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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **State Farm® awards Appalachia Service Project funding for home repair projects in Lee and Wise County, Virginia.**

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (June 27, 2019)—Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will receive a contribution of \$5,000 from State Farm® to their Cup of Cold Water Fund to complete home repairs in Virginia that impact the health and well-being of the families served by ASP. State Farm representatives will present a check to the ASP Wise County staff on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. before assisting with a home repair project in the county during the day.

The check presentation will be attended by State Farm agents, Larry Johnson, David Shreve, Chris Bartee, Garland Hall and John Moretz, as well as Sales Leader, Christine Lawson, and Public Affairs Specialist, Kate Beadle. From Appalachia Service Project, the check will be accepted by Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Abraham McIntyre, Wise County Center Director, Mary Catherine Carter, and Wise County Center Staff Meredith Dennis, Kevin Still, Chelsea Dinneny, and Kylie Hofmeister.

ASP is serving in Wise County as a part of its 2019 summer home repair program. The summer home repair program serves 25 communities across the five-state region of Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Over seven weeks, volunteers from across the country will travel to this region to complete critical home repairs for low-income families. ASP will continue to serve in Lee County throughout the year.

The contribution from State Farm will directly support the repairs in Lee and Wise County through the purchase of construction materials, which volunteers, including those from State Farm, will donate their time to install.

“State Farm is excited to provide this grant to ASP and volunteer as a group on a service project,” says State Farm spokeswoman Kate Beadle. “Part of being a good neighbor is giving back to the communities where we live and work. By teaming up with ASP we are helping to ensure families receive essential home repairs.”

Wise County, Virginia has 21.2% of its 39,228-person population living below the poverty line, compared to the national average of just 12.7%. With many of the homes in the county classified as substandard, there are 90 without full plumbing, 85 without full kitchens, and 50 without a heat source. The additional funding from State Farm will go towards ASP’s Cup of Cold Water fund, which will be directly applied to plumbing and electric repairs.

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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.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

Friday, June 28, 2019  
8:30 a.m.  
Appalachia High School  
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