good Neighbors this year....so why not give us a call!

The Importance of Volunteering

Below is an excerpt from an essay written by Brian Barrett on the importance of volunteering. Brian attended the 2019 Good Neighbors' Youth Camp this past summer. He was awarded \$500 for writing the winning essay in our Annual Youth Camp Essay Competition.

The importance of volunteering can be summed up in a single word: hope. While volunteering is important because it puts a roof over someone's head or fixes an unstable deck, the true power of volunteering is in the hope it brings into people's lives.

Volunteering is important because it brings hope into the lives of the homeowners. Homeowners that need volunteer work often lack the physical or financial abilities to do the work themselves. They may feel dejected or abandoned. They may begin to lose faith in themselves, the world, or even God. When these homeowners see dozens of volunteers give up a week of their time to help a stranger, it changes their outlook on life. They realize that there are people out there that care for them and love them. Even more importantly, they remember that God loves them and has a plan for them.



Brian Barrett

SAVE THE DATES



2ND ANNUAL CORPORATE VOLUNTEER WEEK April 27 to May 1, 2020

Join us in restoring hope by helping repair low income homes in New Castle County, DE. Volunteer groups can serve for half a day or for a full day.

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Direct all inquiries to Rachel Metzger
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Your Monthly Giving at Work

WARMER

\$250
per month

Replace a heater for an elderly homeowner.

HEALTHIER

\$100
per month

Install hardwood floors for someone suffering from chronic breathing issues.

DRIER

\$50
per month

Provide roof repairs for single mothers

SAFER

\$25
per month

Provide grab bars for disabled homeowners



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