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Appalachia Service Project to dedicate six new homes for families in time for the new year.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (December 21, 2018)—Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will host a home dedication ceremony on December 30, 2018 at 2 p.m., to welcome six families into their new homes.

Gifts of grace, these homes are being given to families without any requirements of sweat-equity or mortgage payments. It is very exciting to dedicate these homes, all constructed in 2018, by the new year.

These six homes will go to Jacob Buchanan, Margaret Clark, Christy and Jeff Joseph, Susanna Martinez, Roger Dalton, and Rickie and Penny Fleenor. Please join us at 2338 Eastside Avenue, Johnson City, TN 37601 to present these families with keys and welcome them home.

Jacob Buchanan, a young adult who helps care for his aging grandmother, will be receiving one of the homes. Christy and Jeff Joseph are raising three grandchildren and needed additional space for the children. Christy was thrilled to have the opportunity to serve alongside our volunteers to help raise the walls on their new home. Margaret Clark has lived in Johnson City since her parents first moved to town when she was a little girl, loves to tell stories about watching Johnson City grow up around her, and is looking forward to having people over to her new home.

ASP is honored to give back to two local veterans who had faced unstable living situations, Roger Dalton and Rickie Fleenor. Roger will be receiving one of the new homes, as will Rickie Fleenor and his wife Penny. Additionally, Susanna Martinez will receive a home to replace hers that recently burned down. We are very excited to give back to the Tri-Cities community to provide stable housing to these three families this year.

The homes for Buchanan, Clark and Joseph were funded by FHLB Cincinnati, Johnson City Community Development Block Grant, and the Jordan Foundation. Volunteers on these homes include Solid Rock Carpenters, who will be attending the dedication on the 30th, Coca Cola Consolidated Bottling, East Tennessee State University (ETSU) ASP Campus Chapter, ETSU Wesley Foundation, LoveJC/Grandview Christian Church, Light of Christ, and ASP's long-term volunteer group, the B-Team.

The Home Depot Foundation was the main sponsor for these two veteran families, as well as the Martinez family's new home. For these homes, ASP extends a special thanks to volunteers from Iowa State University, the Auburn University, and Middle Tennessee State University, as well as the partnerships of the Home Depots of Johnson City, Bristol, and Kingsport, Bristol Motor Speedway,

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Braswell Family Farms, Stanley Black and Decker and Dewalt, Holy Taco, Chick-fil-A, Tupelo Honey, Cootie Browns, Food City, Foster Signs, ETSU Bridge Program, and local churches.

Appalachia Service Project strives to eradicate substandard housing in Central Appalachia through home repair and replacement. Each year the home repair program brings over 15,000 volunteers from around the country to complete repairs across 26 communities in 5 states— Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Appalachia Service Project has been building new homes since 2012 when they responded to the flooding in the Dry Creek community of Washington County, Tennessee. In 2016, ASP launched a multi-year project to help rebuild homes in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and surrounding areas for families whose homes were destroyed by flooding. In 2017, ASP began its disaster response efforts again after wildfires swept through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, and Pigeon Forge in November of 2016. ASP has committed to the construction of 25 new homes in this effort, of which 15 have been completed and 5 additional homes are currently under construction.

HOME DEDICATION DETAILS

December 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
2338 Eastside Avenue
Johnson City, TN 37601

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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 more than 16,000 volunteers working in five Central Appalachia states helping nearly 600 families with home repairs and new construction.

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