

# Rippling Hope

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

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## A CELEBRATION of 5 YEARS

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)

- Homes worked on: 1350+
- Volunteers served: 1650
- Donated hours by volunteers: 59,000+
- Donated time: \$1.3 million
- Neighborhood safety & security through boardups & cleanups of 100's of homes
- Recognized by state & local governments for services provided to neighborhoods
- Mission house purchased in local area
- Expanded intern program to include local young adults
- Home repair projects: 2850+
- Detroit & El Paso neighborhoods served: 50+
- Volunteers from 34 states and 1 Canadian Province
- Received 2 donated vans
- Volunteers from over 200 congregations, corporate and local groups
- Major mission for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American national youth gathering in Detroit



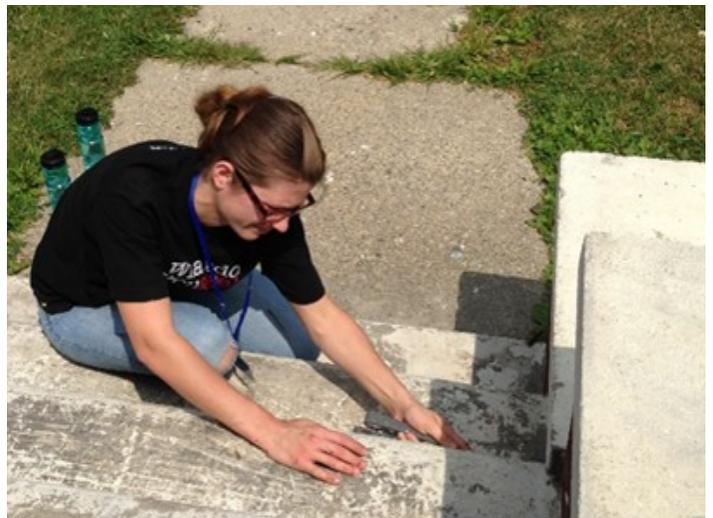
“Every time I walk on my front porch I feel so blessed”  
-Home owner

## LOOKING AHEAD

5 Years. WOW! Phone calls talking about a vision. Onsite visits and conversations in Detroit and El Paso about possibilities and needs. Gathering a group of like-minded, committed folk and creating a living, breathing new ministry. Oh what a journey we've been on so far, what wonderful folks we have come into relationship with, what amazing things God has done through Rippling Hope. Numbers from the first 5 years are cause for celebration and thanks for all who have participated and supported this ministry! Yet every day when I drive through either Detroit or El Paso I realize there is so much need around us, and I wonder, what shall we do and how shall we proceed? I am reminded the prophet Isaiah tells us that when we answer the call of God to serve our neighbors, "...you shall be called the repairer of the breach, and the restorer of streets to live in." (Is. 58:12b) Exciting plans are underway to move Rippling Hope to the next level of life and ministry as we continue to "Connect Communities...Channel Hope... Change Lives." I look forward to serving and partnering with you into this exciting new future! Peace, Carl

## SERVING

Rippling Hope offers year round service opportunities in Detroit. We also serve in El Paso for Alternative Spring Break and Fall Break. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Youth groups are encouraged and one adult leader per 7 youth is recommended. Weeklong, weekend and one day opportunities are available. For more information go to: <http://www.ripplinghope.org/>





"I still can't believe that people come here to serve and walk along side of us!" -Detroit resident



## GIVING

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 pay PayPal please visit our website: [www.ripplinghope.org](http://www.ripplinghope.org); or send a check to: Rippling Hope, P.O. Box 27499, Detroit, MI 48227. Rippling Hope is a 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law>

**Prayer**– The greatest gift you can give for ministry, those serving and those served.

**Give**– Please consider a tax free deductible gift today, or consider putting Rippling Hope into your congregational corporate budget.

**Advocate**– Your voice is powerful, If you have served with us please share your stories with others and encourage them to come and serve.

**Volunteer**– Come join us in service for a day, a weekend or a week.



**Like us on Facebook to see how God is using this ministry to bring Hope to places that are in need of Gods love!**

## SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS

### AVAILABLE

Rippling Hope is looking for interested young adults to serve as summer interns in Detroit this summer. This is an opportunity to be a part of our leadership team working with volunteers doing minor home repairs, and also generally providing leadership to create an exceptional mission experience for the volunteers. Come be part of a life changing experience in Detroit! If you are interested in finding out more, or being considered for a position, please contact, Carl Zerweck, Executive Director, 512-619-0575 or [carl@ripplinghope.org](mailto:carl@ripplinghope.org).

## TESTIMONIAL

"I remember the first home I worked on, I was so excited. After driving through the neighborhoods of Detroit it was easy to see that there was a real need. The first house I worked on was Ms. Etta's house. She had plaster falling off of her kitchen ceiling due to water damage. Her home was beautiful and she kept her home immaculate. Once we were finished she walked into the kitchen she looked up and said "now I don't have to worry about plaster coming down on me." I asked her if she wanted to pray with us. So we all joined in and prayed. It was a joyful experience. And as we left she kept telling us how much of a blessing we were to her but as I walked away from Ms. Etta's I realized that I was the one who was blessed by Ms. Etta and her great love for the Lord." -Volunteer

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