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Tennessee Housing Development Agency to present Appalachia Service Project with 2019 Challenge Grant at 50th year of service celebration event.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (October 23, 2018)— On October 26, Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will be awarded the 2019 Challenge Grant, from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

Members of the press are invited to join ASP President and CEO, Walter Crouch, and THDA Industry and Government Affairs Liaison, Katie Moore, for photos and questions about the partnership from 5:45-6:00 p.m. Please gather in the pre-function area of the Millennium Center prior to 5:45 p.m., and you will be invited into the ballroom for photos.

This grant will serve as initial seed funding towards ASP's construction of a new regional hub facility in Johnson City, Tennessee. The new facility will provide dormitory space and a commercial kitchen to accommodate 200 volunteers working on home rehabilitation and rebuild projects year-round, offer separate living space for families displaced during home replacements, and provide a multi-use space for staff training and construction training.

ASP will raise additional funds needed for the new facility and for the advancement of their strategic plan. They will be announcing additional details in the new year.

This weekend, ASP will hold two events in Johnson City, Tennessee to celebrate their 50th year of service.

First, on Friday, October 26th at 6 p.m. there will be a dinner to celebrate the past and prepare for the next 50 years of ASP's service. Members of THDA will attend to present the Challenge Grant award at this dinner, and press are welcome to cover this event. The local community is asked to attend this event as well, and there are still tickets available. Tickets are \$100/person or \$700/table of 8 people. Purchase your tickets today at www.ASPHome.org/CelebrateAll.

The second event will be held Saturday, October 27th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at ASP Headquarters. This is a free event, open to the public and press, but ASP asks that you RSVP ahead of time at www.ASPHome.org/CelebrateAll. There will be something to

do, something to see, and something to eat throughout the day, so come for the whole day, or drop by—they'd love to celebrate with you! Below is a list of activities planned:

9:30-10:00 am | Coffee & pastries

10:00-11:30 am | Celebration & Worship in the Warehouse

12:00-1:00 pm | Catered lunch

1:00-3:30 pm | Activities (games & activities for kids; wall building station for youth & adults; skills events—show off your expertise with hand tools & power tools; tours of ASP warehouse, office & property; ASP merchandise booth)

3:30-4:00 pm | Alathea mini-concert

ASP President and CEO, Walter Crouch, stated, "We are so excited to have reached this amazing milestone in our history, and want to celebrate our past and talk about our vision for the future with all those who have supported us and helped us to reach this goal. Please come out and see us, we'd love to have you!"

ASP was founded in 1969 by Methodist minister, Glenn "Tex" Evans, to utilize volunteers to complete major home repairs for low-income families living in Central Appalachia.

Since 1969, over 410,000 volunteers from across the nation have repaired 18,347 homes and, in the process, Appalachian families, volunteers, and staff have been immeasurably blessed.

Today, with the help of more than 15,000 volunteers each year, our goal remains to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need. Yet ASP is more than a home repair program. It also provides a unique framework that fosters transformational experiences for volunteers, families served, and staff — by building relationships with each other that break down cultural, social and economic barriers. We often hear of significant life changes resulting from the ASP experience: of families renewing their faith in the goodness of others, of people newly motivated to continue their education, of young adults choosing careers of service. No one walks away from the ASP experience unchanged. The results are truly amazing!

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EVENT DETAILS

Friday, October 26, 2018 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Fundraising Dinner

\$100/person or \$700/table of 8

The Millennium Centre

Johnson City, TN

Saturday, October 27, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ASP Celebration and Festival

Free event (Registration requested)

ASP Headquarters

4523 Bristol Hwy

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Tickets and Registration for both events online at www.ASPHome.org/CelebrateAll.

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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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit ASP's Newsroom (www.asphome.org/newsroom) for a fact sheet about Appalachia Service Project, downloadable press releases, photos, and other information.