



Appalachia Service Project  
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## **MISSION & VISION**

Appalachia Service Project (ASP), is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. Our vision is that substandard housing will be eradicated and everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed.

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Founded in 1969 by Rev. Glenn “Tex” Evans to make homes warmer, safer & drier for families in need in Central Appalachia
- Since ASP’s founding, 377,412 volunteers have repaired 17,373 families’ homes
- ASP serves 30+ communities in 5 states in Central Appalachia (Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia & West Virginia)
- About 17,000 volunteers participate with ASP each year
- ASP is only able to assist 1 out of every 10 families who apply for home repairs
- ASP provides short-term mission opportunities to youth, college-aged, and adult volunteers year-round
- Last year, 16,267 volunteers repaired 562 families’ homes & built 4 replacement homes
- ASP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization & donations to ASP are tax-deductible
- ASP meets all 20 Standards for Charity Accountability with the BBB Wise Giving Alliance

## **OVERVIEW**

ASP is more than a building program—it’s a relationship ministry. Volunteers spend time interacting with the family they’ve been assigned to serve. Often they forge friendships that impact them for the rest of their lives, and learn lessons that enrich their faith and build character for the rest of their lives. For many, this experience is the first step towards a lifelong vocation of caring for and serving others.

## **PROGRAMS**

Home repairs performed by ASP volunteers take place from the ground up to the roof, and everywhere in-between. Typical repairs include: repairing roofs, building room additions, providing wheelchair ramps, securing foundations, digging drainage ditches, constructing porches and steps, installing insulation and siding, and weatherizing homes.

### **Summer Program**

ASP is open all summer for volunteers of all ages (14 and up). Youth, college, and adult volunteer groups come to Central Appalachian Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. Volunteers return home stronger, wiser, and closer to God.

When volunteers arrive for their week of service, they are housed in one of ASP's base camps or "summer centers"—often a school or community center leased for the summer to put them closer to Appalachia's remote communities. ASP staff provide guidance on the overall direction of the home repair projects. All tools and construction materials are provided, as well as three meals a day and plenty of opportunities for worship and reflection.

### **Year-Round Program**

ASP is open all year to groups of volunteers. Volunteers come for a few days, a week or more. They stay in climate-controlled ASP centers with bunk beds and hearty meals. Whether volunteers have construction experience or not, they are matched with jobs that suit their skills.

### **College Service Project**

College Service Project inspires students to lives of Christian service and leadership through home repair for low-income families in Central Appalachia and back in their home communities. College Service Project (CSP) provides young adults with a chance to continue and share the transformational experience they've had in Appalachia with their surrounding collegiate community.

College Service Project is a student-led, campus based organization. Each chapter is nationally affiliated with Appalachia Service Project, and follows ASP's model for home repair projects in their local community.

Students involved with CSP seek home repair applications from families in their local community, select homes and projects to be completed, recruit volunteers to help with the projects, raise funds to underwrite the projects, and complete the repairs. CSP chapters also commit to volunteering in ASP's Year-Round Program during the fall, winter or spring, help recruit potential summer staff applicants, and spread the word about volunteer opportunities with ASP.

## **New Build Appalachia & Rebuilding Rainelle**

New Build Appalachia began as an effort to help low-income families in the Dry Creek and Cash Hollow communities of Washington County, Tennessee, who lost their homes to massive flooding in August 2012. In one year, ASP was able to leverage public and private funding to build replacement homes for 25 families devastated by the Dry Creek flood.

In December 2014, ASP received \$300,000 in new grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission that will be leveraged with more than \$1 million in private contributions to construct 33 new homes for low-income residents in nine East Tennessee counties whose homes are beyond repair.

When the flooding in Rainelle occurred in June, ASP felt uniquely qualified and compelled to step in and help the people in the town we had grown to love...and Rebuilding Rainelle was born. Rebuilding Rainelle is Appalachia Service Project's long term recovery effort to help rebuild the community of Rainelle, West Virginia, the epicenter of June's deadly flood.

Rebuilding Rainelle will bring volunteer and financial resources together to build new homes and perform major rehab on homes that are repairable. We have identified as many as 50 homes that will need to be replaced and countless others that will need to be repaired.

## **MEDIA INQUIRIES**

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