



"Sharing our Faith Through  
Home Repair Mission"

# Annual Report

*Hitting The Mark*

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# Hitting the Mark 2007

## *A Note from Dave*



Can you imagine a home in downtown Asheville so devastated by a lack of attention that the resident is forced to use the restroom in a paint can because their toilet is gone, having fallen through the floor of the home? Picture, if you can, an elderly woman who lives on the verge of being evicted because it has been discovered that her sewage is straight piped into a creek? How about a family, devastated by the loss of a loved one finding themselves without the ability to make their home warm, safe and dry. Now, imagine a team of youth and adult volunteers, standing before these homeowners, tools in hand, and in a week of hard work, walking off these projects, having completed the

tasks required to make a house a home again. If you can begin to imagine these real life scenarios, then you can begin to get a sense of the ReCreation story. Our stories and experiences stretch from Henderson County through Buncombe, swing around Madison and end up in Yancey County. These stories are told from roof tops and basements, deep trenches and holes in the ground, on ladders and inside houses, they ring out to Oregon, Florida, Michigan, New York and other States. They are told by young and old alike and in every denomination and faith expression you can imagine. If you can listen carefully though, you will hear a familiar theme in all of them.

Almost like a song the stories all have a familiar ring; it is the tune that has been carried since 1990 when ReCreation was founded. It is a song of restoration, a restoration of homes, yes, even greater though, a restoration of lives. The partnering of those who desire to serve their neighbor in need with a viable and life changing opportunity to share their faith through home repair mission is the beginning. From across the United States they come, volunteers from Oregon, Florida, New York, Michigan and other states. Volunteers with hearts and hands ready to give to those here in Western North Carolina that have found themselves in need of home repair assistance. The elderly, low income, fixed income, handicapped and working poor find a resource to assist them in their need for warm, safe and dry housing. Connecting that need with the volunteer resources and desire to meet that need is the driving force behind our Home Repair Mission Program. When a volunteers desire to serve is partnered with a clients need, great things happen. Both worker and client are treated with respect, grace and dignity. A melody is written and a blessed gift is given and received.

This leads us to the content of our Annual Report. In these pages you will see and read about the facts and the numbers which represent the more visible and measurable efforts of the Ministry. These are valuable pieces of information. In many ways they validate the work and scope of the services we provide. At the same time, we need to hear the true life stories of ReCreation from the hearts of the many that are impacted by the acts of giving and receiving that are taking place. One of our favorite client quotes is "I don't know who you are or where you came from, but God Bless You!" That came from Lawrence Peterson, a former client who, due to our work was able to invest in a small business venture, Petersons Appliance. Lawrence was recently named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Minority Enterprise Development Week. Wow, what a song, can you hear it? Come sing it with us.

God Bless You!  
Dave Torbett  
Executive Director

# 2007 Summary

## *The Volunteers*

In 2007, ReCreation Experiences partnered with a total of 1173 volunteers representing a total of 43 teams. The volunteers consisted of church youth groups representing the Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Baptist, Non-denominational, Missionary, and United Church of Christ denominations. FUMC Corvallis was the farthest team traveled, coming from Corvallis, OR, 2,670 miles away. The closest team traveled was Main St. UMC coming from Kernersville, NC. Once again, our largest team of volunteers came from FUMC Stuart in Stuart, FL with 63 participants. The smallest team was from Wesley UMC out of Naperville, IL with 9 participants. 63% of the volunteer teams were returning groups.



A group of girls posing before getting to work!

## *Projects*



With the help of the youth and adult volunteers, ReCreation Experiences rehabilitated the homes of 44 residents and installing 8 septic systems in Western North Carolina who had a qualified need for home repair assistance. Lives were changed as leaky roofs were replaced with new ones and what were once distressed properties became homes again.

### **Project Statistics:**

- 68,060 shingles
- 1,430 pounds of roofing nails
- 1,631 gallons of paint
- 46,920 volunteer hours were worked



## *The Food*

Here are some interesting facts regarding food consumption this summer.

We served:

- 216 gallons of lemonade
- 324 lbs of chicken
- 366 lbs of eggs
- 310 lbs of hamburgers
- 2100 slices of bacon
- 234 lbs of Grape Jelly
- 150 lbs of Peanut Butter
- 180 lbs of spaghetti
- 4440 bags of chips
- 480 lbs of salad

Breaking for lunch and making  
a dent in the PB & J.



## *Team Partnerships*

"Youth Volunteer Groups"

Aldersgate UMC- Durham, NC  
Bridgeport Christian Church- Lexington, KY  
Chamblee UMC- Chamblee, GA  
Christ UMC- Kettering, OH  
Coastal Community Church- Virginia Beach, VA  
Community Bible Church- High Point, NC  
Community UMC- DeBary, FL  
Covenant UMC- High Point, NC  
Dauphin Way UMC, Mobile, AL  
Faith UMC- Boynton Beach, FL  
Faith Point UMC- Frederick, MD  
First Christian Church- Edmond, OK  
First Presbyterian Church- Boca Raton, FL  
First United Methodist Church- Corvallis, OR  
First United Methodist Church- Lakeland, FL  
First United Methodist Church- Stuart, FL  
First United Methodist Church- Valparaiso, IN  
Guilford College UMC- Greensboro, NC  
Hennepin Ave. UMC- Minneapolis, MN  
Lewis Center UMC- Lewis Center, OH  
Lutheran Church of Mahomet, IL  
Main Street UMC- Kernersville, NC  
Oakhurst UMC- Seminole, FL  
Peace Memorial Church- Palos Park, IL  
Peachtree Rd. UMC- Atlanta, GA  
Pell City UMC- Pell City, AL

Pettisville Missionary Church- Pettisville, OH  
Providence UMC- Fayetteville, GA  
Spring of Life UMC- Orlando, FL  
St. George's UMC- Fairfax, VA  
St. Jude's Catholic Church- New Lenox, IL  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church- Palm Beach, FL  
St. Mark's UMC- Murfreesboro, TN  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church- Murfreesboro, TN  
Tallavana Christian School- Havana, FL  
The Chapel- Akron, OH  
Trinity UMC- Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
Warrenton UMC- Warrenton, VA  
Wesley UMC- Naperville, IL

## *Professional Partnerships*

"Businesses going the extra mile to help non-profits"

AAC Materials  
ACE Hardware  
Daniels Graphics  
Griffin Waste Services  
Milkco, Inc.  
Reece Builders & Aluminum Co.  
Sherwin Williams  
Showtime Sports  
Sysco Foods

# Restoring The Foundation

## Capital Campaign for the Red Oak Campus

*"You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again..."*

Isaiah 58:12

In July of 2006 ReCreation purchased the Red Oak Consolidated High School Complex from Buncombe County. The facility was very rough; the roof leaked, the windows were broken out, much of the building was unusable due to a lack of care. We saw the potential and knew the base of the building was solid. Things were built to last in 1928 when construction was completed on the building. Work began on the property even before the official "closing" had taken place. In the first 90 days we removed over 450 tons of garbage, cleaned and cleared the grounds, replaced the roof, rooms were cleaned out and we began the process of preparing the facility to serve as the home for ReCreation Experiences.

Through a generous gift of \$100,000 from the Janirve Foundation of Asheville, North Carolina we have been able to partner other donor dollars, volunteer work days, donated materials and our staff's sweat equity to have completed close to \$500,000 in renovations. The Commercial Kitchen is installed and is to code, through the hard work of Dana Binsbacher from Stuart, Florida and others, the showers are 90% renovated having been done through donations of material, time and finance. Other areas of the facility are beginning to be targeted by specific groups for completion.

A Capital Campaign, "Restoring The Foundation", with a goal of raising \$700,000 will be launched during the first quarter of 2008. The Campaign will be designed to raise the money needed to complete the renovations and retire the note on the facility. When the facility is completed it will host many opportunities for not only ReCreation, but for the community of North Buncombe as well. A full service Commercial Kitchen, Worship Center/Gymnasium, Classrooms and Administration for ReCreation will all be housed in the facility. In addition, the athletic fields and the outdoor basketball court will continue to provide a resource for area athletes to practice and compete.

## *PARTNERSHIPS EXTEND SERVICES TO CLIENTS*

ReCreation Experiences is dedicated to providing quality service and benefit to the clients it serves. One of the best and most productive means to achieve this is through the collaborative partnerships that have been formed with other organizations. These Partnerships expand the services and the levels of service that can be provided. In 2007, key partnerships allowed ReCreation to expand to additional counties, increased the level of work and expanded the list of services we could provide. Below are the various partnerships working in collaboration with ReCreation Experiences:

### *Community Partnerships*

- AB Tech
- ABYSA (Asheville Buncombe Youth Soccer Association)
- Asheville/Biltmore Volleyball Academy
- Carolina Flame Youth Basketball
- Christ United Methodist Church, Weaverville
- Community Housing Coalition of Madison County
- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Land of Sky Regional Council
- Madison County Health Department
- Maranatha Baptist Church, Weaverville
- Mars Hill College
- NC Independent Living Program
- North Carolina Rural Communities Assistance Project
- Red Oak Alumni Association
- UNC Asheville Athletic Department
- Wastewater Discharge Elimination Program (WADE)
- Yancey County Health Department

Meeting and exceeding the needs and expectations of our clients is a priority for all of these organizations. The ability to expand the level of services, idea sharing, ability to access additional financial, physical, in kind resources and funding, and the opportunity to work together, greatly strengthens our presence in the communities we serve.

# Partnerships & Donors

## Foundations

Janirve Foundation, Asheville, NC

## Mission Partners

Courtland-Oakfield UMYF, Rockford, MI  
First Presbyterian Church, Boca Raton, FL  
First UMC, Orlando, FL  
First UMC, Stuart, FL  
First UMC, Valparaiso, IN  
First UMC, Winter Park, FL  
Peachtree Rd. UMC, Atlanta, GA  
RPM's Youth Group, Delmar, NY

## Corporate Partners

Asheville-Buncombe Youth Soccer Association  
Atlanta Bread Company  
Avenue One Realty Capital Advisors LLC, Charlotte, NC  
Carlstrom Family Chiropractic Center, Jupiter, FL  
Carter-Wallace, Inc., Saint Joseph, MI  
Go for the Glow, LLC, Orlando, FL  
R M Church Agency, Allstate Ins., Asheville, NC  
Red Oak Alumni Association, Weaverville, NC  
Songbird Property & Land, Weaverville, NC  
The Fusion Financial Group, LLC, Elmsford, NY  
Winter Inspection Services, Boca Raton, FL

## Individuals

David Abel  
Vince & Mary Ackerman  
Mark & Susan Armamentos  
Roy & Marcia Armes  
Scott & Julia Arrighi  
Sherrie Barner  
Jamie Barnes  
Michael & Kimberly Barnett  
Richard Barsalou  
Sara Beaudoin  
Bill & June Beck  
Joanna Beck  
Bruce & Linda Berner  
Dana & Christena Binsbacher  
Robert Blews  
Ronna Bloom  
Ivan & Patricia Bodensteiner  
Melissa Boreman  
James & Marylou Bossley  
Thomas & Billie Boyd  
Philip & Julie Bruns  
Mark & Christina Buehler  
Marcia Babbage  
Robert & Pamela Burrus

Ron & Barbara Bush  
Rick Bussey  
Larry Butcher  
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Todd Carter  
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Helen Clagett  
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Wayne Foote & Janet Peterson  
Lester & Arlene Forman  
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Joe & Michele Foster  
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Raymond & Katherine Isenburg  
Chris Joseph  
Mark & Phyllis Joseph  
Adelaide Key  
Tom & Pam Klug  
Loren & Marnie Korfmacher  
Kellie Kuperus  
Camilla Leyser  
Mitzi Leyser  
Alida Liberty  
Gillian Lisenby  
David Litzner  
Louis Litzner  
Rick & Jeanne Litzner

Samantha Litzner  
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Chuck & Dianne Mackoy  
David & Amanda Mackoy  
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William Magley  
John & Joan Mahoney  
Jim & Amy Marohn  
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Tyler McCoy  
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Andrew & Kathleen Thomas  
David & Julie Torbett  
Deborah Townsend  
Thomas & Elizabeth Tracy  
Conrad & Judy VanderWerf  
Jared Vibbert  
Richard Walthen  
Phil & Jean Waugh  
Joshua & Emily White  
Warren & Martha White  
Jere & Beverly Williams  
Forrest & Sara Wilson  
Matthew Workman  
Merv & Judy Wise  
Caleb Youngblood

# Financial Statement

*For fiscal year: October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007*

<b>Income</b>		<b>% of Budget</b>
Participant Fees	\$ 344,717	113.02%
Grant Income	\$ 0	0.00%
General Contributions	\$ 34,597	76.88%
Designated Contributions	\$ 3,100	310.00%
Other Income	\$ 16,858	67.43%
Contract Services	\$ 0	0.00%
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program	\$ 312,420	82.00%
Management & General	\$ 68,580	18.00%
<b>Assets</b>		
Total Current Assets	\$ 122,714	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 268,918	
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>\$ 391,632</i>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0	
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 200,000	
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>\$ 200,000</i>	
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$ 135,947	
Net Income	\$ 55,685	
<i>Total Equity</i>	<i>\$ 191,632</i>	
<i>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</i>	<i>\$ 391,632</i>	

- ReCreation Experiences is governed by a Board of Directors
- The IRS Form 990 can be viewed on [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)
- Financial information about this organization and a copy of license are available from the Charitable Solicitation Licensing Section at 1-888-830-4989. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

# ReCreation Experiences Leadership

## *Board of Directors*

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Board Chair

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Board Member

Bill Church  
Board Treasurer  
Campaign Chair

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Board Member

Molly Pritchard  
Board Secretary

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Legal Counsel

Bill Beck  
Board Member

Pattie Moore  
CPA

Lori Hagan-Massey  
Board Member

## *Administrative Staff*

Dave Torbett  
Executive Director

Rev. Jorge Herrera  
Director of Home Repair Ministries

Josh DeGraff  
Program Manager

Andrew Opila  
Building Maintenance

# About ReCreation Experiences

ReCreation Experiences is a faith-based, nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization that has been in operation in Asheville, NC since 1990. "Sharing our Faith through Home Repair Mission" has developed as the mission statement as it provides a clear and concise explanation of the operation of the program. ReCreation provides faith-based outlet for groups and individuals who are compelled to respond to the issues of poverty and substandard living in the WNC community. The volunteer teams extend assistance to those in our region who have a need for home rehab assistance. In doing so, a problem is solved, a life is touched or changed, and the mission of ReCreation Experiences is fulfilled.



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