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Appalachia Service Project to dedicate homes for Rainelle families

RAINELLE, W. Va. (July 21, 2017)—The situation was grim for families in Rainelle, White Sulphur Springs, and other communities in West Virginia after the devastating flooding in June 2016. But things don't seem so bleak anymore. On Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 6 p.m. Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will recognize four families whose new homes have been completed and another seven families whose homes are very nearly finished.

Appalachia Service Project began rebuilding homes in Rainelle in September 2016. Ten months later and 28 families are in brand new homes. And after July 26, that number will jump to 32 families—and shortly thereafter it will jump to 39. ASP has construction underway on 14 additional homes (including the 7 homes that are nearly complete) and foundations have been poured for another 8 homes.

Many gracious partners have made Rebuilding Rainelle possible. Major partners in these efforts include the United Way of Greenbrier Valley, Homes for White Sulphur Springs, Neighbors Loving Neighbors, Christian Aid Ministries, Cales Family Foundation, Bernard McDonough Foundation, Hollowell Foundation, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Pendleton Community Bank, Window World of Beckley, Mullican Flooring, Greater Greenbrier Long-Term Recovery Committee, Redstar Home Supply, and Homes for West Virginia. We are grateful to these and many other generous partners for making this work possible.

ASP continues to accept applications from families seeking home repairs or new home construction related to the flooding in June 2016. To apply, visit ASP's website (<https://www.asphome.org/disasterrecovery/>) and complete the application including required attachments. Applications can be scanned and emailed to ASP's Greenbrier County staff, or mailed to ASP Greenbrier County, PO Box 743, Rainelle, WV 25961. If you have any questions, please call (423) 430-7833 or (423) 946-5006.

Volunteers interested in helping with home repairs or replacement home construction should contact ASP for details (<https://www.asphome.org/disasterrecovery/>.)

ASP has experience with helping communities rebuild after disasters. In 2012, ASP built 25 homes for families who had lost their homes to massive flooding in Washington County, Tennessee. And in 2016, ASP launched a project to help rebuild homes in Sevier County, Tennessee, for families whose homes were destroyed by wildfires. Within the next few weeks ASP will complete the first two replacement homes that will be built for low-income families in Sevier County. ASP has already begun construction

on three additional homes and necessary permits are being drawn for four more, with plans to have a total of 16 homes in various stages of construction by the end of August.

ASP HOME DEDICATION DETAILS

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6 p.m.
Rainelle Christian Academy
1256 James River Kanawha Turnpike
Rainelle, WV 25962

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ABOUT APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

Appalachia Service Project (ASP), is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. Since 1969, ASP volunteers have been making homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need in Central Appalachia and providing life-transforming experiences for everyone involved. In recent years ASP has expanded its outreach to include building new homes for low-income families whose homes were destroyed by fire or flooding and others whose homes are beyond repair. This year ASP will have over 16,000 volunteers working in 5 different Central Appalachia states helping over 600 families with home repairs and new construction.

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