

Rippling Hope

Connecting Communities...Channeling Hope... Changing Lives.

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From the Director

As we come to the end of 2017 and the 7th year of the existence of Rippling Hope I am a bit overwhelmed with all of the thoughts and emotions that flood over me as I reflect on where we have come. An idea, a name, a vision emerged early on. Lots of phone calls, conversations, meetings followed. Listening to neighbors share their stories and talk about the needs of their communities. And then in one conversation someone said, "How about Connecting Communities...Channeling Hope...Changing Lives as the tagline and focus for the direction of this new ministry?" Since that moment, those 6 words have defined Rippling Hope.

Almost daily, we experience some way that communities are being connected, hope is being channeled and lives are being changed. In this newsletter and through our website and social media sites we hope that folks see and feel this reality. We also hope that every person who connects with Rippling Hope in some way is touched by this ministry.

7 years ago we could not have imagined where the vision would lead us today. Back then we simply tried to step out in faith and say "yes" to a call from God. Only God knows where the path into the future leads. One thing we surely know and feel, is that it is not all that has happened for the good these past 7 years that matters most, it is the relationships we have been privileged to form over these years that truly matter. Robin and I feel blessed by each person who has come into our lives in these 7 years.

Thank you for sharing a bit of your journey with us! May you be blessed this holiday season and in the year to come!

Peace, Carl

CENTER FOR MISSION & SERVICE UPDATE:

Work has been ongoing for almost a year to convert the building from an old bank branch into Rippling Hope's Center for Mission & Service. The old teller area has been torn out and replaced with 3 new offices. A tool & materials supply area has been created with access right out the back door. One of the two old vaults serves as a storage space for 300-400 gallons of donated paint that is available to our homeowner partners for free. Rippling Hope has new office space. We have created two conference rooms, and furnished the building so that we, and community groups can begin to have meetings, meals, etc. for up to 75 people seated at tables. We have been blessed to receive a number of donations to help with all of this progress and you will see under the Capital Campaign below that we still have items left to complete the process. We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.



Rippling Hope Capital Campaign GOAL—\$80,000

"Working with neighbors...rebuilding neighborhoods"

Late this summer Rippling Hope launched our first ever Capital Funding Campaign to raise \$80,000 for needed repairs at the NEW Center for Mission & Service, Mission House and upgrade of Vehicles. As of this publication, the Campaign has raised almost \$20,000. Below is the comprehensive list of items that make up the campaign and items that have been donated rather than purchased.

RIPPLING HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ITEMS

CENTER FOR MISSION & SERVICE

Replace Heat/AC Unit for Whole Bldg. \$18,000
 Hot Water Heater **Donated**
 Building Materials: Lumber, drywall, doors, cabinets
 6—60" Round tables (plastic)
 3—6' Rectangular tables (plastic) **Donated**
 50 Chairs **Donated**
 Bunk Bed Frames (3 wooden frames)
 2—Showers
 Portable Sound System w/microphone
 Permanent building sign
 55" Flat Screen TV **Donated**
 DVD Player **Donated**
 Sound Bar
 TV Stand **Donated**
 Projector
 Portable Projection Screen

Printer/Copier/Scanner All-in-one **Donated**

MISSION HOUSE

Replace Driveway
 (major water leaks in basement) \$5,000
 New Roof
 (ceiling falling down in Living Room) \$13,500
 Large capacity Dryer
 Large capacity Washer

VEHICLES

6'x10'-12' Enclosed Utility Trailer
 Gently used newer model truck
current vehicles: 06 F250 170K miles,
 02 Dodge Minivan 125K miles,
 98 Dodge Caravan 98K miles

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018

Rippling Hope is open year round. Even in the heart of winter we have service projects available. There are opportunities for individuals and groups for a day, weekend or whole week. Groups are beginning to schedule for next summer. In addition, we have a full schedule of Saturday workdays and a couple of Service Weekends (MLK & 9/11). We are also happy to schedule a separate workday for your faith community, service organization, corporate group, or a group of friends. Please visit our website: ripplinghope.org, for a complete schedule, more Volunteer Information, or email or call Carl or Robin.

Connecting Communities...

"Thank you for all of the work that you do in the community. We are donating this check to Rippling Hope. We appreciate all of the repairs and work and help you have provided to D.E.B.A members. We wish Rippling Hope much success on the mission."

Desoto Ellsworth Block Association Members

This note and check came from one of the 55 neighborhood organizations partnering with Rippling Hope. The check referenced was for the Capital Campaign and one of many received from our neighborhood partners.

The look on our little neighbors says it all!



Handmade bears from a Canadian partner

Channeling Hope...



"Straight from my heart...I'd like to thank you and the wonderful crew who so beautifully painted my kitchen and security door. May God continue to bless Rippling Hope."

Homeowner

Changing Lives....

How might your life be changed?



"I give thanks and praise to God for you and the wonderful work that you are doing! It was pure grace to meet you and share in some of the ways that you are building a future with hope for the people of Detroit! Thank you for showing 'The Gospel in action' in the way that you are living your lives! The world is certainly a better place because of you!"

Pastor & Volunteer, New Jersey

MISSION HOUSE UPDATE

In 2014 Rippling Hope was blessed to have the opportunity to purchase a house in the midst of the area in Northwest Detroit where we serve. The house has allowed us to be a full time, year round presence living and serving with our neighbors here. The house currently serves as the permanent residence for Carl & Robin Zerweck, and also provides housing for long term service partners, and up to 10 volunteers(6 groups stayed here in 2016). We have 7 raised vegetable beds in the back yard from which we are helping feed neighbors and volunteers. To date, we have put about \$10,000 into the house to repair and

replace a number of items. Two major items left to complete are listed under the Capital Campaign. As the old Motel 6 commercial used to say,

"We'll leave the light on!"



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)

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