



One in Thirty...

What has your last 30 days looked like? Work, rest, isolation, exercise, fun? There are many activities that compete for our time but did you know that volunteering can help you make new friends, learn new skills, and even help you to feel happier and healthier? There is no better testimony for the benefits of volunteerism than hearing directly from five Good Works volunteers.



Rev. Matt Silver is the Senior Pastor at Experience Church of Exton. When asked about the benefits of volunteering with Good Works, Matt responded, "Good Works presents the

opportunity to check out faith in very practical ways by doing good works." Members of Matt's church have volunteered regularly since May 2020. "I've seen both men and women come to serve. It gives us eight hours to do real life together, working side by side with a common goal, to do good for good's sake," Matt shared. "Good Works provides me the opportunity to use the gifts and abilities that God has given our church to invest into a local family. We can have a huge impact, not only physically, but spiritually."



Rodney owns a successful contracting business in Honey Brook. He learned the trade from his grandfather and is experienced in all phases of building, including: foundations,

framing, plumbing, electric, drywall, trim, and more. Rodney has volunteered as a Technical Advisor with members of his church since 2008. When asked what he would tell other contracting professionals he replied, "Whether you're a framer, a plumber, someone who does trim work or siding, it's easy to be a part of Good Works, to come out one Saturday a month to give back."



Jim Scott has served as a Good Works Work Crew Leader since 2016. Jim is a busy IT Executive, but always makes time one Saturday a month for Good Works. "I love to share my skills and

learn new things, but it's spending time with the people that I really appreciate. Encouraging the team to communicate and collaborate with each other, working together applying their skills and learning new skills. I see people come to Good Works one way and leave another." Regarding balancing his career and Good Works, Jim shared, "A lot of my time is dedicated to my work. Allowing Good Works to pull me away from that, gives me peace."



Kate Davison is a student leader at Calvary Fellowship Church of Downingtown. She persuaded a group of her friends to volunteer at Good Works at the peak of the first

COVID spike in 2020. Kate wasn't confident that she and her friends had the skills to repair a home, but she soon realized that they could learn. "You don't have to have the experience, because there are so many other experienced people who can pour into you," Kate shared. More importantly, she experienced how Good Works combines faith and works. "God has really worked through me personally and through my friends. Just being the hands and feet of Christ and loving on the people together with my friends is my favorite part of Good Works."



Diane Galmore is a Biblical scholar and Good Works Ambassador. She appreciates the challenges that people's schedules create saying, "In the

busyness of our lives, we often feel like we're not contributing because we are doing the work of being a family or a vocation. To be able to give one day a month, and to give it using our gifts, talents and abilities centrally focused

on the things of the Lord is such a reward. It means a lot to be able to share with our homeowners. To let them know that God is working in every aspect of our lives and that He is still with them."

"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Gal 6:9



repairing homes and restoring hope

A New Twist on Partner Churches...



Good Works Ambassadors love sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Partner Churches are the mainstay of Good Works volunteerism. These local houses of worship have committed to establishing and maintaining a team of volunteers who take a Good Works home from start to finish. Working one day each month, these churches provide their own

Work Crew Leader, Technical Advisor, 6-10 regular workday volunteers, and even nutritious lunches for their group. It is truly a team effort. Most Partner Churches support a single Good Works work team, but some have recruited two or even more. Nearly three-quarters of Good Works volunteers come from Partner Churches, and each one is an absolute blessing.

It is Good Works goal to add additional churches to its Partner Church roster, but now with a twist. Not only are we seeking traditional Partner Churches as described above, but we would like to recruit a new kind of Partner Church. We are aggressively seeking churches whose desire isn't to rebuild a home, but instead to share

the hope found in Jesus Christ. These new Partner Churches will regularly provide 6-10 Ambassadors on Good Works workdays. Ambassadors are volunteers whose role is to pray, encourage, evangelize, disciple and simply share Christ's love with the homeowners, their families, the volunteers and anyone else they meet on the workday. You don't need to have home repair skills for this job, but instead a mature faith and willing heart to put that faith into action one day a month.

If you want to learn more about this exciting opportunity to become a new kind of Partner Church, please contact our Outreach Director at: outreach@goodworksinc.org.

Need Prayer...

If you need prayer for anything, press the prayer button on the Good Works homepage, and our prayer warriors will lift your concerns up to God.



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Success is what you achieve for yourself, Significance comes from what you do for others.

Speaking on the importance of Good Works Ambassadors, she shared, "You need the skilled electrician and carpenter to come in and do their work, but you also need the believer to come and do his or her work. As Ambassadors, we come and share the good news of Christ."

Since its inception, Good Works has been transforming lives by repairing homes and restoring hope.

We want to see the residents living in the homes we repair rise above their level of poverty and experience a rich measure of hope, joy and dignity through being cared for and knowing that



Serving others feels good!

their circumstances matter to their community and to God. We also seek physical, emotional and spiritual transformation in the lives of the volunteers who serve these families. We believe that everyone benefits when people

from different races, cultures, and backgrounds join together in a common purpose – repairing homes and restoring hope.

For 34 years, Good Works has welcomed the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the skilled and the unskilled. Our volunteers are a fascinating cross section of the culture with each bringing their own unique personalities and perspectives to a workday. What about you? Will you consider serving one day a month with Good Works to restore hope for a lifetime?

Join us for a workday in 2022 by visiting www.goodworksinc.org/volunteer.

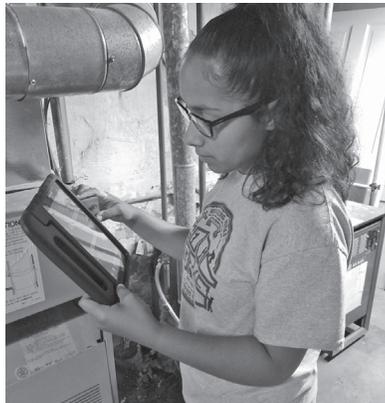
Be Inspired! Good Works newest video entitled "One in Thirty" features Matt, Rodney, Jim, Kate and Diane. Check it out on the Good Works website at: www.goodworksinc.org/about-us/videos

New Tools for a New Generation of Volunteers...

Every Good Works volunteer appreciates how important it is to have the right tool for the job. That is why each work crew is assigned a standard toolbox containing the hand tools regularly needed for making repairs. But, along with the hammers, pliers and tape measures, each crew has a clipboard containing important paperwork including the workday work plan. The work plan is essential. It contains the list of repair tasks that need to be completed to fulfill Good Works commitment to the family being served. It also indicates some of the basic materials and tools needed to complete each task. For example, the work plan may state: "Replace window in bedroom" and then list the window size, the need for shims, insulation and replacement trim. Work Crew leaders use a pen or pencil to strike out projects on the plan as they are completed and turn the document in at the end of the day to be used for planning the next workday.

But imagine this...Instead of a clipboard, what if teams were

equipped with a tablet computer and a WIFI hotspot to access the Good Works Digital Toolbox (GWDT) on the Cloud? After logging in, volunteers would have access to the list of projects for



GWDT helps a volunteer do the job right.

the home, including materials required, time estimates and recommended skills. Each task in the project would contain step-by-step instructions complemented by photos and videos to provide real time training on how to properly perform the repair. As work is accomplished, tasks would be checked off, ensuring that the Operations Director and Good Works Repair Supervisor

are provided real-time status of the home. Best of all, the system would allow a team to pre-plan their work prior to the workday, and even preview the repair tasks in advance so volunteers can hit the ground running when they arrive at the work site.

Good Works is embarking on a limited beta test of the GWDT software from Freya Systems in early 2022. The Coatesville warehouse will be the first outfitted with WIFI to provide high-speed access for the software and other devices. Attracting the next generation of volunteers requires use of contemporary tools and technologies that provide information when and where people need it. Therefore, Good Works is establishing a Technology Committee at the Board level. We acknowledge that deploying a system like the GWDT will take time, money and effort, but is absolutely necessary for the long-term viability of Good Works.

Learn more at: www.goodworksinc.org/GWDT

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The Harder You Hit Us the Deeper We Go...



Volunteers celebrate another home completed for Jesus.

Do you remember New Year's Eve 2020? None of us could wait until the ball dropped in NYC welcoming 2021, and the hope that COVID-19 and all its restrictions would become little more than a painful memory. But as we all know, 2021 did not accommodate our wishes. The Delta variant showed up early in

2021 only to be followed by its virulent offspring Omicron. In addition to COVID, we had to deal with Tropical Storm Ida and an unprecedented increase in the cost of building materials brought about by inventory scarcity. In spite of all this, Good Works staff and volunteers persevered, assisting 165 families including repairs to 17 homes damaged by Ida. In the process, Good Works Ambassadors accumulated 7,140 faith touches in 2021. To God the glory! It has been said that like a hammer pounding a nail, "the harder you hit us, the deeper we go." This maxim aptly captured the way Good Works approached these challenging circumstances.

We went deeper in prayer, deeper in the Word and deeper in our faith that God would use all of it for good. Join us in praying that 2022 becomes a year of restoring our volunteer base so that Good Works can rebuild more homes and share the hope found in Jesus with more people than ever.



2021 Metrics

- 165 families assisted
- 7,140 Faith Touches

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Good Works Receives Highest Ranking by Candid...



Good Works has been recognized with a 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency by Candid (previously Guidestar). As an online charity profile platform, Candid is the largest source for nonprofit data collection as well as a provider of unbiased information which allows charities to highlight their mission and commitment to transparency. Candid aims to be a

transparent and reliable source of information so donors can make educated decisions about the charities they support.

Candid focuses on several key points when deciding which charities will receive Platinum Seal status – concentrating on each group’s mission, programs, and impact results, as well as the organization’s business goals, strategies, finances, and operations, to name a few.

Good Works is proud to be recognized by Candid and we are constantly striving to achieve complete transparency with our donors. This recognition provides assurance to donors that their contributions are being used judiciously to support Good Works mission to repair homes and restore hope.

Win a Good Works ball cap!

What is the purpose of this tool?

Respond at www.goodworksinc.org/toolcontest. Winner will be drawn from all correct answers received by May 1, 2022.

The winner of our 2021 tool contest was Tom Bragg whose name was randomly selected from those who correctly identified the gutter cleaning tool.



Ways to Financially Partner With Us...

To help you help us, we have some convenient options that can be used to send donations to Good Works through:

- Direct deposit from your credit card or bank
- Our website: www.goodworksinc.org
- Donation of appreciated stocks
- Check to see if your company has a matching gift program

We continue to offer the following opportunities to give via:

- United Way of Chester County (simply designate to Good Works)
- United Way of Southeastern PA (code number 10255)
- Remember Good Works in your Estate plans.
- Amazonsmile.com

Please contact Larry Lukacs at (610) 383-7240 for additional information.

We take seriously the trust that our donors and supporters confer upon us and remain committed to using our resources in the most responsible manner to further the important work of this ministry.

The official registration and financial information of Good Works, Inc., may be obtained by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1 800 732 0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

PARTNER SUPPORT

Some helpful information to keep in mind if you need the services of a good local business... try using a company that supports Good Works!

Go to the Good Works website www.goodworksinc.org and look for companies under the “Partners” tab.

We thank God for your faithful support and know that “every good and perfect gift is from above.”

JAMES 1:17

