"Looking to an Exciting New Future"

As we begin 2019, and the 9th year of existence for Rippling Hope, it’s a good time to reflect on where we’ve been, but more importantly to look ahead to where we are going. Where we have been, is reflected and measured in the report of numbers included in this newsletter. But the numbers only reflect the tip of the iceberg, because the real measure of where we’ve been is reflected in the ever unfolding and deepening relationships with our neighbors and partners. A neighborhood leader recently shared how much her neighborhood loved having us do work there and asked me if I felt good about what we’ve done since we’ve been in Detroit? I responded, “sure it’s a good feeling to know that the work we’ve done has helped folks with their homes, but what I feel the best about is the nature and depth of the relationships we have formed and that are being formed most every day.”

As we look ahead to the future, we will continue to keep relationships at the center of who we are and what we do! We will continue to offer home repair/maintenance services to our neighborhood partners. And throughout 2019 we also have several new initiatives to share:

**Training Classes for Homeowners:** We have formed a Neighborhood Collaborative Initiative with Birwood House and Christ Love Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (some of our neighborhood partners) to offer a monthly series of Home Maintenance/Repair Classes beginning in February.

**Tool Library for Neighborhood Partners:** Homeowners from our neighborhood partners and Neighborhood groups will be able to come and check out tools to complete projects at their homes/neighborhoods (yard tools, saws, ladders, etc.).

**Lawn Maintenance Crew:** We are exploring the creation of a Lawn Maintenance Crew to provide low cost yard services to our neighborhood partners. The work force would be made up of young people who are residents of our neighborhoods. This will be part of a larger work force development project that is being planned.

**Long Range Strategic Plan:** As we move towards our 10th Anniversary a diverse group is working on a Long-Range Strategic Plan to chart our course into the future.

I invite you to plan a time to serve with us in Detroit, for a day or a week! There is much to do and the calls for service are increasing. And it will give you the opportunity to meet some new neighbors and form some new relationships with part of the family here in Detroit!

Blessings, Carl

**BY THE NUMBERS**

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THANK YOU to all our Homeowners, Volunteers, Individuals, Faith Communities, Corporate/Civic/Service Groups, Donors, State & Local Government Officials, and Collaborative Partners, for being in relationship with Rippling Hope in 2018. Looking forward to an even more exciting 2019!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2019** "THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE...WE NEED YOU!"

Rippling Hope has service opportunities available year-round for individuals and groups for a day, weekend or a whole week. Registration information and a full schedule of Monthly scheduled workdays are listed on our website. We are happy to schedule a separate workday for you and/or your group. Visit our website, www.ripplinghope.org and look for “Volunteer Information”, or email or call Carl (carl@ripplinghope.org, 512-619-0575).
Changing Lives....  "Rippling Hope is one of the best organized and well put together mission outreach’s I have been Blessed to work with as a Youth Leader over the last 10+ years. The Detroit area is in as much need as any area you can imagine, while the people there are sweet and loving to work hand in hand with to improve their situation. God has truly touched His hand in this work.”  

Volunteer

Rippling Hope is a non-profit ministry that depends on volunteers, community leaders, partners, and donations. We serve neighbors in need through your support. Through that support and your prayers, communities are being connected... hope is being channeled and lives are being changed. The ministry of Rippling Hope is supported and grows through the generous donations of individuals, churches and corporate partners. To make a donation through PayPal please visit our website: www.ripplinghope.org; or send a check to: Rippling Hope (address below)

Connecting Communities…
“I was so proud of you all coming in and doing the much needed work around my home. Special thanks to the youth.”

Homeowner

Channeling Hope…
“You guys being here with us has helped empower our residents to do more in our neighborhood”

Neighborhood Leader

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