

RESTORING HOPE



What Would You Do?

by Nina Groop

What would you do if your furnace was broken and replacing it required more financial resources than you have available, because those resources were necessary for food, medicine, gas, and the mortgage? In 2021 we replaced a furnace for a widow in Oxford; she has lupus, and her 13-year-old daughter and adult son with an intellectual disability live with her. Her daughter said, "My mom needs to rest." We trust that replacing her furnace provided relief from stress and allowed her some of the rest she needed.

Single parent families represent a quarter to a third of the 150 or so homeowners we help in any given year. Here are



a few we helped this past year:

- A single mom of eight. We repaired her roof as well as the rotting window trim.
- A single mom of four. We repaired her front porch and back deck, and we replaced the back steps, which were rotting.
- A single mom of four. We replaced her roof and electrical service.
- A single mom of two. We rebuilt her unsafe front porch and steps.
- A single mom who has lupus and is currently on disability from her job as a social worker. We replaced her roof, siding, and windows.

Good Neighbors doesn't just repair homes, we restore hope, and we've been doing that for 30

years. A warm, safe, dry, and healthy home goes hand-in-hand with the kind of hope that sustains people—hope that's as tangible as bread.

In honor of our 30th anniversary and all the single parents who work so hard every day to take care of their families on their own, we have launched **hope30**. We hope you will join us in celebrating this anniversary by making a monthly or one-time donation of \$30 to benefit single parent families. These parents carry the burden for their entire household and that takes a toll. With your support, we can help bear their burdens. When we repair their homes for free, we love our neighbors as ourselves and fulfill the law of Christ.

It's an honor to do this work, and we are grateful for every home we have repaired and every life we have touched in the past 30 years. We welcome your partnership in restoring hope.





Thirty years of serving our community! This year is the anniversary of three decades of positive impact in Chester and New Castle counties. Little did our founders know that what started as “helping a church widow here and there” would blossom into a mercy ministry touching over 300 people every year!

This year we are highlighting single parent homeowners, those who burn the candle at both ends. These (mostly) moms are working so hard to provide shelter, clothing, and food while also providing the love and attention their children need. I cannot personally identify with these situations, but I have heard their hearts of gratitude when that roof is repaired, or the porch is safe to walk on, or the heater properly warms the house. This is when we know that we have been used by God to bring real hope to a neighbor in need.

These are tough times for many homeowners; some statistics show that **35 percent of homes of low-income families need major repairs. That equals thousands in our local area.** We believe that God has blessed and grown this ministry so that we can help more each year.

Please consider joining the team of partners who want to be part of the solution for those needing major repairs and living in unsafe and unhealthy homes.

Bless you!

Harold Naylor, Executive Director



Imagine a home that is dryer, warmer, safer, and healthier because you helped make it so. Please join us in celebrating our 30th anniversary by making a monthly or one-time donation of \$30 to benefit single parent families.

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RESERVE YOUR PLACE HANDS OF HOPE

TWO CORPORATE WORK WEEKS
IN 2022

We are looking for volunteers from businesses and organizations to join us this spring and fall in restoring hope by making critical home repairs for low-income homeowners.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE
MAY 2-6, 2022

CHESTER COUNTY, PA
SEPTEMBER 12-16, 2022

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