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"Christmas in April is kind of like being on the home improvement show. We are really impressed and like the whole thing!"

In 2013, 625 Christmas in April volunteers donated 6873 hours to prepare for and repair the thirty homes described in this newsletter. One satisfied homeowner said that it was "like Santa's elves showed up." In addition, Christmas in April, W. H. Lloyd Construction, and Cave to Castle Remodeling replaced the 25 year old vinyl floor in the United Way House in appreciation of the support of United Way in providing a meeting place for our organization.

For our second year, donors of \$2,000 or more are acknowledged as a sponsor of a house, as are groups that sponsored a whole house, no matter the cost. We were most fortunate to have sponsors for thirteen homes this year. We had a couple of new opportunities this year. It was great to partner with the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association for the first time. This group sponsored three homes. Please see the list of sponsors on page 3. Additionally, Christmas in April initiated a successful fundraiser this year by recognizing companies on the back of the tee shirts given to the volunteers.

Special thanks to Dunkirk Supply and Sneade's Ace Home Center for their donations which supported most houses through their contribution of supplies. Appreciation goes to Brothers Johnson Septic Service for their donation of portable toilets to eleven homes on Christmas in April day. We were pleased to have four local fire departments share safety tips with homeowners and install smoke detectors. We also want to recognize all employees from the Constellation Energy Nuclear Group who volunteered many hours throughout the year for Christmas in April, enabling Christmas in April to receive matching funds from the Constellation Energy Foundation.

The support of the community has been overwhelming! In this newsletter, you will find the list of contributors to our workday, a description of the workday homes worked on by Christmas in April, and a calendar for the coming year. Please check the website for more information.

Christmas in April* Calvert County, Inc. is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together that, in partnership with the community, repairs and improves houses assuring that low-income homeowners live in warmth, safety and independence.

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Thanks to all who offered support and encouragement to Christmas in April's 2013 effort. We acknowledge with gratitude those who wish to remain anonymous, or who were inadvertently omitted from the list of supporters

Calendar 2013-2014

For more details see website www.christmasinaprilcalvertcounty.org.

September 2013

September 11: Christmas in April will work on a home for the annual United Way Day of Caring.

September 30: Applications are due for the 2014 workday.

Applications can be submitted online at www.christmasinaprilcalvertcounty.org, may be requested by a phone call, or may be picked up at the churches, senior centers, or libraries.

October 2013

House Selection Committees visit the homes of applicants.

November 2013

Board approves houses to be repaired on April 2014 workday.

December 2013

House captains are assigned to houses. Houses selected for April workday receive confirmation letter.

January 2014

House captains visit homes, determine work, and develop supply list.

April 2014

April 26 National Workday

Christmas in April will work on multiple houses in Calvert County.

The following information gives a brief summary of the improvements made on each home in 2013.

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Quotes from April 2013 recipients

House # 1 Eleven volunteers from All Saints Episcopal Church worked on this home with Frank McPhillips as house captain. Five windows were removed and replaced on the side of the house, with interior and exterior trim being replaced. Exterior lighting was rewired and weatherproofed. The gutters were removed and replaced and the soffit and fascia were painted. A tree growing too close to the house was removed. The homeowner called her Christmas in April experience "just awesome". In addition to the above mentioned improvements, "The walk area on the deck was improved by the volunteers," she said, "making this area much safer for my elderly mother to walk on the deck."



House # 2 Four volunteers from Arrow Construction made several major repairs to the very steep roof of this home, replacing plywood and shingles. Repairs were made to the upper deck and sliding door leading out the deck. Additionally, the dry wall in the living room was repaired where leaks had come from the upstairs deck. As an added bonus, a refrigerator was delivered and installed. The homeowners expressed their appreciation for the volunteers "doing over and above. They were very, very nice and did great work!" This home was sponsored by Arrow Electric.

Houses # 3 and # 4 With Keith Williams as house captain, a crew of eight volunteers from St. Nicholas Lutheran Church and Chesapeake Church worked on these two homes in the Dunkirk area. Projects included roof repairs, roof sheeting, storm doors, flooring repairs, faucets, shower surrounds, ceiling repairs, concrete footings, and light repairs. Home improvements also included access door rebuilding, painting, replacing

steps/landing with new wood, and yard work and gardening. Chesapeake's Bounty and Certa Pro Painters were supporters for both homes.



The homeowner of house # 3 expressed her feelings by saying she "could not ask for anything better. No way could I have fixed any of this without Christmas in April. Thank you guys from the bottom of my heart." Prior to having this work done, she could not get her back door open and this was a real safety issue. This was fixed as was everything on her list.

"Perfect" is the description of Christmas in April by the homeowners of house # 4. The new deck on the back of their mobile home has made the biggest difference to them as the sealer put on the roof so that they no longer have leaks.

House # 6 Cave to Castle Remodeling, with Glenn Phelps as house captain, made repairs to this home in December 2012, prior to the workday, due to the leaks from the roof into the kitchen ceiling. The roof repairs made lasting improvements to this home and protected the home from further damage.

House # 7 Eight volunteers from Friendship United Methodist Church worked on this home in Sunderland under the direction of Ray Wilkerson, house captain. They replaced eight windows. The previous windows had been wooden and the wood had rotted on them. Roof repairs were made by replacing a pipe collar and replacing the flashing around the chimney. This crew repaired the bathroom ceiling that had been stained from a leak. The front deck was replaced and the old unsafe steps were also replaced. The homeowner was pleased with the landscaping and the yard work. He said, "The volunteers did a lot in one day. It didn't take them long. They knew what they were doing and did an excellent job." Thanks to A. H. Hatcher, Inc. for supporting the work on this house. This home was sponsored by the HELP Association.

House # 8 Friendship United Methodist Church also worked on this home with twenty-two volunteers, under the leadership of Ray Wilkerson. Approximately twelve feet of the rotten wooden foundation were replaced as were several rows of siding. The entire back of the house and the cinder block chimney were painted. A damaged section of the roof was repaired. The oil tank was replaced and painted. The volunteers power washed the front deck and stained it, along with improving the hazardous steps. Guttering was added to the rear of the house to prevent the foundation from rotting and was also added to part of the front of the home. Yard work was also done. The elderly homeowner's daughter says, "It looks like a brand new house! They did many things we didn't even mention. God bless the volunteers!" The contributions of A. H. Hatcher, Inc. are appreciated for the work on this house.

House # 9 This team of eight volunteers, under the leadership of Larry Clark as house captain, were from Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 14775. They began their day by removing old carpet and padding to install new subfloor over the old plywood subfloor. At the same time, they began removing eight old windows and preparing the openings to accept new windows. The old bedroom carpet was replaced with new vinyl floor and the old vinyl floor in the dining room was replaced. The elderly homeowner's daughter says the new windows "are wonderful and will help tremendously with the heating bill. The new vinyl floor is absolutely incredible and it is a big help to me as I care for my dad." She complimented the volunteers on being so professional and on doing outstanding work.

House # 10 With Daniel Wilson as house captain, five volunteers from ABE Plumbing, LLC and Wilson Properties, Inc. made many needed improvements on this home and addressed safety issues. Much effort was put into removing a large wooden shed that had collapsed. A new metal railing was installed on the front porch. Wood trim was replaced around the patio door. Inside the home, a new kitchen faucet and new bathroom light were installed. Safety bars were installed in the tub and toilet areas and five window screens were replaced. All of the debris was removed from the yard and the grass and bushes were cut and trimmed. The homeowner, who was in rehab at the time, was really pleased to return home and see how much work had been done. She said, "If you see the volunteers, please tell them I can't thank them enough."

House # 13 Rich Hilmer, Jeff York, and Jay Maisel coordinated as house captains to guide twelve volunteers from Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, Prince George's County Government, and friends of Christmas in April in making repairs and improvements on this home. Fascia and gutters were replaced on the entire house. The team also trimmed, pruned, and mulched all plants and bushes and planted additional shrubs. Multiple repairs were made to the roof. Additionally, the front deck was scraped and painted and all waste was removed from the property. Thanks to A. H. Hatcher, Inc., Chesapeake's Bounty, CertaPro, and Sherwin Williams for their contributions

for the work done for this homeowner who said she hardly recognized her house. "It looked wonderful." She was amazed at all of the work that was done. This home was sponsored by Constellation Energy Nuclear Group.



House # 14 Vince Maldonado and John Brauner coordinated the work on this house for the ten volunteers from the Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council 9258, with support from Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. The kitchen base cabinets were severely damaged and falling apart. The installation of new cabinets and the countertop was hampered due to poor construction around the unused hot water tank in the kitchen. The crew removed and replaced the sliding glass door at the kitchen entrance and removed a section of carpet at the front door, installing vinyl tile in this area, to allow the door sweep to operate properly. The front yard was cleaned up and mulch was laid out on the tree lined areas and plantings all through the front yard. Four new plants were planted in the front yard. The homeowners described their Christmas in April experience as "kind of like being on the home improvement show. We are really impressed and like the whole thing!" A. H. Hatcher, Inc. and Chesapeake's Bounty provided support for this work. This home was sponsored by Constellation Energy Nuclear Group.

House # 15 A team of nine volunteers from Endless Options Marketing, led by house captain Shelly Loveless, restructured and redecked an existing deck on the home. The team also demolished the old bathroom floor, replacing the sub floor and toilet. The multiple flower beds were cleaned out, reshaped, and mulched. The homeowner said, "Everything they did made a big difference. I have really been blessed by them and did not expect all the work they did." She said that she was so blessed by the volunteers that she enjoyed cooking chicken and mac and cheese for them. This home was sponsored by Constellation Energy Nuclear Group.

House # 16 This homeowner requested a handrail for her front steps. Because of her disability, her knees buckle and she has fallen going up the steep steps into her house. Thanks to two skilled volunteers from Reality Homes, Inc., with Howard Brooks as house captain, she now has a safe and inviting yard to

come home to with a safe entrance. These volunteers dug and poured concrete for thirty-eight feet of handrail. The handrail was used in conjunction with the existing steps. After installing the handrail, they cleaned up the yard of tree limbs and old vines and cut the grass. The homeowner said, "This is exactly what I needed. Now I really don't need my cane for the steps and I don't have to walk up the side of the house anymore." Thanks also to Griffin's Flooring America for their donation to this home.



House # 18 IET Corporation provided sixty plus volunteers for the work on this home! They were guided by Mandi Kuidlan and Krystal Ringley, house captains. They replaced the flooring in the master bedroom, dining room, and living room. The master bathroom was retiled. The yard was landscaped with many plants and was mulched. "There are flowers blooming everywhere," says the homeowner. The front porch on the house was reinforced and leveled. An old damaged deck was removed and replaced. New gutters were installed on the entire house. The homeowner said, "With you guys and SMILE, there are angels in this world. You just have to look for them. The volunteers were such special people, singing and happy. You couldn't have found a better group." Chesapeake's Bounty contributed toward this work. This house was sponsored by the IET Corporation.

House # 19 Steve Brooks, house captain, led the nineteen volunteers from the Calvert Lighthouse Church, as they made improvements to this home. They painted the outside of the home, as well as the living room. The team repaired the chimney and installed T-111 siding. They also replaced windows throughout the entire home. The flooring was replaced in the foyer. The volunteers also helped to reorganize things in the home, replaced the outlet covers in the living room, and planted azalea bushes. Trash was hauled from inside and outside the house. Thanks also go to A. H. Hatcher, Chesapeake's Bounty, and Patuxent Habitat for Humanity for the improvements on the home. The homeowner says she really appreciates everything. She expects to see an improvement in her electric bill and is pleased to have the safety of two lights now on each side of her front door. She said the lady volunteers were

exceptionally sweet and the gentlemen so respectful and courteous.

House # 21 The Calvert County Lions Club provided fifteen volunteers for improvements to this home. Brian Owens served as house captain. The living room, bedroom, and hallway floors were replaced with laminate flooring. The homeowner wanted to remove the carpeting for the sake of their son with cystic fibrosis. The dust of the carpet caused him to have many attacks. Several minor repairs were made to the front porch and rear decks. Yard work included cleaning up the yard, weeding and mulching the flower beds, and planting shrubs. Chesapeake's Bounty provided donations for this work. These volunteers were joined for a couple of hours by two volunteers from their house sponsor, the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association.

House # 22 Forty-eight volunteers from the Maryland Crush Girls Fastpitch Softball Team, including players, coaches, parents, and friends were led by Doug Bartholomew, house captain, to improve this home. This group power washed the home and stained the deck so that it looked brand new, according to the homeowner. They did roof repairs and painted a ceiling in the home and the stoop in front of the house. A storm door was replaced and lots of yard work was completed, "with all kinds of flowers," says the homeowner. She was overwhelmed "Just to see the teenagers getting along and doing their job. They were laughing and joking, but doing their work. It was so cool to see them having a good time." The work on this home was supported by Chesapeake's Bounty, Thomas L. Hance, Inc., and Patuxent Habitat for Humanity.

House # 23 Major work was done on this home by twenty volunteers from Huntingtown United Methodist Church, under the direction of Henry Merryman, house captain. Four new windows were installed in the house. The old carpet and padding was removed and new carpet was installed. Much painting was done inside the house, including three rooms plus the bathroom, stairwell and the electric wallboard heaters. The hose bibs and hoses on the washer were replaced and electrical work included installing new receptacles and light switches. Four new kitchen cabinets and counter top were installed. The interior and exterior doors were stained and painted. Safety issues were addressed in putting in new exterior and interior locks on all doors and three storm doors and installing railings going down the basement stairs. Special touches included replacing mattresses and box springs, putting up blinds, and replacing curtains in the living room. Landscaping was also done. The homeowner calls their work "unbelievable!" "They thought of everything and were so amazing," she said. "The volunteers are just good folks to be around and made me a part of it." Donations were provided by Floor Systems, Inc. – Huntingtown, Hatcher's Feed and Supply of Huntingtown, the Mattress Corner of Lexington Park, Chesapeake's Bounty, Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, and 231 Farm, Home, and Pet Center. This home was sponsored by Huntingtown United Methodist Church.

House # 24 Twenty parishioners from Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and members of the Northern High School JV Softball Team worked together under the supervision of Randy Kozik, house captain, to make sure the homeowner's house would be secure from water and wind damage and to ensure his deck could be enjoyed by him for the upcoming years. The exterior work consisted of replacing a leaking roof vent, repairing minor flaws in a relatively new roof, repairing and painting the fascia and soffit, power washing the deck and applying a wood preservative, and rewiring the deteriorating exterior power supply cable. The final touch to the exterior was supplied by hard work of the softball team digging up sod on either side of the entrance to the house and landscaping it with two large flower gardens. In the interior, the water damaged kitchen ceiling was cleaned and repaired, the refrigerator was replaced, and the broken window blinds were replaced. The homeowner commented, "They did a good job! They all worked together." Chesapeake's Bounty provided donations for this home.

House # 25 Seventeen volunteers from Jesus the Good Shepherd Church, directed by Randy Kozik and Glenn Phelps, house captains, constructed a handicap ramp with railings to assist the homeowner in entering and leaving his house. Plumbing and electrical service were installed on the first floor to accommodate a washer and dryer on this level with the old washer and dryer hauled to the dump for recycling. Much yard work was completed: grass was mowed, old firewood was hauled away, shrubbery was trimmed, and trees encroaching the property were cut and trimmed. The falling insulation was reinstalled with new support wires. A kitchen faucet was replaced along with a new valve for the dishwasher. At the end of the day, the deck was treated with a water and sun repellent. The homeowner said, "Getting the ramp was a real miracle. Christmas in April really made a difference in our lives, especially right now. It has made my husband's life easier." Thanks are offered to Walls Plumbing for their time and effort. This house was sponsored by the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association.

House # 26 Emanuel Demedis was house captain for the volunteers from the Calvert County Bar Association as they made improvements on this home. The major task undertaken was the complete removal and replacement of the roof. This was accomplished with the help and guidance of David Scott and John Duffy of Scott Enterprises. The original task was to remove the old shingles and replace them with new. However, it soon became apparent that the sub-roof would have to be replaced. Eight volunteers from the IET Corporation were diverted from a nearby site and, with their help, the old sub-roof was removed in short order. In addition to the roof, four replacement windows were installed. Other windows that did not need replacement were scraped and painted. "It was overwhelming to see all the people that showed up and to watch the organization," said the homeowners. "The smile won't come off my face," enthused the husband. "The roof was the most amazing part because of all of the work that went into it."



House # 27 Stephanie Burgess, house captain, was responsible for the twenty-eight volunteers from Davis, Upton, Palumbo & Dougherty, LLC, Re/Max One, and Maryland Trust Title and Escrow who made a difference in the life of this homeowner. Holes in the roof were repaired where bats were making a home. Patching and painting were done in the foyer, living room, dining room, and kitchen and the old wallpaper was pulled off in the kitchen, with drywall being replaced. Two screen doors were installed. Additionally, a bathroom toilet and vanity were replaced and the plumbing was fixed in the bathroom. Siding was added and replaced, kitchen cabinets reattached, the basement cleaned out, and the house cleaned. Other jobs included installing a stove/oven and hood, fixing electrical outlets, installing a new chandelier in the kitchen/dining room and a fan/light in the foyer. The railing was attached to the steps, the carpet stretched, and the hot water heater replaced. Tons of yard work was completed and wood chopped and stacked. The homeowner said, "They did more than anybody should have done. They did a beautiful job! I even shed a tear."

House # 28 Volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Jeremy Harris as house captain, replaced the kitchen stove in this home and made numerous other repairs. The bathroom light now works, whereas before there was just a lamp on the sink. The home now has a working dehumidifier hooked up to the heat pump so that the basement won't flood. The kitchen faucet was replaced. The homeowners were also given a washing machine. The homeowner said, "I would have been happy to have just had the light bulb replaced going down the steps from the kitchen. I am blessed."

House # 29 Volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints also worked on this home. Again, Jeremy Harris served as house captain. Four basement windows were replaced. The homeowner said that they were put in wrong twenty years ago and she has wanted those windows replaced since that time. Air had been coming in those windows and this is a much needed improvement. The gutters were cleaned and trash was picked up around the edge of the yard. According to the homeowner, "Everything was fine. There were a bunch of

young men here who were very good and thorough. Christmas in April is a wonderful program with wonderful workers.”

House # 30 Howlin Concrete and Castilla’s Framing supplied eighteen volunteers who worked many hours to assure that home repairs were completed for this homeowner. Joe Penn and Derek Taylor were the house captains. The volunteers tore down the existing chimney and replaced the rotten studs and sheathing. According to the homeowner, the chimney was no longer attached to the house and was not safe. Then vinyl siding was installed on the whole house. “The siding is a pretty color and makes a big difference in the appearance of the house,” says the homeowner. Gutters and downspouts were added for home improvement. The homeowner repeated numerous times, “I appreciate everything so much – you have no idea. The volunteers were pleasant and nice and I felt comfortable with them.” This home was sponsored by PNC Bank.

House # 31 This team was led by Don King and Terry Johnson, house captains from Dominion LNG with Debbie Hoffbeck (Chesapeake Biological Lab), Dwight Harrod (Bartlett Nuclear Inc.), and Jim Baker (Constellation Energy Nuclear Group) serving as area leads. A total of forty-six volunteers worked on this project over a two day period. The work consisted of replacing six windows, one exterior door, building a plant shelf on the porch, and scraping and repainting all exterior trim. Multiple flower beds were reshaped and mulched. Gutters were cleaned and trash hauled away. The homeowner is thrilled with everything and says, “I just keep looking at the windows and the back yard and it looks so good. The old windows were put in forty years ago and the new windows will help with the heating bill. The volunteers were wonderful – everyone of them!” Thanks also go to Day and Zimmerman, A. H. Hatcher, Inc., Chesapeake’s Bounty, Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, the United Way of Calvert County, and the 231 Farm, Home and Pet Center for their support. This home was sponsored by Dominion LNG.



House # 32 Harvest Fellowship Presbyterian Church volunteers provided twenty-four volunteers, under the direction of Larry Carter, to work on this home. Their tasks originally called for a reversal of the previous entry door installation. They installed it to allow it to swing out to help the caregiver get her mother out of the home with ease. Luan was installed in one room and vinyl tile was put down. The group was tasked to install two windows, huge windows 48”x72” and 48”x96”. The windows were a challenge. The original window was put into place and then the home was built around it, so there was a lot of twisting and cracking. Painting was also done to the exterior of the home, including the shutters. A flower bed was made and

shrubbery and trees planted and mulched. The homeowner’s daughter is happy with the improvements to the ramp, making it a lot easier to get her mom out of the house. The daughter said, “This means so much to me that I want to volunteer next year to help someone else be as happy as we are.” Brothers Johnson, A. H. Hatcher, Inc. and Chesapeake’s Bounty provided donations for the work on this home. This house was sponsored by the Harvest Fellowship Presbyterian Church.



House # 33 Over fifty volunteers from Smithville United Methodist Church, Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church Youth, and friends of Christmas in April worked on this home, guided by David Fondelier and Glenn Phelps, house captains. Much effort was put into cleaning and straightening up the inside of the home and very extensive yard work was completed. Both plumbing and electrical repairs were made to improve the home. Dry wall repairs were completed and painting was done on the exterior of the home. The gutters were cleaned, fascia and soffits repaired, and trash hauled away. The homeowner expressed her thanks by saying, “Thanks for helping me get back on my feet with my house.” She described the experience as being “very uplifting for me. Like Santa’s elves showed up.” Thomas L. Hance, Inc. and Chesapeake’s Bounty provided support to this house. This house was sponsored by the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association.

House # 34 Eleven volunteers from Huntingtown High School worked on this home with Marshall Pike serving as house captain. These volunteers cleaned the yard of debris and pressure washed the deck. The wood deck, located at the rear of the property, was then stained to give it a great looking appearance. Repairs were also made to the steps leading to the deck as well as to the deck itself. The homeowner was very pleased with the work done on her home and said that “everything is nice.” The repairs to the steps and deck were much appreciated and will make this area of the home safer for the homeowner.

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Preparations Take Place Year Round for the April Workday

In August, Christmas in April*Calvert County, Inc., distributes Application/Referral forms to non-profit organizations, churches, libraries, Office on Aging, Social Services, Health Department, and others. Applications for Christmas in April 2014 were due September 30, 2013. The application can be submitted by the homeowner or a family member, a neighbor, or by an organization with the consent of the homeowner. All of the legal homeowners must live in their house. All work and materials are supplied free of charge to the selected homeowner.

Once applications are received, the **House Selection Committee** meets and members of the committee, including a skilled labor volunteer, visit application sites to determine the homeowner's eligibility and the feasibility of repairs. The committee then makes recommendations to the Board based on the need and Christmas in April's ability to do the work. Homeowners will be informed in December, once Christmas in April knows it has a House Captain and group to do the work on the approved homes.

Parallel to the application process runs the **selection of House Captains and groups to do the work for approved homes**. Many of these House Captains and their organizations have supported Christmas in April for many years. The next step involves lining up House Captains with the different projects. The House Captain then meets with the homeowner to determine the work required. Together they will determine a list of priorities. Based on the priorities, the House Captain then makes up a list of the supplies needed for the workday, which will be ordered by the Home Logistics Committee and delivered to the home one to two days prior to the workday. Homeowners who need more work done on their house than can be completed in one day are encouraged to reapply the following year.

On the workday more than 600 volunteers, skilled and unskilled labor, meet at the different work sites. Others work behind the scenes, preparing lunches, and supplying logistic support. The planned amount of work is based on an eight hour workday.

Every House Captain will complete a report on the work done and the number of volunteer hours. A month later, members of the House Selection Committee contact all homeowners to determine if all work was completed. **The Board follows up until all work is finished.**

Funds for the workday are solicited throughout the year through the writing of grant applications, a mail campaign to the public, events, and through the generosity of many businesses, organizations, and individuals.

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