

## Quick Facts about Appalachia Service Project

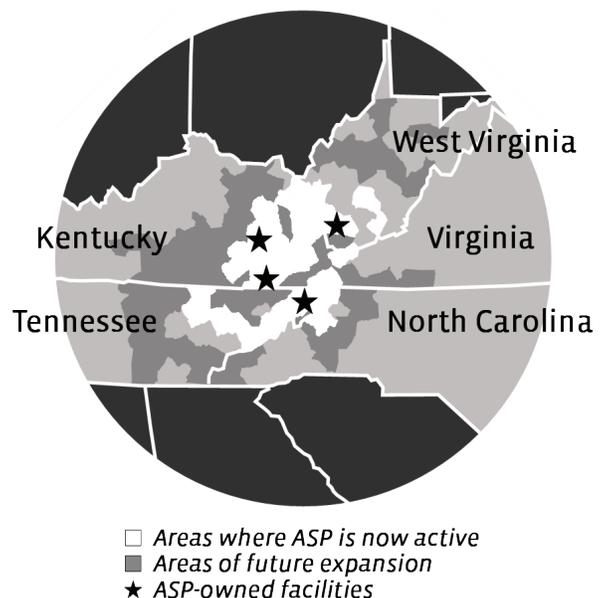
- ASP was founded in 1969 by Rev. Tex Evans to make homes warmer, safer and drier for impoverished families living in Central Appalachia.
- Since ASP's founding, 358,216 volunteers have repaired 16,693 homes.
- 17,188 volunteers from more than 30 states volunteered with ASP in 2014.
- In 2015, ASP will serve in 30 impoverished communities in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.
- Founded by Methodists, ASP is a Christian mission, but is non-sectarian in all its programs.
- ASP is only able to assist 14 out of every 100 families who apply for help. Each year ASP must decline providing assistance to thousands of families who have nowhere else to turn for home repairs.
- **ASP's Year-Round Program** operates during all 12 months of the year. Options for serving include a few days, a week, or longer.
- **ASP's Summer Program** operates 12 weeks in the summer (early June to late August). The minimum age required for youth is 14, or having completed eighth grade. Groups are generally comprised of two adult leaders and five youth.
- Construction/building experience is not required; however, skilled workers serving with a group are encouraged. ASP matches the skill level of groups with project requirements.

## Cost to Volunteer

- Summer Program: \$95 to register your group; \$310 per person/week
- Year-Round Program: \$95 to register your group; \$65 per person/day of service

## Getting Started/More Information

- Visit [ASPHome.org/apply](http://ASPHome.org/apply)
- Contact Volunteer Recruitment  
IWantToHelp@ASPHome.org  
(800) 289-4254



## **ASP changes lives**

Just a few days at ASP transforms the lives of those who come to serve. Home repair will strengthen you physically while also deepening your relationship with God. After serving with ASP, you'll return home with a passion for putting your faith into action, a renewed compassion for other people, and a fresh appreciation for your place and purpose in this world. ASP volunteers often go on to continue missions work within their local churches and communities. For many, ASP is the catalyst for a lifetime of Christian service.

## **ASP strengthens churches**

Once your group has completed their first ASP project, it's likely to become an integral part of your church's calendar each year. All of the activities surrounding your trip create a buzz that the whole church can rally around. From the planning activities, to the fundraising projects you do to get ready, to the incredible friendships that develop among and between volunteers and the families they serve—bonds are forged throughout your church. Many churches have served with ASP for 20, 30, and even 40 years.

## **ASP immerses volunteers in the lives of Appalachian families**

ASP is more than a building program—it's a relationship-building ministry. And the bonds formed among volunteers and the Appalachian families are some of the most important aspects of the ASP experience. You will spend a lot of time interacting with the family you are helping, learning about their lives, their struggles, and their faith.

You'll go to give hope and help, to lift spirits and remind the families of God's love and provision. But you'll come away with so much more. Through their gratitude, you'll gain a newfound appreciation for your own blessings. Through their down-to-earth faith, your own faith will grow stronger. Best of all, you'll discover that regardless of geography, education, or economics, all are equal members of the family of God.

## **ASP needs more volunteers to help more families**

We like to say that our goal is to make homes "warmer, safer and drier" for low-income families. And for 45 years, 358,216 volunteers have done exactly that for 16,693 families. Yet for all that, we are only able to serve 14 out of every 100 families who apply for help. We need many, many more volunteers to truly make a lasting impact in Central Appalachia.

## **ASP takes care of the details**

ASP handles the details of the trip. Our staff takes much of the burden of logistics off of you – freeing you to minister to the volunteers within your group as well as the families we serve.

We'll provide you with plans for pre-trip preparation including:

- Sessions on team building and construction
- Spiritual preparation materials
- Study materials to learn about Appalachia
- Trip planning and travel tips
- Fundraising tools

When you arrive in Appalachia, we'll provide:

- Housing in an ASP Center—whether it's a school or community center leased for the summer, or one of our dorm-style year-round centers
- Breakfast, lunch (sandwiches), and dinner
- Construction materials and tools
- Project selection and screening matched to skill level
- Spiritually focused programming and space for groups to provide self-led worship or reflection