FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Appalachia Service Project to dedicate new home for Tri-Cities family just in time for Christmas.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (December 11, 2019)—on Tuesday, December 17th at 3:30 p.m. Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will dedicate a new home to a Tri-Cities family just in time to celebrate Christmas. Please join us as we honor this family and kick off the holiday season in their new home.

Jamie is a 39-year-old single mother of four children ranging in age from 8 to 16. She works as a teacher’s aide in a special needs Pre-K classroom at an elementary school. Working for the school system nine months of the year allows Jamie to spend summers and evenings with her family. This family was living in public housing in a difficult neighborhood until this month when they were able to move into their new home. Jamie and all of her children are active and involved in their church and community.

“ASP is thrilled to be able to provide a four-bedroom home in a safe neighborhood for Jamie and her children,” states ASP’s Julie Thompson, Tri-Cities Office & Grant Compliance Coordinator. “Jamie told us that last Christmas her children heard that one of their neighbors with 6 kids couldn’t afford presents for all of the children, so Jamie and her kids each gave up presents to give each of those 6 children Christmas baskets. We are so thrilled to be able to give this family the gift of a new home this Christmas!”

Volunteers who helped build this home include Mission Builders led by Bob Cole; Solid Rock Builders; and “The B Team”, ASP’s local, dedicated volunteer crew working on New Build projects. Other partners who made this home possible include, Johnson City Housing and Community Development Advisory Board, Johnson City Housing Authority, Appalachian Regional Commission, the City of Johnson City, National Christian Foundation, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Washington County Tennessee, FAHE, Regions Bank, By His Blood Ministry, and many ASP donors and supporters.

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 25 communities in 5 states—Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. ASP has been building new homes locally since 2012 when they responded to the flooding in the Dry Creek community of Washington County, Tennessee. Since that time, ASP has completed 172 new homes in Tennessee and West Virginia, and plans to build an additional 17 homes in 2020.
HOME DEDICATION DETAILS
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
607 Jackson Avenue
Johnson City, TN 37604

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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 15,000 volunteers working in 5 different Central Appalachia states helping over 600 families with home repairs and new construction.

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