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Appalachia Service Project dedicates first home under new Hancock County Program.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (January 8, 2020)—on Monday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m. Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will dedicate a new home to the Nipper family in Hancock County, Tennessee. ASP’s New Build Program continues to provide warm, safe, dry homes to our neighbors in Central Appalachia, and are excited to bring the gift of a new home to 11 families in Hancock County this year.

ASP’s first new construction home, in partnership with Tennessee Housing Development Agency’s HOME Program, in Hancock County, will be presented to Carl and Hannah Nipper and their children, Kuruk and Aya. On Monday, this family will receive the keys to their new home.

Carl, a 62-year-old veteran, and his family currently live in a self-built, one-bedroom home with no central air, unfinished exteriors, open studs, little insulation, and no floor coverings. The Nipper children especially, are excited to live in their new, warm, safe home. Carl served in the United States Army from 1973-1975 with the 101st Airborne, with a tour in the Vietnam War. ASP and their partners are proud to be able to give back to this honorable veteran family.

“ASP has been completing home repairs in Hancock County for 23 summers, starting in 1984, repairing more than 200 homes across the county. We are excited to now have an even greater impact for families through new home construction in 2020,” commented Julie Thompson, Tri-Cities Office Administrator and Grant Compliance Coordinator.

Over the next 12 months, ASP will build an additional 10 new construction homes in Hancock County, to total 11 homes in the area. Along with their longstanding commitment to the county, ASP has chosen to place an emphasis on this distressed county in order to have a greater impact.

Partners, supporters, and volunteers who helped build this home include Appalachian Regional Commission, Tennessee Housing Development Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, County of Hancock County, Tennessee First Lady, Maria Lee, Jubilee Project, ASP’s B-Team volunteer group, and many other individual ASP partners.

Appalachia Service Project strives to eradicate substandard housing in Central Appalachia through home repair and replacement. Each year the home repair program brings more than 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, with plans to build an additional 17 homes in 2020.

HOME DEDICATION DETAILS
Monday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m.
466 Big Creek Road, Sneedville, TN 37869

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

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