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Repairing Homes During the Covid Summer

by Nina Taylor



Sharon Rendle

Covid-19 is affecting all of us in different ways, and it's had an impact on us as an organization. As we look to the future, we expect to see more homeowners in need as a result of ongoing job losses. The economic impact of this pandemic is heavy on our hearts and minds.

This summer, all of our youth camps were canceled. The idea for Family Days came out of a staff meeting as we saw things changing in the spring. Families working together seemed like a chance to provide people with volunteer experiences while maintaining safety.

We still think it was a great and sensible idea, but it didn't generate much interest among families. Fortunately, a handful of area churches stepped in to volunteer. A bit of good news is that Covid has provided the opportunity to develop some new relationships with area churches.

One of our church volunteer projects was for Sharon. Her roof had been leaking for two years before Good Neighbors replaced it in August. Sharon is a social worker who has spent her life helping people, but due to a significant injury she can no longer work full time.

Sharon, from Bear, DE, is full of joy and eager to bless others. When she realized her neighbors had an even worse roof leak than she did, she wanted to see Good Neighbors repair their roof first, which we did. "Everything is in God's timing," Sharon said. "I recommend everyone journal and write their prayer requests and watch God work because it will be his timing."

Your support makes it possible to help homeowners like Sharon. In a year when so many are suffering and we all are exhausted from living in "unprecedented times" and "a new normal," join us in Restoring Hope in neighborhoods throughout southern Chester and northern New Castle counties.



Harold Naylor
Executive Director

Dear friends,

Pivoting and flexing are exhausting! Six months of adjusting plans have stretched us in ways we never imagined. We have been forced to re-tool our approaches to volunteers, working inside, and raising resources. In this newsletter you will read about a summer without our traditional overnight youth camp, and Portraits of Hope, our gala which is going virtual this year.

We are thankful for God's provision of resources, safety for our staff and clients and volunteers, and a team that does not give up. Instead, they say "How can we accomplish this?" We have been blessed with the addition of new and younger talent, too.

Please put October 24 on your calendar for an inspiring and fun virtual gala (a mere 45 minutes!) where you can join hands with us as we celebrate and commit to Restoring Hope by Repairing Homes, one homeowner at a time.

Thank you again for your generosity and friendship!

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