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Home Builders Restore A WV Home Damaged By The 2016 Flood Waters

On June 23, 2016, water stood 6 feet in the Falling Rock home of WWII Veteran Robert L. Ramsey and his wife Shirley. Their home was just one of the many homes ravaged by the devastating floods that occurred across the state that day.

While there was a large relief effort immediately following the floods to clean up the devastation, the task of rebuilding has taken much longer. Ten months after the flood, the Ramseys were able to return to their home thanks to the efforts of the Home Builders Association of West Virginia and their charitable Foundation.



A New Flag now flies at the Ramsey's reconstructed home.

Mr. Ramsey served in the 88th Infantry Division, 349th Battalion, Rome-Arno, North Apennines Campaign. He received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal. Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal. 2 Bronze Stars and Purple Heart.



Robert & Shirley Ramsey, Falling Rock, WV

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On the night of the flood, the water from the nearby river began rising into their driveway. The Ramseys took refuge at a neighbor's house. The water continued to rise, filling the house almost to the ceiling.

After the flood waters receded, the devastation became more apparent. Most of the Ramsey's

belongings were destroyed or unusable, caked in mud and unsalvagable. They also lost their car.







Note the water mark on the wall (right)













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(Left) Practically everything in the house had to be stripped out after the flood waters receded.

The Ramsey's initially stayed with their son in Frame, WV. They then moved to their daughter's home in Newton, which is wheelchair accessible. Mr. Ramsey uses a wheelchair, but can walk with a walker when necessary.

Everything inside the house including all of the walls and some ceilings, had to be removed. All of the appliances, and systems needed to be replaced.

The initial clean up was done shortly after the flood by church

groups and volunteers. Groups came in and rewired the house, insulated and hung sheet rock. But that work came to a stop that fall.

When the Ramsey home was referred to the Homes Builders Association of WV (HBAWV), there was still a need for mold remediation, electrical work and finish dry wall work. The mold remediation was done by Bob Ritenour of Rainbow International Restoration, the electrical work by Tim Cunningham of Cunningham Electric, and the finish dry wall by



Robert Dorsey and crew. In addition to their efforts, a new HVAC system was donated by Grogg's Heating & AC, Inc. of Clarksburg and installed by Advance Heating & Cooling of Morgantown. Lighting, flooring, plumbing, baths, kitchen cabinets, counter tops & appliances were purchased and installed, as well as new trim and floor coverings. Paint was supplied by Sherwin-Williams and doors were supplied by OC Cluss.

"It was a complete remake," said John Brumley, project manager and immediate past president of the HBAWV.

A lot of finish work for the dry wall was required.





There were many volunteers and hours of donated labor.

The laundry hookups were relocated with easy access to the bedrooms and new plumbing was installed.

Rusty Crites of Crites Electric, Inc

The materials needed to complete the project

were donated by members and suppliers across the state, and amounted to well over \$60,000.





Paint and varnish were supplied by Sherwin-Williams of Charleston.



Robert Dorsey, Roger Taylor and Ed Dunlap work on finishing the edges of a doorway opening into the hallway.



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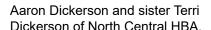
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Darren Wilson, Evan Koontz and Steven Williams of Cunningham Electrical Service, Inc.





None of this would have happened without the volunteers, suppliers & contributors who made this possible.





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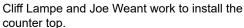




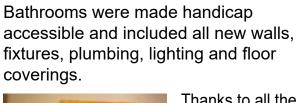


The entire kitchen had to be replaced including walls, plumbing, lighting, cabinets, sink, floor covering and appliances.















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On April 12, a group assembled at the Ramsey house to dedicate the house, to present the Ramseys with the keys to their home, to raise a new flag, and to honor Mr. Ramsey's service through gifts and recognition

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WW II Vertern Robert Ramsey surrounded by a number of representatives from the military.



Shirley Ramsey expresses the family's appreciation.



Maribeth Shreve, State Coordinator of Quilts of Valor Foundation presents a quilt to Robert Ramsey.



John Brumley, Project Coordinator and Immediate Past President of the Home Builders Association of WV, presents the keys to the house back to the family.

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Maj. General James Hoyer, adjutant general of the WV National Guard, (left) and John Brumley, project coordinator, talk with 90 yr old WWII Veteran Robert Ramsey and his grandson inside the house prior to the beginning of the day's ceremony.



The Home Builders Association of WV through its Charitable Fund has assisted several families through the years who have suffered devastation caused by natural disaster. The association is composed of over 700 builders, contractors, suppliers and those associated with the housing industry across the state of West Virginia.









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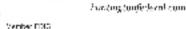


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This 2,600 acre plantation includes a pre-Civil War Italianate mansion with 21 rooms, horse breeding farm, oil field and river port. It is on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district unto itself. After more than six generations and 200 years, the home still has original furnishings dating to the frontier life of the 1700's up to the big oil boom days of the 20th century.

Waverly Lion's Club Picnic Shelter

Members of the Mid-Ohio Valley Home Builders Association discovered in 2012 that the Waverly Lion's Club needed a picnic shelter constructed on an existing concrete slab. Association members volunteered their time to build a 20' by 40' shelter with metal roof.











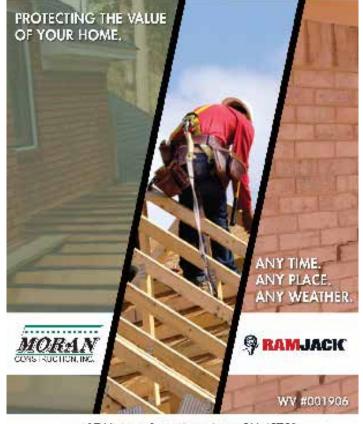


MOV Habitat project - 2012





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Toy Drive

Helping children who are in need and in the hospital at Christmas has become an full-time, annual effort for the North Central West Virginia Home Builders Association. (NCWVHBA)

The NCWVHBA began this project in 2003. That year they raised a little over \$300. With that money they purchased toys and distributed them in three counties and at the WVU Children's Hospital.

In 2016 the group bought over \$13,000 worth of toys, bicycles, sporting equipment and clothing and distributed them to those in need in the eight counties of NCWVHBA and at the WVU Children's Hospital.



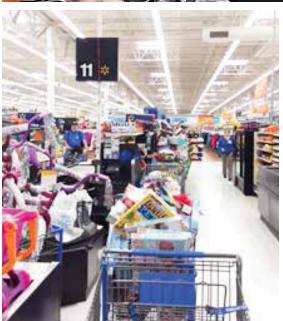
Money and donations are raised for the project in a variety of ways. Every year members donate toys at the association's annual Christmas party. In addition, they raise money at their golf outing and through raffles of donated products at their annual NCWVHBA Home Show. At their monthly membership meetings they have 50/50 drawings and almost always those who win the drawings donate the winnings to the project as well.

The NCWVHBA Board of Directors also has a challenge among their directors each year, and this also raises a significant amount.



Every year volunteers from the North Central WV Home Builders Association and their friends and families assist in sorting the toys and preparing them for distribution. Those pictured are (left to right) Rocky Simmons, Tom Board, Carl York, Aaron Dickerson, Chris Ilardi, Christine Pauley, Kent Pauley, Lisa Novak, Noah Dickerson (center standing) and Rusty Crites, (center front)

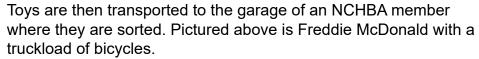






Once the funds are collected, then it is time for the annual shopping trip at WalMart. The WalMart store in Clarksburg has offered significant assistance over the years of the "Toy Fund". (Featured at top left) Rusty Crites (left), WalMart manager & employee at checkout and project coordinator Tom Board (right)







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The last step in the year-long process is the actual delivering of the gifts. Tom Board, better known as "Santa" Board (seen at the top and left) who has worked with this project from the beginning, finds delivering the gifts as the most gratifying part of the entire effort.

Pictured at left are Pat Cunningham, Danny Adams and Tom Board at WVU Children's Hospital on the day when they distributed toys in 2016.

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Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker
Counties.

Those interested in contributing to the project can contact the NCWV HBA office at 304-559-0880 or visit their website at www.ncwvhba.org

Among other activities of NCWVHBA, after the 2017 flooding in North Central, Construction Supply (HBA member Matt Scott) provided dry wall to the volunteer Fire Department of Blacksville, which was distributed among victims in Hundred, WV.





For the past nine years, the Jackson County Home Builders Association has awarded two \$750 scholarships to students from Ripley High and Ravenswood High. The scholarship is for recipients to further their education relating to the home building industry either in trade school or pursuing engineering.

Another long-standing tradition is to purchase a pig or other animal at the Jackson County Fair. In recent years the meat from the animal has been donated to the community food pantry.

In a joint venture with Habitat for Humanity, association members built a log house outbuilding which was raffled to benefit the Community Challenge matching Funds Challenge, with those funds going towards scholarships.

This year the association is serving as construction coordinator for the next area Habitat for Humanity build.

Members of the association also donate to local food pantries and to the Adopt-a-family program in Ravenswood and Ripley. They have also partnered with WVU to sponsor OSHA training and safety manuals for both members and for the community.

The HBA of Jackson County services Jackson County and can be contacted at 304-273-5244 or royaugust@gmail.com.



The Northern Panhandle Home Builders Association held their first golf scramble June 17, 2017 to benefit the Wheeling Habitat for Humanity. It was at the Moundsville WV Country Club and 25 teams played. Corporate sponsors were Mastic Home Exteriors, GAF Roofing and Famous Supply. \$7,500 was raised for Habitat.

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Projects of the Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association

From 2006 to 2010 the EPHBA participated in what they called a Blitz Build in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle.

During their Blitz weeks which usually occurred in September, members of the association worked around the clock to build a complete house in the course of one week. (Foundations were set prior to the build.)





Past Blitz Build - EPHBA with Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle.











2007 Blitz Build from start to finish and dedication.



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2008 Blitz Build - EPHBA with Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle



2009 Blitz Build - EPHBA with Habitat for Humanity of the Fastern Panhandle



2010 Blitz Build Rendering -EPHBA with Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle

Local Home Builders Support Area Construction Trades Graduates



Dennie Swaim (right), a 2016 graduate of James Rumsey Technical Institute receives a Tool stipend from David Hartley (left), Executive Officer of EPHBA.

Dennie Swaim, a 2016 graduate of James Rumsey Technical Institute and Bob Krzywicki of Valley College's HVAC program were selected as the 2016 recipients. Both are now working in the construction field.

For the past two years, members of the Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association have presented a certificate and check for \$250 for tools to two graduates entering the construction workforce to help them get started in their careers.



David Hartley (left), Executive Officer of EPHBA presents Bob Krzywicki (center) of Valley College, a Tool stipend from the association.



Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association is comprised of builders from Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties with their office in Martinsburg. Contact 304-267-4710 or dhartley@ easternwvbuilders.org for more information. Their website is www.easternwvhomebuilders.org

Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association - 2006 Community Projects









In Spring 2006 the EPHBA helped the Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center for abused children in constructing a new porch and wheelchair ramp plus helping with painting, cleaning and planting flowers, making it possible for the center to open.

Fall - 2006 EPHBA members assist Aaron Murdock in his Eagle Scout Project to replace a deck for the Shenandoah Women's Shelter





Members of the Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association (EPHBA) joined volunteers of New Covenant Christian Church in Winchester, VA to build a home for a family in Gulfport, Mississippi in March 2006. The group worked 5 days and built a home for a family of five. In addition to crews from A & A Homes & GAP Builders, EPHBA members donated materials and funds.







Members of the Home Builders Association of Southern West Virginia have been involved in flood relief efforts in Rainelle and White Sulphur donating both time and money to the recovery efforts following last summer's flooding in those areas.

Proceeds from their annual Home Show are donated to the local Women's Resource Center and Homeless Shelter.

They continue their long-time tradition of offering scholarships through the Beckley Area Foundation.

Southern WV HBA services Boone, Fayette, Mercer, Nicholas, Raleigh and Wyoming Counties and can be reached at 304-763-3188 or lcrook@suddenlink.net



Tri-State Home Builders Association has been an avid supporter of Huntington Habitat for Humanity for many years. They have sponsored one house

and co-sponsored a second house and supported the Huntington ReStore.

Members also participated in constructing an additional shelter at the Cabell-Huntington Animal Shelter.

Tri-State HBA services Cabell, Lincoln, Mason and Wayne Counties. They can be contacted at 304-736-0451 or homes@ezwv.com. Their web addresses is www.tristatehba.com



Most recently members of the Greater Greenbrier Valley HBA have assisted flood relief efforts in the region.

An ongoing project has been scholarships for tools for Greenbrier Valley High graduates. Through the years they have mentored students in the high school construction class and also worked with New River Community & Technical College students.

Greater Greenbrier Valley HBA services Greenbrier, Monroe & Summers Counties. They can be contacted at 304-497-3100



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April 2014 - Canned Food

Partnering with Canstruction, the HBAGC built a house of canned food, which was on display at the West Virginia Home Show. At the conclusion of the project, the food was delivered to the Covenant House food bank.





Wheelchair Ramp Members of HBAGC constructed a wheelchair ramp for a lady in St. Albans in her 90's, giving her the possibility of being mobile again.







Habitat for Humanity

Members of the HBAGC have had numerous work days with Habitat for Humanity in Charleston over the past several years.









Annual Project - Thanksgiving Dinner at My Father's House

For six years, the HBAGC has been serving Thanksgiving dinner to the community and the homeless in partnership with My Father's House in North Charleston. They conduct numerous food drives to be sure they have enough to feed everyone.

A New Roof - 2015

When serving dinner at My Father's House Missionary Baptist Church, North Charleston, it was noticed that the side entrance roof was rotting and leaking badly. The HBAGC decided to take the roof on as a project. The existing roof was demolished.



Materials from members were collected and then members donated their time to acquire permits and rebuild. 60 man hours were spent over 8 evenings. They also donated and installed a water fountain for the church.





HBAGC services Kanawha County. Their office can be reached at 304-744-2200 or psampson@hbagc.org. Their website is www.hbagc.org.

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A Tiny House - For Scholarship

Every year the HBAGC awards the Henry E. King Scholarship to two students who are enrolled full time in either a 2 yr or 4 yr course of study based on academic excellence. Their

parents must be members of the association or employed by a member company of the HBAGC.

In late 2016, the association began a "Tiny House" to be displayed at the 2017 WV Home Show and raffled off. Donations were made by members of the association and a team spent evenings and weekends completing the project.











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Home Builders Association WV - 2006 Biloxi, Mississippi

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Golf Coast, the Home Builders Association of West Virginia (HBAWV) began raising funds to help the victims and planning to go help in the recovery effort. This was the birth of what is now known as the HBAWV Charitable Foundation.

Five months later on Jan. 16-20, 2006 a nine person team traveled almost 1,000 miles with the intention to help repair a few homes. What they found was devastation. They were directed to the home of Dorothy Deshauteurs, which had been cleaned of mud and stripped to the studs.



Their work included wiring, renewing the bathroom fixtures, insulating the house, putting up sheet rock, hanging new doors and paint. The house was nearly ready for Deshauteurs to move back in except it lacked a plumbing inspection before the bathroom could be completed.

(Right) The Deshauteur house before the HBAWV team began work. (Left) Dorothy Deshauteurs and Bill Pickrell.



2006 Team Members (Back Row) Robert Dorsey (seated), John Brumley, Ed Dunlap, Rusty Crites, Dave Preston. (Front Row) Adelheid Schaupp, Bill Pickrell, Chris Ilardi, Dorothy Deshauteurs (home owner). Not pictured is T.J. (Jeff) Montgomery.



































"To think that complete strangers would drive all the way here to do what they did is amazing," said Deshauteurs. "I really don't have words to convey how grateful I am. I say thank God for them."



Bill Pickrell (project organizer) and Chris Ilardi present the WV flag signed by the Governor to Dorothy Deshauteurs just before leaving Biloxi.

Home Builders Association WV - 2007 Biloxi, Mississippi

In January 2007, a second work crew from HBAWV made the trip to Biloxi and worked on multiple sites.

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2007 Biloxi - Katrina Relief Continued







Home Builders Association WV - 2008 Biloxi, Mississippi



For the week of Feb. 17, 2008, 10 HBAWV members again went to Biloxi to work on a 4 bedroom, 2 bath home for a family with three children. The team bought and installed flooring, kitchen cabinets and appliances and bath room vanities. They wired all of the light fixtures, outlets and switches, bought and installed interior doors and trimed out the house. Much of the funding for materials for this trip came as a grant for \$15,000 from the National Association of Home Builders.









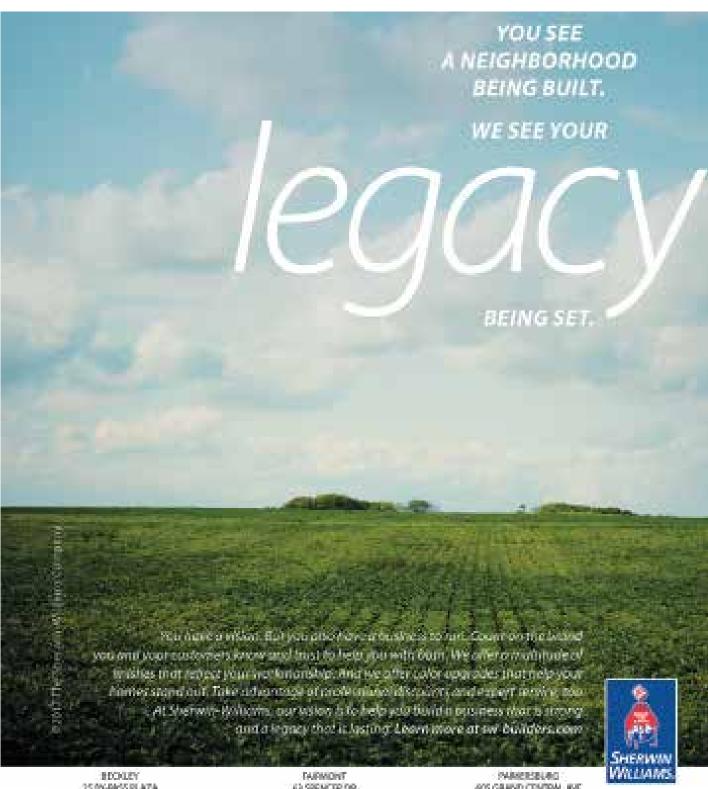








The owners of the home are Vietnamese. Pictured are two of the three daughters and their mother.



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