

2024 General Meeting

February 4, 2024



DreamBuilders

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of teens and adults
building homes for those in need



Agenda

- History of DreamBuilders
- 2024 Projects
- Fund Raising Activities
- How you can help
- Questions

DreamBuilders

An interfaith community of teens and adults building homes for those in need

- Founded in 2002 at St. Mark's, Highland
- Have touched the lives of over 450 people in need
- We work locally, nationally, and internationally
- Our projects are focused on disaster relief regions
- Our reputation:
 - Very organized
 - Hard working
 - Quality work



ARC Home Renovation Project (2016)

Some Statistics

- 50 mission trips (week long)
 - Over 1,700 volunteers have participated
 - Over 68,000 volunteer hours
 - Average team size: 34
 - Twenty nine blitz builds
- Local projects
 - Arc of Howard County
 - Guardian Angel Project, Baltimore City
 - Baltimore Station, Baltimore City
 - Rebuilding Together-Howard County, Ellicott City
 - Support of military families
 - Folding desk project during COVID (500 desks built)



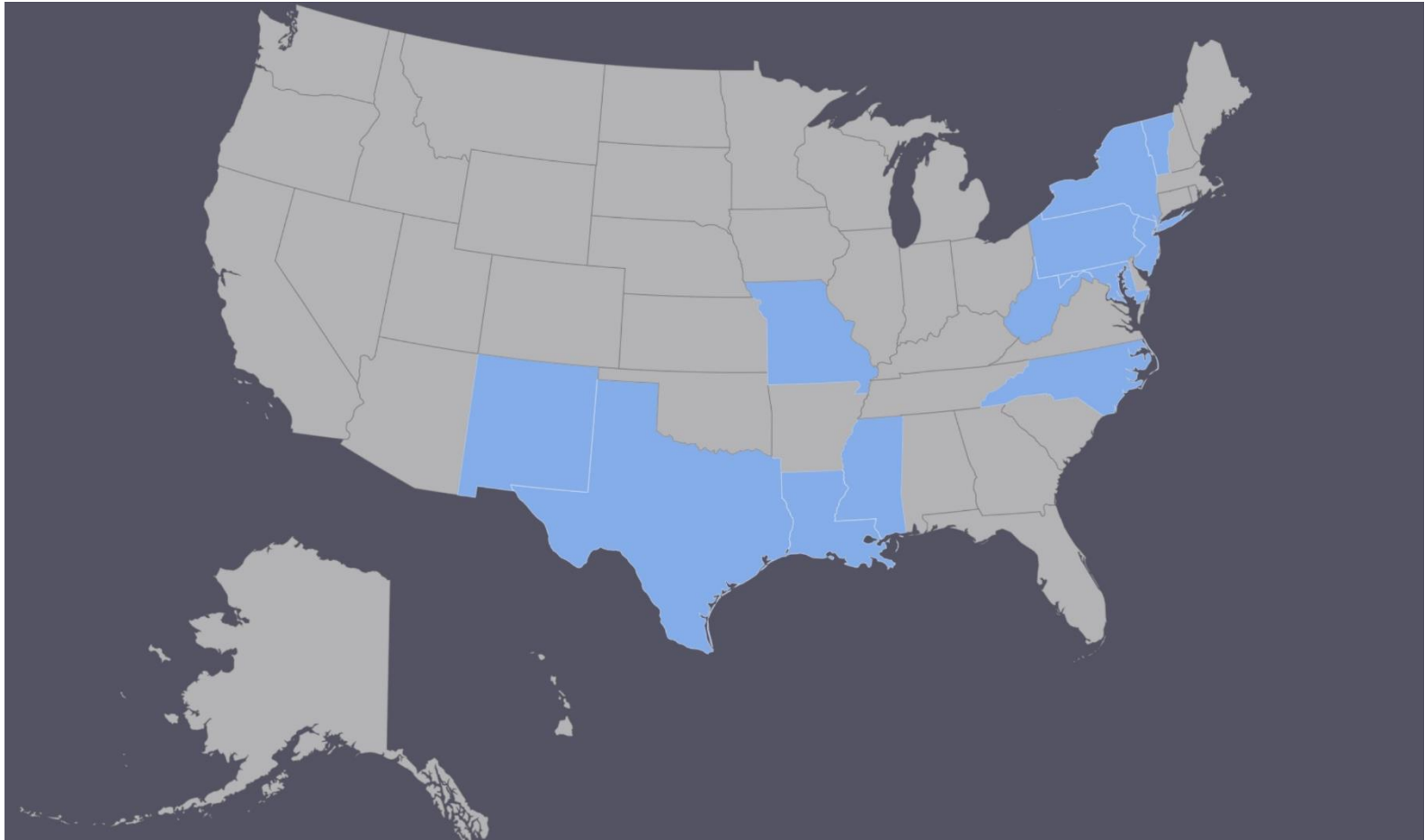
2009 Blitz Build in WV



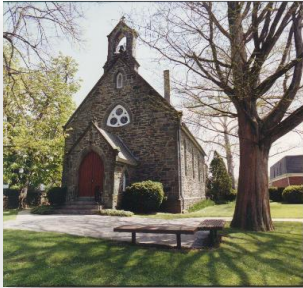
2020 Desk Production

Where We Have Worked in the U.S.

13 States (Kentucky not highlighted)



DreamBuilders Member Organizations



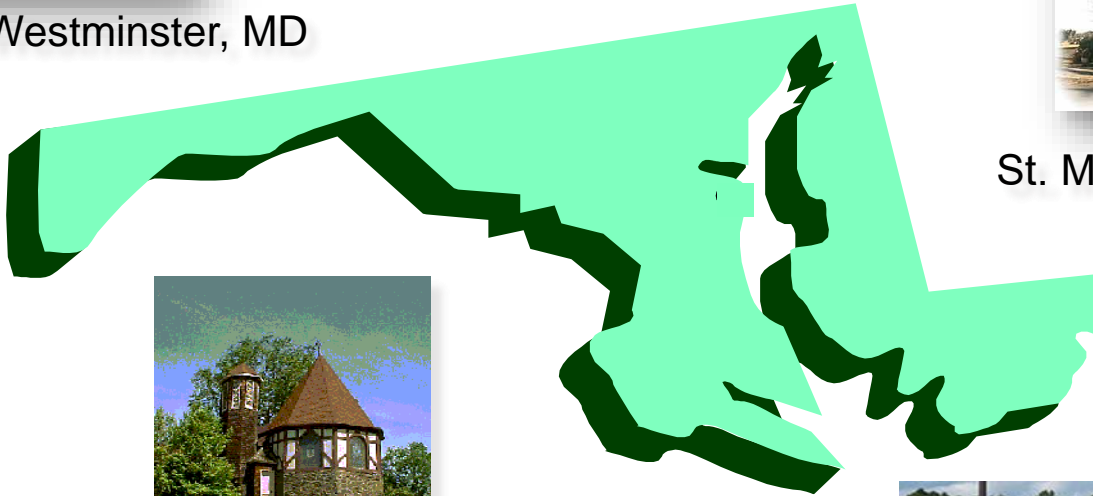
Ascension, Westminster, MD



Christ Church, Columbia, MD



St. Mark's, Highland, MD



Trinity, Elkridge, MD



Temple Isaiah, Fulton, MD

DreamBuilders Leadership Team

- **Ascension** – Buck Lyon-Vaiden
- **Christ Church** – Stacey Frith, Cathy Gold
- **St Mark's** – Bill & Pam Brazis, John McBeth, Brian Rezac, Lisa Viglotti
- **Temple Isaiah** – Marge & Arthur Gold, Amy & Ben Levitt, Doug Silverstein
- **Trinity** – Herb Malveaux, Michelle Uhler
- **Independent** – Carolyn & Skip Steiner, Dave Lazas, Verna Karolenko, Drew Fisher, Candi Krug

This is an ALL volunteer team

Funding Sources

- Member Organizations:
 - Outreach Committees
 - Special Fund Raisers
- Individual donations
- Corporate donations
- Fund raisers
 - Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
 - Coffee sales
 - Temple Isaiah Matzohball 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run
- Missioner fees

We are Not for Profit

- An outreach mission of St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 501(c)(3)
- Where does the money go?
 - Travel and living expenses for work teams
 - Airfare
 - Van rental, gasoline
 - Groceries
 - Lodging expenses
 - Materials for building projects
 - Sponsoring a Blitz build costs \$25,000 or more per home!

99.9% of funds collected directly fund projects

Annual Project Selection Process

- **Fall:** Leadership team identifies candidate locations
- **Winter:**
 - “Scouting” teams travel to any new locations
 - Scouting teams present to leadership team and make recommendations
- **Locations we consider:**
 - Disaster relief regions
 - Impoverished areas
 - Local needs (ARC home renovation, Ellicott City flood recovery, military family home renovation, etc.)

Example Partner Organizations

- St. Bernard Project (SBP)
- The Fuller Center for Housing
- Rebuilding Joplin (Joplin, MO)
- COVER Home Repair (Vermont)
- ARC of Howard County
- Rebuilding Together – Howard County
- Housing Development Alliance (Hazard, KY)

“The DreamBuilders are so Awesome, heroes...everyone of you should be so proud of what you do, not just changing lives but saving lives!!”

Lynda Hart (White River Junction, Vermont)

Some Things You Should Know

- We are a faith-based organization
 - Christian Service and Jewish Service
 - Daily devotionals, prayer at meals
- No skills are required
 - You will learn everything you need
- We are sticklers for quality!
- We have an outstanding safety record
- We work hard **and** play hard
- You will get a first hand look at hardship
- *It will be life changing*

2024 Projects

- January: Puerto Rico
- June: Hazard, KY
- Fall: Local project?

January, 2024 Puerto Rico Trip

- 17 missionaries traveled to San Juan
- Worked on 4 buildings
- Worked with SBP, Apoyemos (One Hand)



Typical Mission Trip

- Sunday: Travel, settle in at volunteer center, safety talks, etc.
- Monday - Friday
 - Work days, typically 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, except half day on Wednesday
 - Evening worship & fun activities which depend on location
- Saturday: Cleanup, travel home



2024 Summer Trip Hazard, Kentucky

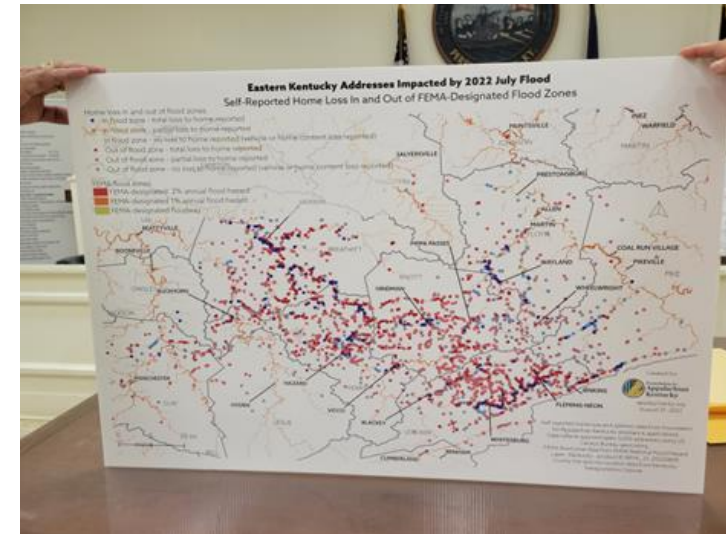
June 16 – 22, 2023

Multiple BLITZ BUILD!



Hazard, KY Flood

- July, 2022
- 49 people lost their lives
- Over 600 people rescued
- 1,600 homes damaged or destroyed



















Blitz Build

- Begin 1st day with block foundation
- Four days later...



- We CAN bring our own tools
- Last year, we built 2 homes with a team of 23 volunteers

Our Blitz Goal for 2024

- This year, our goal is to build three homes with a team of 36 volunteers
- The cost of a house sponsorship is \$25,000
- We have raised \$50,000 so far, but we need to raise more to take on the 3rd house
- Look for fund raising opportunities (dining out at local restaurants, etc.) and support us!
- If you have ideas for fund-raising, please let us know!



Platinum Level \$10,000
Gold Level \$5,000
Silver Level \$1,000

- Each Kentucky blitz build costs DreamBuilders \$25,000
- In June 2023, DreamBuilders built 2 homes at a cost of \$50,000
- DreamBuilders' 2024 goal is to build 3 homes

Please contact John McBeth for details



Trip Details

- Day 1:
 - Meet at Temple Isaiah
 - Drive to Hazard (8 hour drive)
 - Settle in to living quarters
- Day 2-5:
 - Blitz build (work day from 7:00 – 3:30)
 - Evening free time/dinner/services
- Day 6:
 - Day of relaxation and fun (allegedly)
- Day 7:
 - Pack up/clean up
 - Return to Temple Isaiah

Lodging and Meals

- Hazard is a very impoverished area
- Still working through details of lodging
 - Local church
 - Local school
- We will prepare most of our dinners, eat out one night
- There is a local Walmart

Final arrangements will be presented at the mandatory meeting

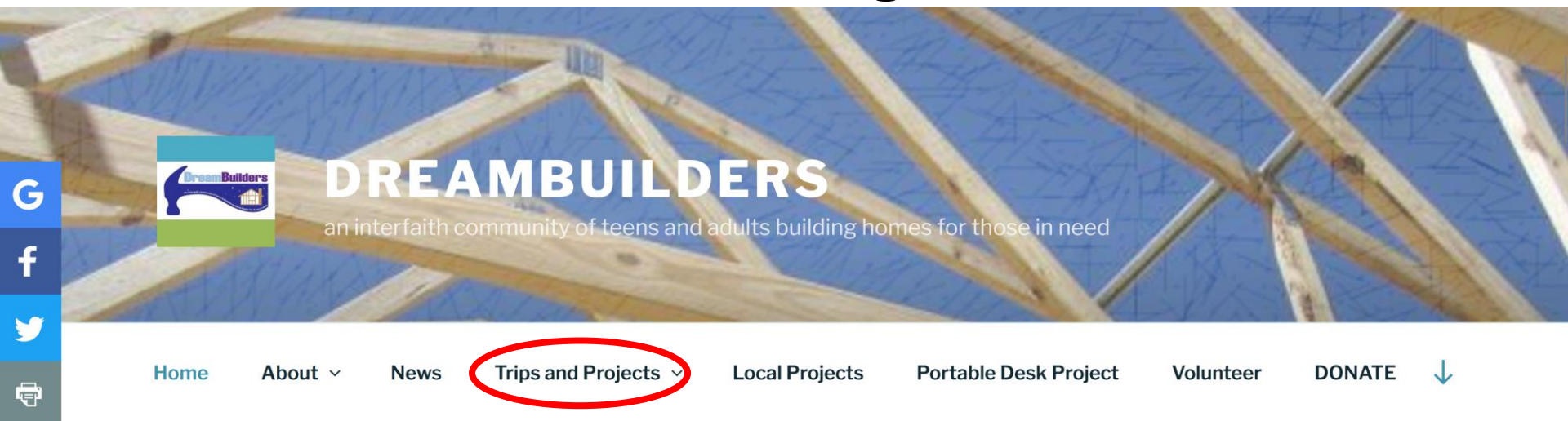
Registration and Payment

KY Mission Trip Registration

- Online registration opens to members of the DreamBuilders congregations on Monday, February 5
- Registration will open to everyone on February 19
- Registration closes on March 4
- You must have completed 9th grade
- Missioner fee is \$700
- Maximum of 36 volunteers

How to Register – ALL ON-LINE!

www.dreambuildersmd.org



- Before registering, gather necessary information:
 - ✓ emergency contacts, doctor + insurance information, date of tetanus shot, allergies
- Go to our web site, click on “Trips and Projects” pull down menu
- Click on 1st menu item: “Summer 2024 Trip to Hazard, Kentuvcky”
- Fill in and “e-sign” Parent/Guardian Permission forms (Required for Teen Missioner under age 18)
 - Medical care, good conduct, costs, permission to swim, permission to post photos
- Make Payments
- Print and sign Liability Waiver (bring to mandatory meeting)

Trip Payments

On-line payment with a credit/debit card/electronic transfer from checking/savings account

- Deposit of \$350 due at time of registration
- Balance of payment (\$350) due April 23
- Click on payment link provided on registration site
- If paying by check:
 - Make checks out to [St. Mark's](#)
 - Mail checks to: [John McBeth](#)
[6530 River Clyde Drive](#)
[Highland, MD 20777](#)

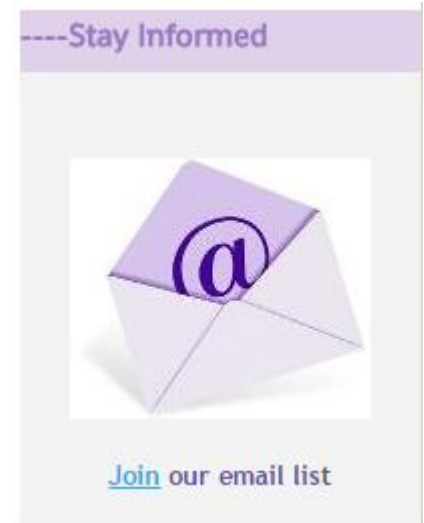
NOTE: If you would like to join us, but can't afford the \$700 fee, please let us know. We have scholarship funds available.

Where Can You Help?

- Volunteer to help with:
 - Driving (adults needed for passenger vans)
 - Meal planning
 - Worship planning
 - Entertainment planning
 - Team assignments
 - Work Team Leaders
 - Housekeeping assignments

Next Steps

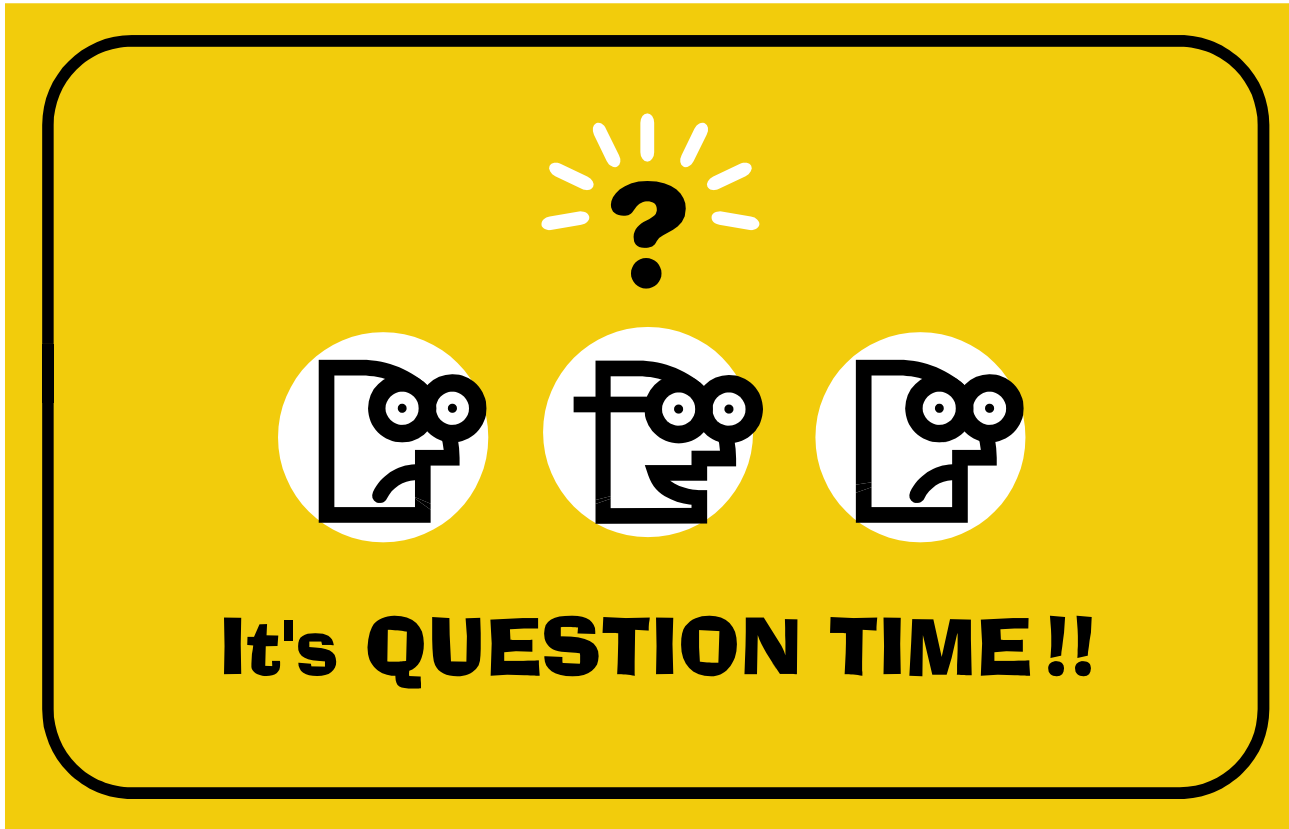
- Make sure we have a current email address for you
- Register on-line & submit deposit
- Watch for emails on the mandatory meeting date
- Volunteer to help



Sign up for our
ConstantContact™ email
list

2024 Fall Project

- We will continue to look for a local project for the fall
- Likely in the September-November timeframe
- One of more weekends
- Volunteers can be in middle school
- Sign up for a day



Contact John McBeth at john.mcbeth@verizon.net