

## Group Cares

In 1976, Colorado sustained a catastrophic flood. The following year, Thom Schultz, founder of Group Publishing, organized church youth groups from across the country to come to Colorado and help rebuild the homes and lives of the flood victims. More than 300 teenagers and their youth leaders, just like the ones in Virginia Beach this summer, arrived in Colorado and worked on over 50 repair projects. As a result, Group Cares (formerly Group Workcamps Foundation) was established as the nonprofit partner of Group Publishing. Since then, over 300,000 mission trip participants have racked up more than 6 million volunteer hours serving people in need and the legacy of impactful service camp experiences continues.



bringing hope to the discouraged

Workcamp Virginia Beach has been supported by numerous local businesses and churches.

We are looking to partner with other churches and organizations in order to **expand our outreach to those in need in our community.**

If your church or group would like more information on the mission of Group Workcamp, the Virginia Beach Workcamp in 2018, or in opportunities you can join our team, please contact either Kevin Daley or Pastor Jeff Bell.



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## SUMMER 2016 Virginia Beach



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Workcamps give youth a chance to serve people in need through FREE home repair, basic construction, and painting—like the people around the corner or right next door in Virginia Beach. Sometimes more than 465 teenagers participate in a camp, which fuels the enthusiasm and excitement throughout the entire week... and the entire community!

### Youth and staff

Workcamps Virginia Beach became the destination of choice!

- 421 students and
  - 20 staff members from
  - 14 youth groups in
  - 8 states
- coming to serve.

### Homes

Applications from homeowners in need poured in for the free repairs offered. Youth and leaders repaired homes in our local community:

- 46 homes
- 22 mobile homes
- 1 Disabled American Veterans Center

### Transformation

In 5 short days, youth completed:

- 7-wheel chair ramps
  - 5-roof repairs
  - 9-mobile home skirting projects
  - 70- interior and exterior painting
  - 26-deck and outside wood repairs
  - 17-other projects including collection of over 2000 items to local food pantry and blankets for homeless
- Total investment in the community \$303,439.

before



after



## A day in the life of youth

Youth participating in Workcamps wake early at Landstown Middle School, complete projects in all types of weather, and serve people in and around Virginia Beach with kindness and enthusiasm. Each busy day also includes devotions, study, evening programs back at Landstown, and nightly debriefs of their experiences and what those experience will mean in their faith walk back home.

## A special evening

The week's highlight comes Friday evening: a gathering of students, leaders, volunteers, supporters and homeowners for a shared meal. Homeowners express their heartfelt gratitude for the life-changing repairs. Youth and leaders express gratitude for the generous support, organized projects, sparkling facilities, and warm welcome received in Virginia Beach... and their hope to return for a future Workcamp!

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