



BEST PRACTICES in AFFORDABLE HOUSING



PRESERVATION OF EXISTING HOUSING STOCK

WHO

Help with Housing

WHAT

This organization provides structural repairs to homes to make them more safe and accessible. Most of the clients of the organization are elderly or disabled. They provide: structural repairs where hazards exist, electrical repairs, roof repair/replacement, repair/replacement of heating systems, wheelchair ramps and lifts, hand railings, kitchen and bathroom adaptations, doorway widening.

WHERE



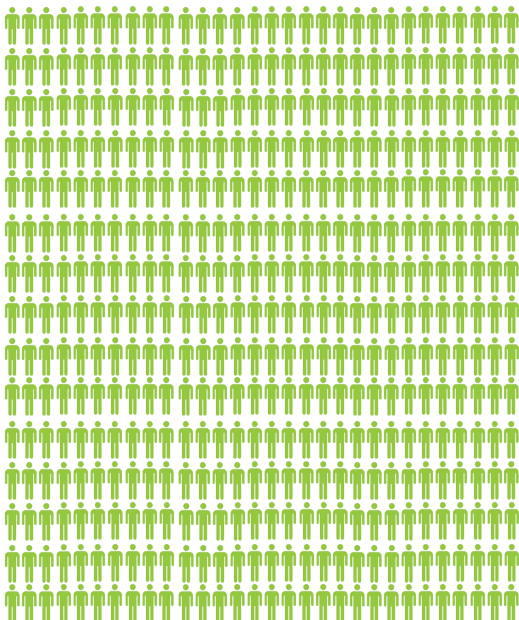
Shenandoah Valley

HOW

Since they began Help With Housing has assisted over 2,000 Shenandoah residents with over 800 projects such as installing bathrooms, kitchens, and accommodation ramps and installing or replacing wiring, roofs, windows and door. In 2013, Help with Housing spent \$164,788 on 57 projects. This included 2 complete rehabilitation projects as well as emergency home repairs. With the help of the community, Help With Housing has made living safer and more comfortable for many of the low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens in the Shenandoah Valley.

Initially services were provided primarily by volunteers but for safety reasons HWH has shifted to using primarily licensed professionals. Many participating contractors provide their services at cost or at a substantial discount. Volunteers continue to help with projects like yard work and painting.

One of HWH's notable projects was their collaboration with the City Light Foundation to transform the old Johnson-Williams High School in Berryville, into 40 apartments for low-income elderly individuals and families.



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