

APS Donation letters

1. Address letter to neighbor, relative or other individual or friend you feel would be a potential contributor. Sign your name at the bottom and add a note if you like.
2. Include an information sheet about the ASP program.
3. Send your letter, ASP information sheet, and a stamped self-addressed envelope to the potential contributor.

When you receive a donation, send a thank you to the donor.



Help our church youth make a special weeklong journey.

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is an organization that addresses the housing needs of Central Appalachia. Facilitated by an ASP administrative staff, volunteers give of their time, resources, and talents to help low income families in need of home repairs in WV, VA, TN, KY, and NC. Volunteers focus on making houses warmer, safer and drier for people caught in economic suffering and unable to complete these repairs themselves.

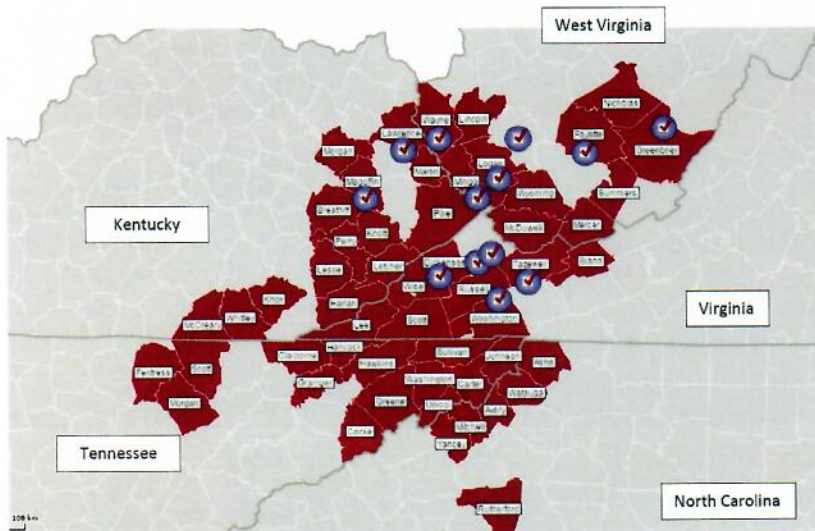
Projects range from repairing house foundations to roofing a house and everything in between. The volunteers to ASP come from many backgrounds and Christian denominations; yet the common theme of service binds volunteers into a family. Volunteers give freely of their time so that they might complete "miracles" of home repair and live out the Gospel. We aspire to be the hands of Jesus.

In many areas of Appalachia over 20% of families live below the poverty level. Median income is approximately \$25,000 per year.

Our church will have teams of volunteers serving in Appalachia this summer. Each team will consist of 5 teenagers and 2 adults. Our total expenses for the trip are estimated at \$700 per person which includes building supplies, transportation, accommodations, and fees. We are looking for generous sponsors like you who can help us meet our financial needs for this important service project. Please consider helping us.

Checks can be made out to: **SS. Simon and Jude Appalachia Service Project**
Thank you!

Areas Served by ASP and Where SS. Simon and Jude Has Been



SS. Simon and Jude has served here



Receipt (keep for your records) SS. Simon and Jude Church ASP 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382

\$ _____ Received from _____ Date: _____

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It is a very rewarding experience for several reasons: the improved housing we are able to provide several families, the humble gratitude of the families, and the firsthand experience of seeing young adults (typically 15 to 18 years old), give so freely of themselves to do many difficult and often dirty jobs (an example – installing insulation between floor joists, working in a dirty crawl space less than 2' high).

The attached flyer gives more detailed information on SS Simon and Jude's ministry with ASP.

The purpose of this note is to ask for your support of this program. It costs about \$700 to fund each individual volunteer, with each volunteer paying a significant portion themselves. But, there is still need to raise a major portion of the budget needed. The money goes to fund our transportation costs, food & lodging, and building supplies.

If you feel this is a worthwhile effort and would like to make a donation, it would be very much appreciated. Any donation (large or small) will help meet our ASP budget needs.

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