



"Sharing our Faith Through
Home Repair Mission"

Annual Report

Walking the Path

2010



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Walking the Path 2010

A Note from Dave

Greetings and Blessings;

You are holding a sacred document. It tells an epic story. It's a story of peanut butter consumed, shingles placed on roof tops, of septic drain lines laid to rest beneath tons of dirt. It draws a distinct image of epic drama as middle school and high school students with their adult leaders toiled in all kinds of weather to accomplish a mission. Not a secret one, but one filled with excitement, thrills and daring exploits.



Actually, while the words are a little over the top, the truth contained in them is very real. This annual report will give you an insider's look into the activities of our volunteers as they reached out to our neighbors in Western North Carolina. Homes repaired, young lives challenged, faith shared through hammers, paint and hard work.

Since 1990, ReCreation has provided home repair ministry to two distinct clients. The first being our neighbors in Western North Carolina and the second are the thousands of young people and their adult leaders who come to this place to discover what it means to put their faith into action. For many, they find that faith right here while participants in a home repair mission experience.

Enjoy the adventure, read and take part in the story that is unfolding, still being written across many hearts and lives. It is an Epic Adventure.

Shalom!

Dave Torbett
Executive Director

**"that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"
Colossians 1:10**

2010 Summary

The Volunteers

In 2010, ReCreation Experiences partnered with a total of 1163 volunteers representing a total of 52 teams from 13 states. The volunteers consisted of church youth groups representing the Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic, Multi-denominational, Evangelical Free, Lutheran, Baptist, Evangelical Friends, Non-denominational, Interdenominational, and Disciples of Christ denominations. Again, Westlake UMC was the farthest team traveled, coming from Austin, TX 1156 miles away. The closest team traveled was Munsey Memorial UMC from Johnson City, TN just 53 miles up the road. Our largest team of volunteers came from Peachtree Road UMC from Atlanta, GA with 71 participants. The smallest team was from the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Charlotte, NC with 5 participants. 68% of the volunteer teams were returning groups.



Posing before getting to work!

Projects



With the help of the youth and adult volunteers, ReCreation Experiences rehabilitated the homes of 29 residents and installed 10 septic systems for our neighbors in Western North Carolina who had a qualified need for home repair assistance. Lives were changed as leaky roofs were replaced with new ones and what were once distressed properties became homes again.

Project Statistics:

- 20,223 shingles
- 300 pounds of roofing nails
- 4,300 ft. of drip edge
- 321 sheets of 4X8 ft. OSB
- 63,000 button caps
- 44,200 sq. ft. of felt paper
- 595 gallons of paint
- Over 3,500 ft. of septic lines dug
- 33,150 volunteer hours worked



The Food

Here are some interesting facts regarding food consumption this summer.

We served:

- 312 gallons of lemonade
- 480 lbs of chicken
- 360 lbs of eggs
- 330 lbs of hamburgers
- 2520 slices of bacon
- 144 lbs of grape jelly
- 210 lbs of peanut butter
- 792 lbs of lasagna
- 5928 bags of chips
- 520 lbs of salad

Breaking for lunch after a productive morning.



Team Partnerships

"Youth Volunteer Groups"

American Baptist Campus Ministry- Muncie, IN
Big Canoe Chapel- Big Canoe, GA
Bunker Hill UMC- Kernersville, NC
Church of the Advent- Nashville, TN
Community Bible Church- High Point, NC
Davidson UMC- Davidson, NC
DeLand Mission Team- DeLand, FL
Faith UMC- Boynton Beach, FL
First Baptist Church- Raleigh, NC
First Baptist Church- Westfield, NY
First Christian Church- Hopkinsville, KY
First Christian Church- Huntsville, AL
First Friends Church- Canton, OH
First United Methodist Church- Dothan, AL
First United Methodist Church- Hayesville, NC
First United Methodist Church- Lakeland, FL
First United Methodist Church- Live Oak, FL
First United Methodist Church- Orlando, FL
First United Methodist Church- Springdale, AR
First United Methodist Church- Stuart, FL
First United Methodist Church- Winter Park, FL
Grace Community Church- Boca Raton, FL
Guilford College UMC- Greensboro, NC
Harbor UMC- Wilmington, NC
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church- Charlotte, NC
HOPE- Virginia Beach, VA
Lake Murray Presbyterian Church- Chapin, SC
Lewis Center UMC- Lewis Center, OH
Main Street UMC- Kernersville, NC
Memorial Chapel- Fort Lee, VA

Messiah Lutheran Church- Charlotte, NC
Mt. Carmel UMC- Winston-Salem, NC
Munsey Memorial UMC- Johnson City, TN
Oviedo Presbyterian Church- Oviedo, FL
Peachtree Rd. UMC- Atlanta, GA
Providence UMC- Fayetteville, GA
Spring of Life UMC- Orlando, FL
St. George's UMC- Fairfax, VA
St. Jude Catholic Church- New Lenox, IL
St. Mark's UMC- Murfreesboro, TN
St. Matthew UMC- Midwest City, OK
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church- Dunwoody, GA
St. Paul's Episcopal Church- Murfreesboro, TN
The Chapel- Akron, OH
Trinity UMC- Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Warrenton UMC- Warrenton, VA
Westlake UMC- Austin, TX
Wickliffe UMC- Midwest City, OK
Williamsburg Community Chapel- Williamsburg, VA

Professional Partnerships

"Businesses going the extra mile to help non-profits"

AAC Materials
Daniels Graphics
Griffin Waste Services
Lowe's
Milkco, Inc.
Reece Builders & Aluminum Co.
Sherwin Williams
Stickersandmore.com

HILAROS

God loveth a cheerful (hilaros) giver - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Crazy giving, God loves a person who gives, hilariously. ReCreation is built on the hilarious giving of our friends who come and serve, having paid a fee for the privilege of taking a week of their time, strapping on their boots and being worn out from the work. We are stronger because of the hilarious giving of those who make a financial sacrifice for the replacing of windows, restoration of a room, all to make our Red Oak Campus more usable as our base of operation. Our clients lives are changed by the hilarious giving of our friends who make a financial contribution to our materials fund, allowing our volunteers to go one step further in the restoration of a house becoming a home again.

Hilarious, cheerful, abundant giving that when put together with the spirit and energy of our volunteers changes lives in a way that only God and the people who are called the Church, the Body of Christ, can. In the last year, Hilarious giving accounted for almost 17% of our annual budget. A great amount for ReCreation in a year when the economy was struggling and personal wealth for many was at risk.

Our donated income for the year:

General Contributions To Operating	\$ 24,490
Designated Contributions	\$ 14,885
Capital Contributions, Red Oak	\$ 5,010
Grant Income	\$ 5,000
Other Similar Income	\$ 13,782
Total Donated Income for 2010	\$ 63,167

In addition we received the gift of a Dodge Ram Four Wheel Drive Truck, many donated tools and supplies as well as hours of service assisting in the restoration of the Red Oak Campus.

Hilarious giving by people and institutions who believe in the great work and ministry of ReCreation Experiences. As we continue to grow and serve and look for new and exciting opportunities to expand our ability to serve, we invite you to become a member of this hilarious band of givers. God loves it when we give, especially when we give in a moment and time when it is least expected. Join the hilarious band of givers that support and further the Kingdom of God in this place called ReCreation.



PARTNERSHIPS EXTEND SERVICES TO CLIENTS

ReCreation Experiences is dedicated to providing quality service and benefits to the clients it serves. One of the best and most productive means to achieve this is through the collaborative partnerships that have been formed with other organizations. In 2010, key partnerships allowed ReCreation to increase the level of work and extend the list of services we could provide. Below are the various community partnerships working in collaboration with ReCreation Experiences:

Community Partnerships

- AB Tech Community College
- ABYSA (Asheville Buncombe Youth Soccer Association)
- Asheville/Biltmore Volleyball Academy
- Carolina Flame Youth Basketball
- Christ United Methodist Church, Weaverville
- Community Housing Coalition of Madison County
- Land of Sky Regional Council
- Maranatha Baptist Church, Weaverville
- Mars Hill College
- North Carolina Rural Communities Assistance Project
- University of North Carolina- Asheville
- Wastewater Discharge Elimination Program (WADE)
- Yancey County Health Department

Meeting and exceeding the needs and expectations of our clients is a priority for all of these organizations. The ability to expand the level of services, idea sharing, ability to access additional financial, physical, in kind resources and funding, and the opportunity to work together greatly strengthens our presence in the communities we serve.



Partnerships & Donors

Foundations

Buncombe County Parks & Recreation
Department, Asheville, NC
Chatlos Foundation, Orlando, FL

Mission Partners

Glen Memorial Baptist Church,
St. Ignace, MI
Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC
Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta, GA
Salem UMC, Weaverville, NC
The Lord's Church of Asheville, NC
Wickline UMC, Midwest City, OK

Corporate Partners

Asheville-Buncombe Youth Soccer
Association
Winter Inspection Services, Boca
Raton, FL



Janelle DeJong
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Joyce Waggoner
Dick & Jacque Ward
Douglas Wasson
Warren & Martha White
Jere & Beverly Williams
Cathy Winterhalter
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Financial Statement

*For fiscal year: October 1, 2009
- September 30, 2010*



Income		% of Budget
Participant Fees	\$ 372,265	97.96%
Grant Income	\$ 12,119	191.61%
General Contributions	\$ 24,490	125.94%
Designated Contributions	\$ 19,895	110.53%
Other Income	\$ 17,835	222.94%
Expenses		
Program	\$ 337,030	74.04%
Management & General	\$ 118,196	25.96%
Assets		
Total Current Assets	\$ 97,402	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 492,654	
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>\$ 590,056</i>	
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0	
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 236,663	
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>\$ 236,663</i>	
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$ 362,015	
Net Income	\$ (8,622)	
<i>Total Equity</i>	<i>\$ 353,393</i>	
<i>Total Liabilities & Equity</i>	<i>\$ 590,056</i>	

- ReCreation Experiences is governed by a Board of Directors.
- The IRS Form 990 can be viewed on www.guidestar.org.
- Financial information about this organization and a copy of license are available from the Charitable Solicitation Licensing Section at 1-888-830-4989. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

ReCreation Experiences Leadership

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Executive Director

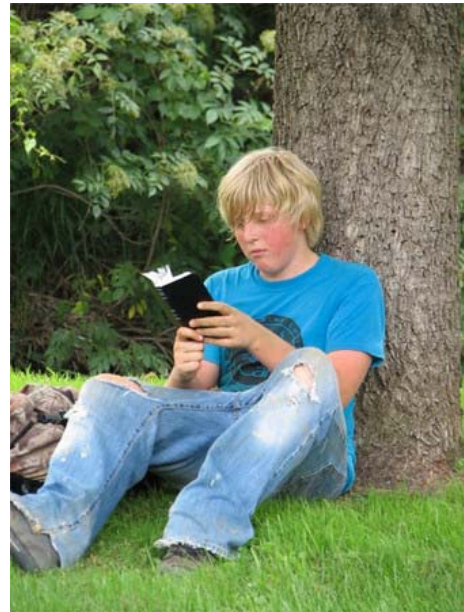
Rev. Jorge Herrera
Director of Home Repair Ministries

Josh DeGraff
Manager of Volunteer Resources



About ReCreation Experiences

ReCreation Experiences is a faith-based, nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization that has been in operation in Asheville, NC since 1990. "Sharing our Faith through Home Repair Mission" has developed as the mission statement as it provides a clear and concise explanation of the operation of the program. ReCreation provides a faith-based outlet for groups and individuals who are compelled to respond to the issues of poverty and substandard living in the WNC community. The volunteer teams extend assistance to those in our region who have a need for home rehab assistance. In doing so, a problem is solved, a life is touched or changed, and the mission of ReCreation Experiences is fulfilled.



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