

# Christmas Miracles

for Appalachia

Christmas 2012

**This year, more families than ever need miracles of warmth ... safety ... help ... and HOPE**

*But how do these miracles happen?*

*First, it takes*

*Angels*

Not the kind who wear wings and halos, but the kind who put on blue jeans and sneakers and spend a day, weekend, or even a week or two being a blessing to someone in need.

Several years ago, one family described their ASP volunteer work crew as her “angels in blue jeans” — and we thought it was the best description ever of the kind of people who give their time, money and hard work to help families in desperate need.

Every year, more than 16,000 of these angels from 32+ states come to Appalachia to repair hundreds of homes for families living in poverty, poor health and other hard situations.

But with over 60,000 homes in this area that either lack indoor plumbing, electricity or adequate insulation, we urgently need many more ANGELS ... **Will you help us recruit more ANGELS willing to work a miracle with saws, ladders and the love of Jesus Christ?**

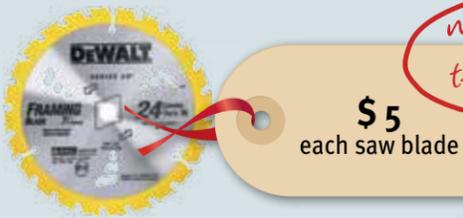


**\$48.75**  
Recruit one angel  
in blue jeans  
FREE t-shirt with this gift  
(see order form for details)

## even ANGELS need the right *Tools & Materials*

If you've ever done any kind of construction or home repair, you know the importance of not only having good tools — but having the RIGHT tools for the job at hand. Good tools make for faster, safer and better repairs!

That is why one of the best Christmas gifts you could ever give is to help purchase the right kind of tools to get the job done at each home. Here are some of the things our Angels need and use at nearly every home repair site:



**\$ 5**  
each saw blade

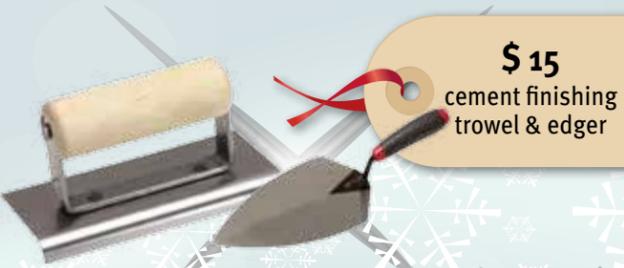
*need hundreds of these each month!*



**\$ 12**  
25 ft. PowerLoc measuring tapes



**\$ 27**  
tin snips with blades



**\$ 15**  
cement finishing trowel & edger



**\$ 50**  
drywall tool kit

*need 50 more*



**\$ 55**  
100 sq. ft. of tin metal roofing

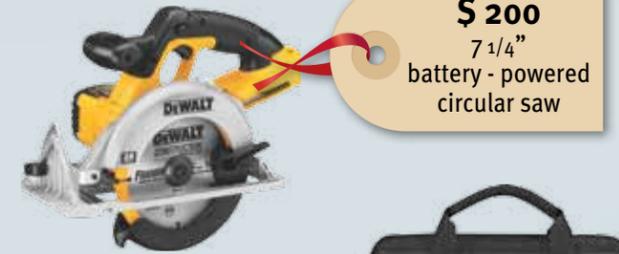
*We spend \$100,000 a yr on metal roofing!*



**\$ 30**  
50 ft. commercial extension cord (OSHA approved)



**\$ 89**  
vinyl siding tool kit



**\$ 200**  
7 1/4" battery - powered circular saw



**\$ 239**  
18v compact drill reciprocating saw combo kit



**\$ 99**  
battery-powered drill

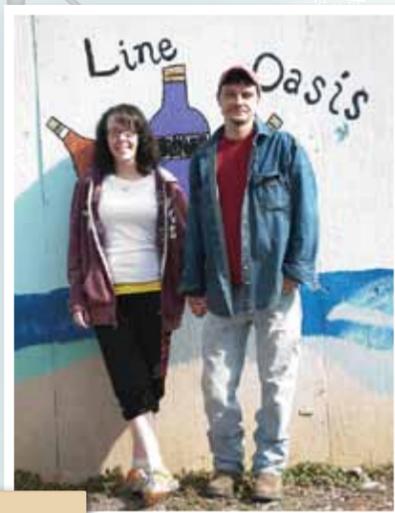


**\$ 250**  
portable cement mixer

## working miracles of *Warmth*

Carla is in the second stage of polycystic kidney disease — an inherited disease that usually doesn't show up until middle age. It killed her mom, but her sister — who also has it — was healthy enough to get a kidney transplant last year ... and now Carla is hoping for the same. It's essential that Carla stay warm and healthy to improve her chances of a successful transplant — yet the 100-year old house she is living in had no insulation and the floors were caving in.

But when ASP heard about Carla's situation, we decided to do our part to help Carla by working on their home. Last spring, we did many things to update the house — but one of the most important things was putting in insulation. It has already made a huge difference.



**\$ 180**  
for one insulated front door

**\$ 519**  
to replace foundation & floor in 10x12 room

**\$ 225**  
to insulate one room

*"We're burning a quarter of the wood we used to — I am so grateful to have you out here helping me!" - Carla -*

## *Safety*



**\$ 1,800**  
to build a typical deck/wheelchair ramp

Donna and Jose are in their late thirties and very much in love. Jose loves to grow his own food in the garden behind their house. But Donna has a disease that causes her eyesight to deteriorate. She is now legally blind and could only enter and leave her house with assistance because of the stairs at both her front and back entrance.

This past summer, ASP volunteers built Donna a deck and wheelchair ramp from her back door over to her parents' home next door. Donna is just one of many hundreds of handicapped and elderly people throughout Appalachia who need help entering and leaving their own home but can't afford it!

*"I can now leave my home without the assistance of my family. Your work gave me freedom and independence." - Donna -*

## *Help*



**\$ 79**  
100 sq. ft. mulehide peel/stick rolled roofing

**\$ 350**  
new roof for room addition

**\$ 1,500**  
new 12x70 roof

Ed & Patty are an elderly couple whose home is nearly as old as they are. It was in such bad shape that whenever it rained outside, it also rained INSIDE their home — in the living room, in the kitchen and in the bedroom. In fact, the bedroom carpet was always slushy since they just didn't have enough buckets to catch all the leaks. Ed had tried to fix the roof himself but got hurt trying to do so — a move that laid him up for nearly two years.

Thank goodness we found out their situation this past spring and were able to help this dear and wonderful couple with a brand new roof!

*"We haven't been dry in 4 years — this is like a dream come true... if ever there were angels on earth, you all are it!" - Patty -*

# working miracles of

# Hope

*"Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around."*

~ Proverbs 13:12 *(The Message)* ~

Vickie lost her home in an electrical fire. Then she found out her ex-husband had let the insurance lapse and nothing was covered. No bank would let her use the home as collateral so she couldn't get a loan to fix it. And when she finally scraped together her first \$3,000 for repairs, her home was vandalized before she even had a chance to make it secure!

Vickie was devastated.

She had to move into a tiny one-bedroom apartment with her daughter, and constantly wondered whether she'd ever be able to go back to the place that had been her home for 32 years. After being told NO so many times Vickie was depressed and suicidal. "Frankly, the only thing that kept me from following through on suicide," Vickie said, "was the thought of my daughter finding me."

But just like it says in Proverbs 13:12, a sudden good break can make all the difference in the world.

ASP was Vickie's sudden good break. Even though it was more work than we could normally finish over a summer, our Center Director said YES to Vickie and made plans to double crew the site all summer long. Vickie nearly fell over in disbelief — ASP staff and volunteers were the first people even willing to try helping her!

And when the first volunteers showed up to work, Vickie started crying and couldn't stop saying thank you over and over. She kept a scrapbook of pictures from every week all summer long — just so she could remember all they did and pray for each crew!

In the end, Vickie received so much more than new plumbing and electricity, drywall, floors and a roof. She received the most priceless gift of all ... HOPE.

When it came time for her to move back into her fully restored home this summer, all Vickie could say between the tears was — **"Thank you, ASP. Thank you for everything you did here. Thank you for giving my life back to me!"**



Vickie and one of the volunteer crews

**\$ 5,000**  
one entire  
home remodel

*"This summer, my family has been surrounded by angels... They were part of the Appalachia Service Project... God sent these angels in blue jeans to take care of [our home repair]. Nothing but love could account for what these people do."*

— Sonja Ratliffe

**\$ 150**  
plumb/install  
new toilet

**\$ 2,500**  
build entire  
indoor bathroom

**Through ASP, you are providing the miracles of WARMTH, SAFETY, HELP and HOPE ... every day!**



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All gifts to *Appalachia Service Project* are tax deductible.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT ORDER FORM

Item Description	Qty	Suggested Gift	Amount
<b>ANGEL</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enlist one "blue jean & sneakers" angel	_____ (CC01)	<b>\$ 48.75</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Free t-shirt with each gift of \$48.75 or more: ___ <input type="checkbox"/> S ___ <input type="checkbox"/> M ___ <input type="checkbox"/> L ___ <input type="checkbox"/> XL ___ <input type="checkbox"/> XXL			\$ _____
<b>TOOLS</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Saw blade	_____ (CC02)	<b>\$ 5 per blade</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 ft. PowerLoc measuring tape	_____ (CC03)	<b>\$ 12</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cement finishing trowel & edger	_____ (CC04)	<b>\$ 15</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin snips & blades	_____ (CC05)	<b>\$ 27</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 ft. commercial extension cord	_____ (CC06)	<b>\$ 30</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Drywall tool kit	_____ (CC07)	<b>\$ 50</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 sq. ft. metal tin roofing	_____ (CC08)	<b>\$ 55</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl siding tool kit	_____ (CC09)	<b>\$ 89</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered drill	_____ (CC10)	<b>\$ 99</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered circular saw	_____ (CC11)	<b>\$ 200</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 18v compact drill/reciprocating saw combo kit	_____ (CC12)	<b>\$ 239</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Portable cement mixer	_____ (CC13)	<b>\$ 250</b>	\$ _____
<b>MATERIALS</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> One new insulated front door	_____ (CC14)	<b>\$ 180</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Insulate one room	_____ (CC15)	<b>\$ 225</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Replace foundation & floor in 10 x 12 room	_____ (CC16)	<b>\$ 519</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 sq. ft. cap sheet roofing roll	_____ (CC17)	<b>\$ 79</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> New roof for room addition	_____ (CC18)	<b>\$ 350</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> New 12 x 70 mobile home roof	_____ (CC19)	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> New deck/wheelchair ramp	_____ (CC20)	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumb/install new toilet	_____ (CC21)	<b>\$ 150</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entire new indoor bathroom	_____ (CC22)	<b>\$ 2,500</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entire home remodel	_____ (CC23)	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			<b>\$ _____</b>

*The gift items listed here are things we normally provide in the course of home repairs through ASP. If more money than needed is received for any one particular item, we will use your gift for another equally necessary item or project.*

## CREDIT CARD AND/OR MONTHLY GIVING PLANS

Please charge my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

For a one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ using the above credit card.

Automatically give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly by credit card:  3rd  18th (choose one)

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV#: \_\_\_\_\_ (last 3-6 digit code on signature strip)

Automatically give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly via EFT:  3rd  18th (choose one)

Checking  Savings

I have enclosed a voided blank check or my first donation check from this account.

Name on card or account: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, I hereby give Appalachia Service Project (ASP) authorization to withdraw/charge the amount I have designated above, once a month. This authorization will remain in effect until I notify ASP of its termination in a manner that will afford ASP and my financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act.*



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