

Spreading the Word and Making a Difference Here at Home

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Impact... a word that means: "to fix firmly by or as if by packing or wedging, or to have a direct effect on." Many of us want to make a positive impact in our job and to have a positive impact in our family's lives, but sometimes we are at a loss as to how to do this. Sometimes the task of making an impact seems daunting and unobtainable, but one man had a vision and, with the help of 600 of his closest friends, he is setting out to make an Impact for Yadkin County Residents.

Six years ago, Chris Hauser decided it was time to bring all of his mission work closer to home. For years, Chris had been setting off to other countries to help those in need and spread God's Word, but when he returned home he kept thinking, how great it would be to help those who needed it and were just down the road. He enlisted the help of his friend, Brent Winslow, and 6 years later, and after much prayer and talk, his vision became a reality: a mission project called Impact Yadkin 2013. The week of June 8th–14th will be the second year for Impact Yadkin.

The first year of Impact Yadkin there were 10 churches helping with the project, this year there are 26 Yadkin County Churches coming together to help local families in the community. "We have over 600 volunteers, mostly teens, who are here the whole week to help," says Hauser. Many of the construction volunteers are area students who are taking a week off their summer vacation to help with one of the largest local mission efforts in Yadkin County. They will trade in a comfy bed for a sleeping bag or air mattress. The girls will call Forbush Middle their home and the boys will reside at Forbush High School. Along with the students will be over 100 adults, who are well-versed in construction. They will help as crew chiefs and instruct the students in all the projects, as well as provide transportation and support.

These projects will primarily serve the elderly, handicapped and families in need of home repairs due to storm damage, lack of funds, or physical limitations. The jobs range from painting and weatherizing to building handicapped ramps and roof repair.

Chris also has to feed his crew 3 meals every day, and this is no small task. Hundreds of volunteers will make sure that the dedicated staff of teens and adults are well-fed and taken care of. While it might seem like a big production to keep 62 teams completing 72 jobs sites running smoothly, Chris Hauser is ready. The countdown is on and they are ironing out every detail until June 8th arrives.

Funding for these projects comes largely through the donations and generosity of local churches and

businesses, as well through the fees paid by the construction volunteers to participate in the project. Chris says, "God gets all the Glory, [I am] just blessed to be able to serve people and the serve the Lord!"

In addition to the ministry in the community during the week, everyone is invited to a free community celebration event at Forbush High School on Friday, June 14th, from 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Impact Yadkin 2013 is a ministry of Magnify Ministries

The logo for Impact Yadkin features the word "impact" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by "yadkin" in a similar font. A small icon of a person with arms raised is positioned above the letter 'i' in "impact".

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