

2026 General Meeting

February 8, 2026



DreamBuilders

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



Agenda

- History of DreamBuilders
- 2026 Projects
- Fund Raising Activities
- How to register
- 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 500 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)

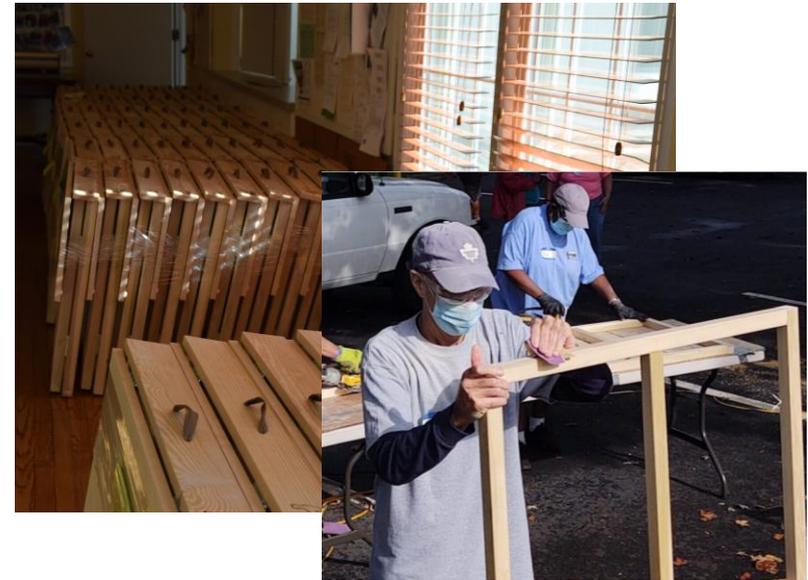
Some Statistics

- 53 mission trips (week long)
 - Over 1,770 volunteers have participated
 - Over 70,920 volunteer hours
 - Average team size: 34
 - Thirty five blitz builds



2009 Blitz Build in WV

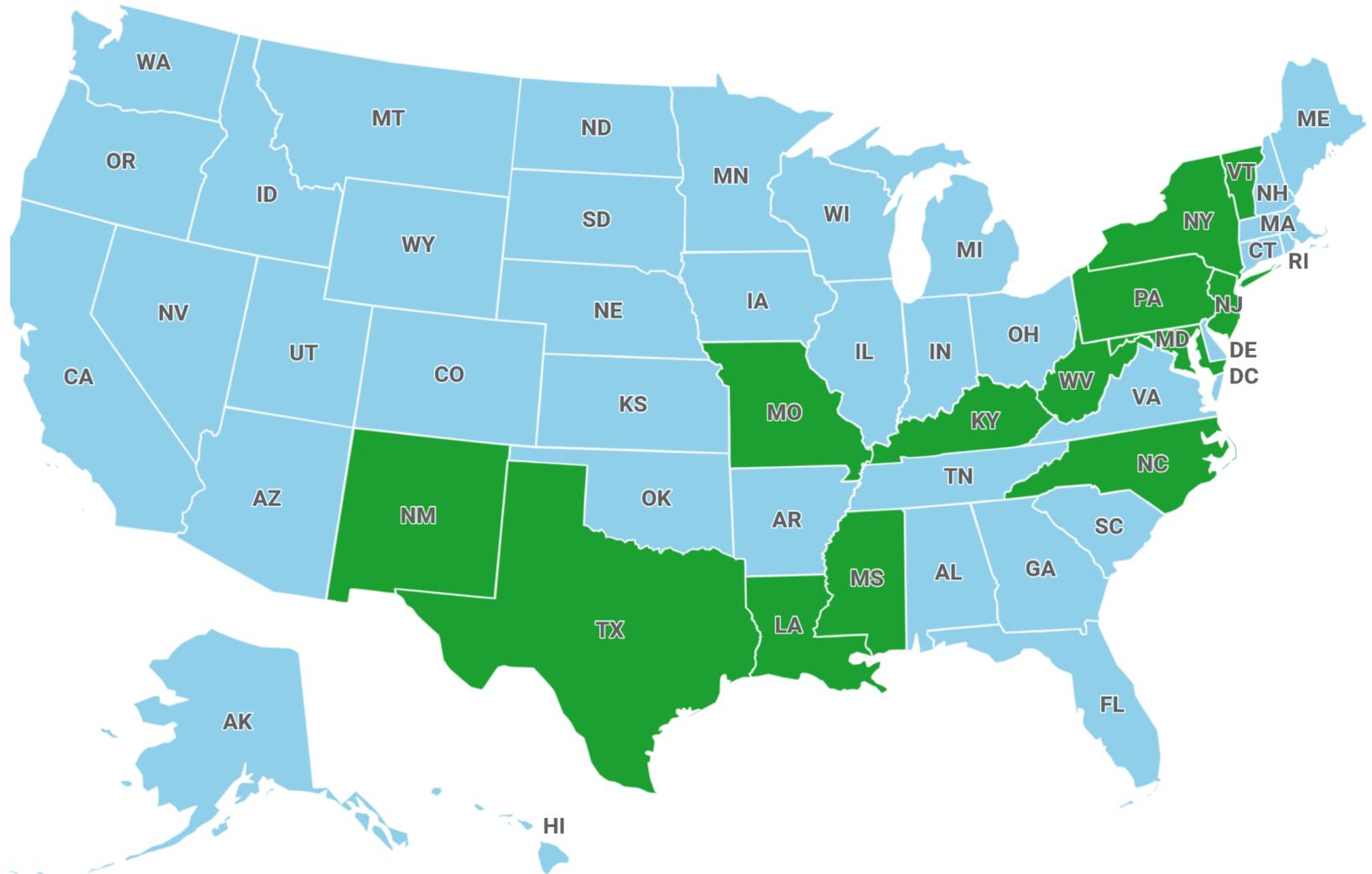
- Local projects
 - Arc of Howard County
 - Guardian Angel Project, Baltimore City
 - Baltimore Station, Baltimore City
 - Rebuilding Together-Howard County, Ellicott City
 - Support of military families
 - Folding desk project during COVID (500 desks built)



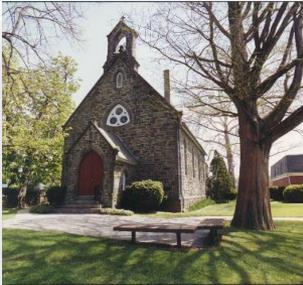
2020 Folding Desk Production

Where We Have Worked in the U.S.

13 States



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** – Gordon Kieffer, Herb Malveaux, Michelle Uhler
- **Independent** – Carolyn & Skip Steiner, Verna Karolenko, Drew Fisher, Candi Krug

This is an *ALL-volunteer* team

DreamBuilders Funding Sources

- From Member Organizations:
 - Outreach Committee donations
 - Special Fund Raisers (e.g., Christmas Marts, Matzohball Run, coffee sales, etc.)
- Corporate donations (see next slide)
- Individual donations
- DreamBuilders Fund-Raising Events
 - Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction (March 14)
 - DreamBuilders night out at Bushel and a Peck Kitchen & Bar (Date TBD in spring)
- Missioner fees
 - A portion of the trip fee helps to cover the cost of the blitz builds

Corporate Sponsorships

- Do you (or your guardians) work for a company that makes donations to charities?
- Ask them to support our mission. We have 3 levels of corporate giving:
 - Platinum Level \$10,000
 - Gold Level \$5,000
 - Silver Level \$1,000
 - All sponsorship contributions are welcomed, regardless of amount
- Benefits include:
 - Recognition on our web site and Facebook pages
 - Recognition at all DreamBuilders events (spaghetti dinner, DreamBuilders night out)

Recent Corporate Sponsors!



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% of funds collected directly fund projects

Annual Project Selection Process

- **Fall:** Leadership team identifies candidate locations
- **Winter:**
 - A local “partner” organization is identified
 - “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
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
- 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)

Typical Week-Long Mission Trip

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

Some Things You Should Know

- We are a faith-based organization
 - Christian Service and Jewish Service held during week long mission trips
 - Daily devotionals, prayer at meals
- No skills are required
 - You will learn everything you need
- There is a mandatory meeting held for the week-long trips
- 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*

2026 Projects (so far)

- April 12-18: Hazard, KY Home repair
- June 21-27: Hazard, KY Triple Blitz Build
- October 18-24: San Juan, Puerto Rico Home repair
- Fall: TBD Local project



Recipient of one of our 2025 Homes



2024 Blitz Build, Hazard, KY



2026 Spring Trip Hazard, Kentucky

April 12-18, 2026

- “Pilot” trip to experience home repair instead of new construction
- Team of six led by Gordon Kieffer
- Based on feedback, we may schedule future repair trips



2026 Summer Trip Hazard, Kentucky

June 21 - 27, 2026

TRIPLE BLITZ BUILD!



















Blitz Build

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



- A typical home is 3 bedroom, two full baths (1,040 sq. ft.)
- Last year, we built 3 homes with a team of 36 volunteers
- You must have completed 9th grade to participate

Blitz Build Goal for 2026

- This year, our goal is to build another three homes with a team of 36 volunteers, making 11 total homes built by DreamBuilders in Hazard
- The cost of a house sponsorship is \$25,000
- We have raised \$65,000 so far, but we need to raise \$10,000 more to fund all three houses
- Look for fund raising opportunities (dining out at local restaurants, etc.) and support us!

Maryland DreamBuilders



Requested Info:

About the 3 Homes You Built:

- **2 of the 3 Are Now Occupied**

Lettie Sturgill and Teresa Huff have both moved into their new homes. The spec home has not yet sold, but we anticipate it selling soon!

- **Average Home Payment**

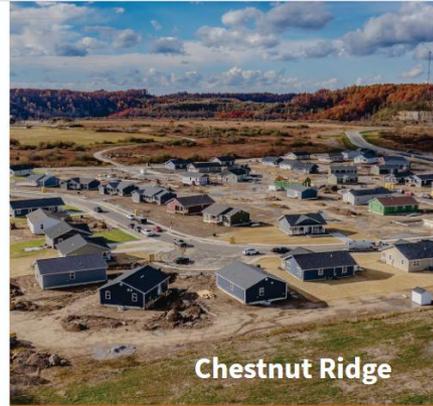
The average payment is \$472 per month - that includes house payment, property taxes, and homeowner's insurance

- **Payments are dependent on the income of the family.**

Of the 10 houses that we have sold or are selling soon at Chestnut Ridge, the average total monthly payment is \$558.

Project's Next Phase Starting Soon!

We start building here next



Chestnut Ridge



Lettie's Finished Home



Spec Home - Not Yet Sold



Teresa's Finished Home

Trip Details

- Day 1 (Sunday, June 21):
 - Meet at Temple Isaiah
 - Drive to Hazard (8 hour drive)
 - Settle in to living quarters
- Day 2-6:
 - Blitz build (workday from 7:00 – 3:30)
 - Evening free time/dinner/services
- Day 7 (Saturday, June 27):
 - Pack up/clean up
 - Return to Temple Isaiah

NOTE: You will be provided all necessary details at the trip's mandatory meeting in May

Lodging and Meals

- Hazard is a very impoverished area
- We will be staying at the First Baptist Church in downtown Hazard. We stayed there last year and really liked the facility!
- We will prepare most of our dinners, eat out one night
- There lots of local businesses we can support while there (ice cream shops, pizza shops, Walmart, Lowe's, etc.)



2026 Fall Local Project

Date(s): TBD (September or early October)

- We are in the process of identifying a project
- The project will be on one or more weekends
- Partner organizations we are considering:
 - Rebuilding Together-Howard County
 - Community Action Council of Howard County
 - Others?
- You must be at least 14 years old to participate
- Watch our email messages for more information

San Juan, Puerto Rico

October 18-24, 2026

- Up to 10 missionaries
- Repair work on one or more homes
 - Painting
 - Tile work
- Working with Apoyemos (One Hand)





Registration and Payment

KY Summer Mission Trip Registration

- We send out informational email messages using ConstantContact™
- Online registration will open on February 8 (Today)
- Registration closes on March 22
- You must have completed 9th grade
- Maximum of 36 volunteers

How to Register – ALL ON-LINE!

www.dreambuildersmd.org



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- Before registering, gather necessary information:
 - ✓ emergency contacts, doctor + insurance information, date of last tetanus shot, allergies
- Go to our web site, click on “Trips and Projects” pull down menu
- Click on the project of interest, e.g., “Summer 2026 Trip to Hazard, Kentucky”
- Fill in and “e-sign” Parent/Guardian Permission forms (required for teen missionaries 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)

Summer Kentucky Trip Payments

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

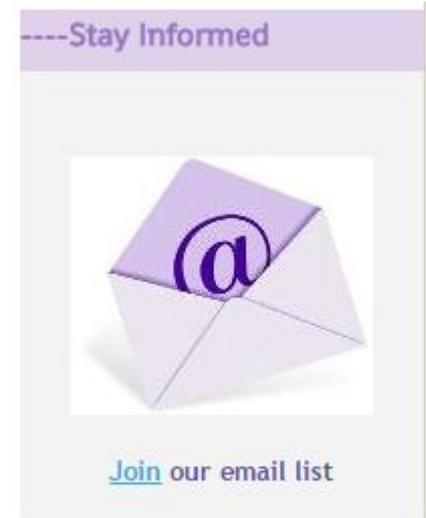
- Deposit of \$400 due at time of registration
- Click on payment link provided on registration site
- Balance of payment (\$350) due April 5
- If paying by check:
 - Make checks out to [DreamBuilders](#)
 - Mail checks to: **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**
12700 Hall Shop Road
Highland, MD 20777
- **NOTE: If you would like to join us, but can't afford the \$750 fee, please let us know. We have scholarship funds available.**

How Can You Help?

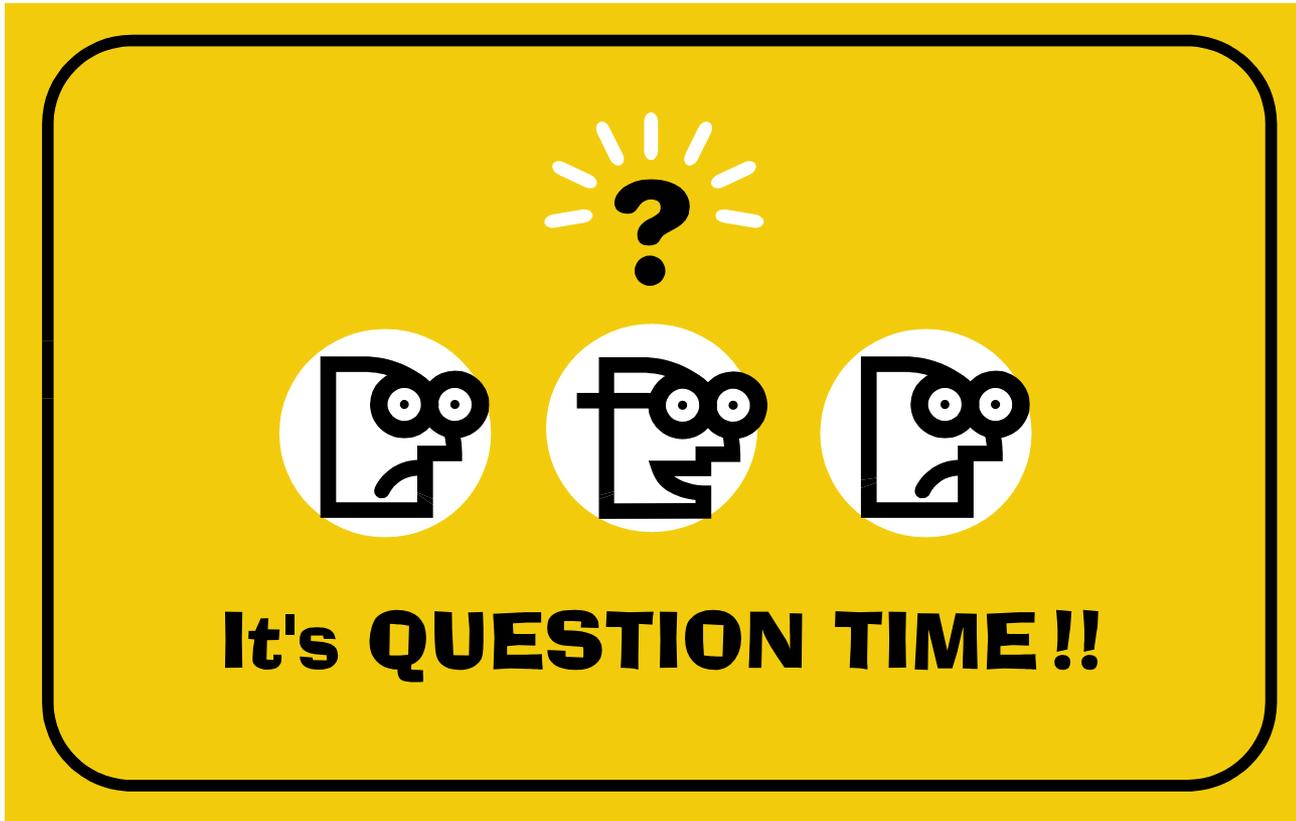
- Help us raise funds for our blitz builds
 - Consider an individual donation
 - Solicit corporate sponsorships
 - Donate items for our silent auction at Spaghetti dinner
 - Come up with a new fund-raising idea
- Recruit volunteers for our projects. Bring a friend!
- Volunteer to help at our fund raisers (meal preparation, serving dinner, manning tables selling coffee/chocolate or wine)
- Volunteer to help plan/execute our mission trip in June:
 - Driving (adults needed for passenger vans or SUVs)
 - 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



Contact John McBeth at john.mcbeth@verizon.net