

RESTORING HOPE

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FROM A GOOD NEIGHBORS HOMEOWNER

by Rachel Metzger

The roof had been leaking into the kitchen for weeks and now mold was beginning to develop in the corners. Ernette whispered a prayer and asked God to provide a way to fix the roof before it caved in on herself and her two daughters. The expense of such a major repair was more than Ernette could afford, so in desperation, she contacted Love INC, a Delaware clearinghouse for those in need. Love INC encouraged Ernette to submit an application to Good Neighbors Home Repair. Soon after her application was submitted, God did indeed provide a way, because Ernette was informed that she qualified for repairs. Just a few weeks later, a Good Neighbors' project manager arrived at her house to measure her badly damaged roof.

Upon Good Neighbors arrival to the worksite it was clear that Ernette's home needed more than just a new roof! The exterior needed a new coat of paint, several gutters required attention, a cracked window in the front of the house was being held together with duct tape and much of the drywall of the bedroom ceilings needed to be replaced. Tom the project manager proposed to address all of these needs at no expense to Ernette and laid out a plan to make all the necessary repairs. This was far beyond anything that Ernette expected!

Later, after the repairs were complete, Ernette wrote a thank you note to Love INC and Good Neighbors. In it she wrote that the arrival of the Good Neighbors' work crew was as if, "the Lord Jesus Christ sent angels to my house...I was praying for God to help me to do something with the roof, but through these men, God did exceedingly and abundantly above ALL I could ask or think." All the work was done cheerfully, professionally and to her satisfaction. In fact, the volunteers seemed to enjoy their work so much that they sang while they repaired her roof. "It reminded me of the seven dwarfs with Snow White!" Ernette wrote jokingly.

Ernette and her daughters are now enjoying a warmer, safer, drier home thanks to the generosity of Good Neighbors' volunteers and their donors. Her letter of thanks concluded with this simple verse from Hebrews 6:10: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you helped his people and continue to help them."

EAGER HANDS: EILEEN ROGERS

by Rachel Metzger

The author of Proverbs 31 praises the virtuous woman for doing her work with “eager hands” and no Good Neighbors’ volunteer better demonstrates that than Eileen Rogers. Anyone who has ever volunteered alongside Eileen on a Good Neighbors’ project knows this is true of her, and if you find yourself without a task, be careful, because Eileen will find something for you to do! Eileen’s expert organizational and leadership skills have made her a vital volunteer and her five years of faithful service have been an absolute blessing to the Good Neighbors’ ministry. Eileen serves on the Advancement Committee and heads up the Events Team. If you had the privilege to attend last September’s GNopoly event, you probably saw Eileen at the helm. She and her team coordinate all of Good Neighbors’ events. Along with event planning, Eileen is also working to recruit local Delaware high schoolers to participate in service projects on Good Neighbors’ work sites.



Eileen Rogers

Eileen’s love and passion for the Good Neighbors’ ministry began just like many others when she participated in several corporate workday events sponsored by one of Good Neighbors’ long time corporate sponsors, Covenant Wealth Strategies. She was so impressed by the work being done that when the offer to join the Advancement Team was extended, she gladly accepted.

A resident of Delaware for 28 years, she and her husband Robert have three children. She is presently employed in marketing at CSC Global in Wilmington. When asked what she loves most about Good Neighbors she noted the mission to restore hope, the fabulous volunteers, the committed board members and Good Neighbors’ excellent stewardship of their resources. Thanks Eileen! We couldn’t do it without you!



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SETTING RECORDS IN 2017

324 highest number
of people served

126 highest number
of homes repaired
in one year

HEATERS
REPAIRED **13** 11 in PA
2 in DE

HEATERS
INSTALLED **7** 4 in PA
3 in DE

2018 GOAL

to help **140** families

(so we need more volunteers and donors ... just sayin')

2 Youth Work Camps this summer!

July 8-13 Faith Presbyterian
hosting 20 youth

July 15-20 Avondale Presbyterian
will host another group
of youth