



# GROUP CARES MISSION NEW BERN



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**Neuse River Community  
Development Corporation**

# NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Neuse River Community Development Corporation, NRCDC, is a 501 (c) 3 organization established in 1996 with the mission of providing community development solutions through housing, education, advocacy, and economic development.

NRCDC believes that community and economic development are key to sustainable communities. NRCDC supports sustainable communities through its efforts in community building, economic development, and advocacy.

NRCDC has addressed the limited supply of quality affordable housing by partnering with Weyerhaeuser and other organizations to rehabilitate donated houses providing homes for low and moderate income families in the Greater Duffyfield Community.

In Addition, NRCDC has partnered with Habitat for Humanity by providing land to build Habitat homes. NRCDC's history also includes partnering with the US Census Bureau, sponsoring Duffest for over ten years, and sponsoring the African American Oral History Project.

Over the years, NRCDC has partnered with numerous organizations to create and maintain wholesome, safe, and beautiful communities for the citizens of Craven County. In 1998 NRCDC partnered with the City of New Bern, North Carolina Housing and Finance Agency, and CAHEC to rehabilitate Green Park Terrace Apartments into Autumn Chase Apartments, a thirty-four unit complex to provide quality, affordable housing for New Bern's senior citizens. Autumn Chase continues to be owned and operated by NRCDC.





# GROUP CARES: MISSION NEW BERN 2017

During the week of July 24, 2016, Group Cares Mission New Bern in partnership with Neuse River Community Development Corporation brought over 165 volunteers from across the United States to New Bern to serve the community through home repair. Group Cares began in 1977 with the Colorado Flood Disaster Recovery Workcamp. Since then, thousands of young people and their adult leaders have participated in hundreds of Workcamps throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Many families have received help they probably would not have otherwise received.

Group Cares Mission New Bern promoted the spirit of community service throughout the city, leading to a partnership with Neuse River Community Development Corporation, the City of New Bern, and other area organizations to initiate a citywide week of volunteerism and service named Paint Your Heart Out. As a result of the Group Cares: Mission New Bern, Paint Your Heart Out collaboration, over 5,000 volunteer hours were spent throughout the city by local and out-of-town volunteers serving the elderly, disabled, and those financially unable to address home repair needs on their own.

Continuing to advance the mission, Group Cares Mission New Bern and Paint Your Heart Out will be held during the week of July 23, 2017. As of November 2016, over 400 Group Cares volunteers from across the U.S. have already registered to repair up to 70 homes in New Bern in 2017.





# OBJECTIVES

- To assist the elderly, disabled, and low-income families with home-repair projects they cannot manage themselves
- To support local agencies with their backlog of home-repair and weatherization projects
- To provide cross-cultural service experiences for young people
- To help young people grow in their Christian faith through service



## Group Cares:

### Mission New Bern will

- Increase real estate property values
- Improve the housing stock
- Stabilize neighborhoods
- Generate revenue for local businesses and establishments
- Educate youth and adults in painting, home maintenance, and repair skills.
- Promote the spirit of community service
- Enhance the quality of life for recipients
- Unite citizens, businesses, churches, community organizations, and volunteers throughout the city
- Increase tourism by exposing New Bern to volunteers from across the United States





## TYPE OF WORK

As local cosponsor, NRCDC will partner with The City of New Bern, local churches, local community organizations, and area agencies to identify and select project worksites.

The types of projects Group Cares: Mission New Bern will do:

- Painting (interior and exterior)
- Minor fascia and soffit repairs
- Mobile home underpinning (skirting) repairs and installation
- Limited porch repair or construction
- Limited wheelchair ramp repairs or construction
- Weatherization (caulking, vents, weather-stripping, and insulation).



### Project Worksite Requirements:

- The resident must be elderly, low-income, or disabled.
- The home should have obvious need of repair.
- The resident should own the home.
- The resident, or another responsible adult, must be home during the week of the Workcamp.
- The selection of work must keep a crew of 6 people busy for 4.5 days.
- The worksite is in New Bern.
- The work environment is socially and physically safe for teens.



## PROJECTED ECONOMIC IMPACT \*

<b>Capital Improvements to Housing Stock</b> Includes building materials/supplies, permit fees, waste disposal, supervisory staff transportation, setup week/worksite preparation staff expenses	\$25,600
<b>Volunteer Housing</b> Includes amount spent locally for food, salaries/benefits for local cooks and custodians, utilities, supplies, building use fees	\$ 41,200
<b>Group camp staff costs</b> Includes staff travel to/from location, salaries, food, and lodging	\$7,440
<b>Volunteer spending in the community</b> includes snacks, gasoline, souvenirs, incidentals	\$12,400
<b>Cosponsor staff/vehicle costs</b> Pre-camp planning, application intake, resident counseling, worksite evaluations, camp execution, project supervision, cleanup, post-camp closeout	\$5,666
<b>Volunteer Labor</b> 200 Workcamp participants each working an estimated 30 hours at a value of \$10/hour and 14 staff each working an estimated 60 hours at \$20/hour.	\$150,300
<b>GROUP Investment</b> Includes Development, Project Management, Staffing, Registration, Marketing, Publicity, Insurance	\$60,000
<b>Nonperishable food items</b> Donated by participants to food bank (1,185 cans at .70 each)	\$884.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY</b>	<b>\$303,490</b>

\*Projected Economic Impact Report is an estimate based on Virginia Beach, VA 2016 Workcamp with 421 volunteers

# TESTIMONY

“Group Cares Mission New Bern 2016 was awesome. I could not have found better people to help me with my home. Because I recently loss my husband, using tools and home maintenance was new to me, so Group Cares helped me tremendously. The volunteers each had an area of expertise beyond just painting. They fixed holes in the wall and made other needed repairs too.

They were all beautiful people. When you think of teenagers, you often think about partying, but these teens spent their time giving of themselves. Along with painting, we had daily lunch and fellowship time. They even got to know my dog, Elmo. I enjoyed them immensely and remember each and every one of them.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience, a true blessing.”

--Sylvia Moorer, New Bern

