

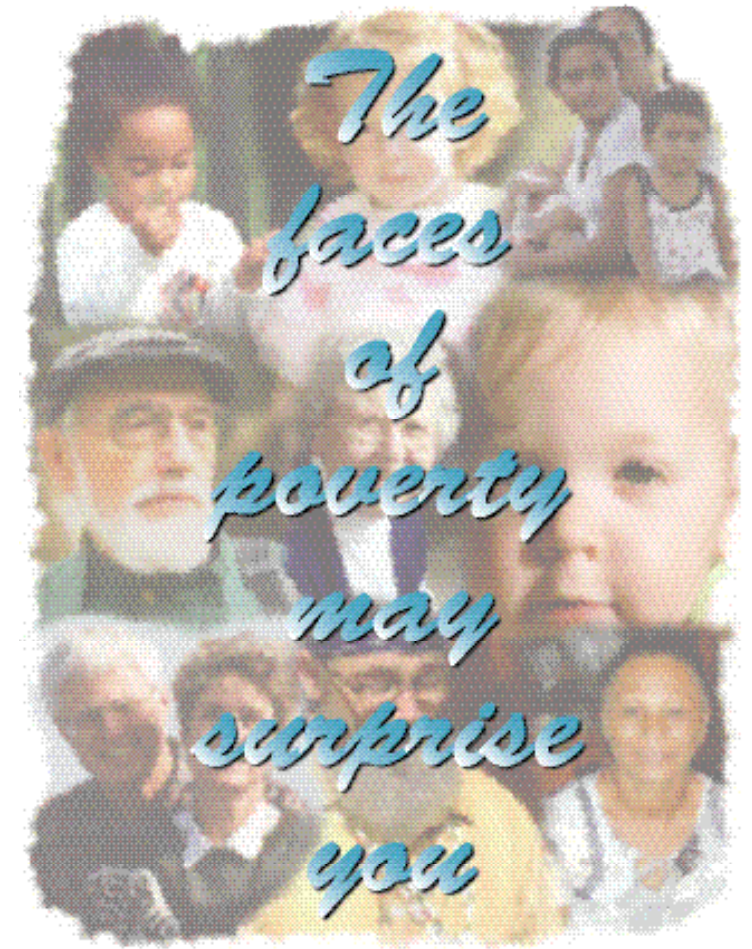
Recently completed projects include:

- Volunteers worked 152 hours replacing a leaking roof, repairing wiring, fixing an evaporative cooler, and fixing a porch for a single mother with three girls in the home. The mother was working full time, but did not have enough money for the necessary repairs.
- Volunteers built wheelchair ramps for several clients whose health prevented them from climbing stairs. Without the ramps, these people would have been completely homebound. A ramp project generally takes \$800 to \$1,000 in materials and more than 100 volunteer hours to complete.
- Volunteers replaced a toilet for a man confined to a wheelchair due to an automobile accident that had killed his wife and left him paralyzed. His toilet was broken and he had to dump a bucket of water into the toilet to flush it. He now has a new toilet that works.
- Volunteers fixed a leak in a shower and replaced part of a bathroom floor for a single mother with three children, who is trying to live on money she earns cleaning houses. The leak was causing excessive mold in the bathroom and had saturated the bathroom floor, necessitating replacement.
- Volunteers helped a man who is confined to his wheelchair because of chronic lung disease by removing gravel from the bottom of his wheelchair ramp. His wheelchair could not move through the gravel and he had great difficulty getting in and out of his home.

These projects may differ in amount of time required, in degree of difficulty and required expertise, but all projects allow the homeowners to live more comfortably and safely in their homes.

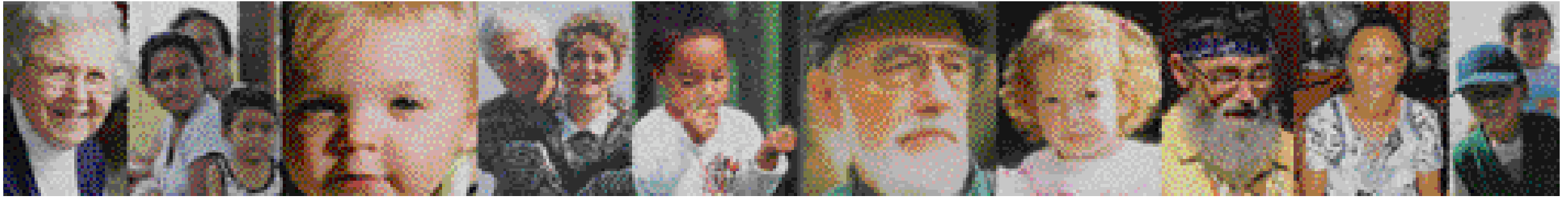


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is an outreach program of the Coalition for Compassion and Justice, a community organization committed to meeting immediate needs, empowering people toward self-sufficiency, and advocating for systemic change impacting the health and well-being of people in Yavapai County.



What is Home Repair?

Home Repair is an outreach program of the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ), which became aware that significant numbers of low-income homeowners live in houses that are unsafe or unhealthy; that many of the owners do not have the financial means or skills to improve the conditions; and that there is a need for a volunteer service organization to help out.

Home Repair was established in 2001 and completed two projects that year. In 2005, Home Repair completed 47 projects at an average cost of \$168 per project. Thirty-six volunteers spent more than 700 hours on Home Repair projects.

How you can help

Volunteers are the backbone of Home Repair. You can help ensure that everyone's home is habitable and safe by volunteering your time, contributing money, or in-kind resources. Experienced plumbers and electricians are always needed, as are those experienced with mobile home repairs, especially roofs. Project managers to evaluate projects and oversee the repairs are also needed. Additionally, volunteers to provide office support, to take meeting notes, and provide administrative backup are needed. All volunteers with a can-do attitude and an open heart are welcome. Monetary donations to purchase needed supplies are always greatly appreciated.

Bess and Roger's story

Bess and Roger have been married for 30 years. Bess is 87 and Roger is 75. Bess says that Roger is a real people person; Roger says Bess does all the talking. They both laugh a lot. Bess says she stays young because she is curious about life. Suzie Q is their slightly neurotic dachshund, who is a much loved family member. Bess and Roger pamper Suzie Q and feed her a few too many doggie treats, as evidenced by her waistline.

Roger is a veteran and is very proud of his years working as a volunteer driver for the Veteran's Administration. He is on oxygen. Both Bess and Roger have difficulty climbing stairs. Home Repair built a wheel chair ramp and fixed the roof of their small mobile home.

Tony's story

Tony is proud of the fact that he was born in Prescott 85 years ago. He loves to tell stories about his childhood in Prescott. During the Depression, Tony helped his family delivering newspapers on Whiskey Row. He says that the women of the brothels were his favorite customers—they were the best tippers. The proprietor of the Palace would convince customers to buy a paper that they couldn't read just to help Tony and his family.

Tony's wife died four years ago and he had a debilitating stroke about a year ago that left him unable to talk or walk. Tony spent five months in physical therapy working

very hard to relearn these skills. He learned to talk again and he is able to get around with a walker. He is very proud of his progress and is quite an inspiration. Tony couldn't sit in the reclining chairs in the living room because if he sat down he couldn't get up. The chairs were low and he couldn't get enough leverage to get into his walker. Home Repair built platforms that the rockers sit on and now Tony can get down and up without help. He likes being independent. He says that the platforms look so good that his wife, who was very particular, would have approved.

Nora's story

Nora is 87-years-old with a great smile and a great faith. She says the Lord brought her to Prescott some 20 years ago and that she belongs right where she is. Upon arriving in Prescott, she felt so at home that she had to pull over to the side of the road to shed a few tears. Nora's son lives in another state, but she has many friends in Prescott and is quite content. Nora has some difficulty getting around because she uses a walker. She can't navigate steps any longer. Home Repair built a ramp and Nora is able to get in and out of her house. She looks forward to weekly grocery shopping trips and outings with her friends.

For more information, or to volunteer, call (928) 445-8382.