



Building Connections

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Repairing homes and hearts as churches serve together
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Helping with home repairs doesn't always require carpentry skills

Kurt Schmidt has been making a difference for almost a decade now.

But this Home Repairs donor has a story that stretches longer than 10 years. Kurt's journey of generosity spans a generation - and the country.

"I grew up in California where my dad was in the construction business," explained Kurt. "My dad had a real servant's heart. He loved to help widows and others who needed it with home repairs."

His dad, Robert Schmidt, who lived to be 90, made sure his family was also involved in giving and serving.

"So, for me, giving to Home Repairs Ministry really stirred some memories," Kurt added.

Kurt said he first heard about Home Repairs through Perimeter Church, where he's attended for over 25 years, and through his friend Harvey Anderson, the original executive director of Home Repairs.

"I've worked with Harvey on a variety of things," said Kurt. "And Home Repairs is one of the three or four ministries that I try to support on an ongoing basis."

He understands personally how great the need is for home repair help.



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"I live in a house built in 1987, and just seeing the number of repairs we need all the time, I understand how critical this ministry is," he said. "There's a huge importance there and a huge ongoing need."

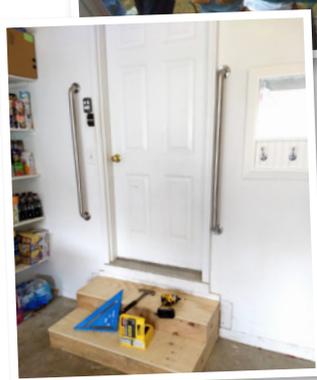
Although he's never been able to volunteer before, Kurt said he's hoping that will change in 2021.

"I've been able to be involved in the golf tournament," he added. "And starting in February, I'll be retired. So, I'm looking forward to being able to help more with this ministry."

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Three Ways You Can Help

Of the in-area requests we get, only 70 percent can be serviced because we lack the funds or support to do so. *Want to know how you can help?*



1) Pray.

Many families are struggling with physical ailments, income instability or loneliness. Pray that the Lord would be able to utilize Home Repairs to meet their physical needs as well as share the Gospel.

2) Give.

Many of our homeowners cannot afford to make the smallest of repairs, from fixing a step to adding a grab bar for stability. Your support makes a world of difference to homeowners in need.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

-Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)

3) Volunteer.

We can't do what we do without helping hands! We're always looking for people to join our team — no building or repair experience necessary. Whether working on job sites, serving in the office, taking photos of job sites, painting or even praying with homeowners, we can use your time and talents. Sign up to become a volunteer at homerepairs.org.

Hear from our homeowners about how we are making a difference!

“Thank you very much, Home Repairs! You have provided me with a sense of relief and gratitude. I appreciate how nice and kind your men are and how they are such hard workers. You really help a lot of people. I thank God for how He used your ministry to help me.”

- BRITTANY, SINGLE MOM AND CAREGIVER

“The men of Home Repair Ministries have a heart for those with tangible needs, whether it be a widow or a senior. I am so grateful to the team of HRM. They have been incredible to me. As a single mom with no family in the area, I didn't have any other options. You have lightened my load in so many ways. Not only the financial burden, also but the spiritual realm of God caring for the widows. Thank You. Thank You. You are such a blessing.”

- PAM, SINGLE MOM AND WIDOW



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Home Repairs' Executive Director Mark Wolfe said he appreciates givers like Kurt who do what they can to make a difference.

“People believe that they need to have carpentry skills to volunteer with us. That is not the case! Our Golf Classic is our annual fundraising event and requires months of planning and work. Kurt has been a valuable asset as he has contributed to the success of the event for the past two years,” Mark added. “We look forward to Kurt volunteering more as his time frees up in retirement.”

Learn more about how you can make a difference too at homerepairs.org

Meet Brandon Yarnell, one of our new board members!



How did you hear about Home Repairs? At 12Stone Church, Bill Isaak and I volunteered together for several years and Bill told me about Home Repairs. A few years ago, I volunteered for a project with Home Repairs. I've had the chance to be a participant, supporter and, more recently, an organizer of the annual golf event.

What made you decide to get involved with Home Repairs? I've always believed in Home Repairs' mission to help those most in need with home repairs - something most people don't realize is such a need locally. I know how expensive home repairs can be, and if you are on a limited or fixed income, that burden can be devastating. Involvement in this ministry truly helps to benefit our local community in a meaningful way.

What is your goal as a board member? To continue to expand the impact of HRM. As more people become aware of the ministry's mission and impact, there will be more opportunities to grow and help people in need. Specifically, I intend to become more closely aligned with potential supporters during their budgeting periods, help them buy into our long-term vision, and return deserved recognition and thanks to our supporters.

What difference have you seen Home Repairs make in the lives of those that they help? Home Repairs lifts a tremendous burden off of those it serves, bringing immeasurable peace of mind to these homeowners. Not only does HRM address immediate needs, but it also helps to prevent problems from compounding into bigger, unmanageable issues down the road.

What was it like being on a job site? The project focused on repairing a crawl space, and it was an extremely large and costly project. The man power alone that day, with the 12 to 15 volunteers on the job, would have cost around \$10,000 for a contractor to do. There was such a huge outpouring of support, and though I definitely don't consider myself overly skilled as a repairman, I plan to get out more in the next couple of years to do hands on projects.

Tell us a little about you... I'm a national account manager for a hand and power tool company. My focus is online, which has grown like crazy since COVID-19. I live in Suwanee with my wife and we have two boys, ages 4 and 6, and my 20-year-old stepdaughter. Our favorite things to do as a family are hiking, mountain biking, fishing - anything outdoors. We recently got a camper, which we've enjoyed taking around to state parks.

What other community organizations are you involved in? I've been volunteering with 12stone Church since 2012, and I was a consistent volunteer with the Global Soap Project for years. Last year I had the chance to work with Kids Hope USA. It matches mentors with kids who have a difficult home life, who then visit them at school for an hour once a week to just have fun with them. I built a great relationship with a 10-year-old boy who unfortunately moved out of the school district during the pandemic.

Anything else you'd like to add?

I'm excited to see the impact of the new Home Repairs video. It helps shed a light on some repair stories, and I think it could be a great catalyst for showing people what this ministry does and how impactful it is.

Save the Date!

Home Repairs Ministries Golf Classic is back for another round



Mark your calendars - you're invited to the 2021 Home Repairs Ministries Golf Classic! This year's event will take place on September 24th at Bear's Best in Suwanee.

Between golf on a beautiful course, raffle prizes, great food and even better company, there's no better way to give back to the community while having fun.

Stay tuned to our website or social media for updates. You will not want to miss this year's event!

"Every year we play the scramble and it's a good way to support the ministry."

-Andy Godwin, golfer and Home Repairs supporter



This spring, home repair needs are greater than ever and we need help - your help - to make them happen.



We have homeowners who cannot afford to repair their rotten siding, senior widows who need grab bars to get safely into their shower, single moms who don't have the time or funds to make basic repairs like fixing a broken window pane and much more.

The good news?

YOU can partner with us to help change someone's life.

Please give today so that we can say "yes" when a homeowner has a critical repair need.

Give now at homerepairs.org or scan the QR code.



“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”
– James 1:27