



## More Than Repairing Homes - Building Futures

Chester County Career Corps is a year-round program dedicated to connecting young men and women with opportunities for educational enrichment, career development, and job placement. Through partnerships with local organizations, the program continues to open doors for individuals ready to take the next step toward meaningful careers.

One such individual is Ramal, a 21-year-old West Chester native with a growing passion for the skilled trades. Program Manager Josephine Girdner recently connected with Good Works on Ramal's behalf after he earned his Certificate in Electrical Construction Maintenance from Thaddeus Stevens College. Eager to gain hands-on experience in construction, Ramal embraced the opportunity to further develop his skills.

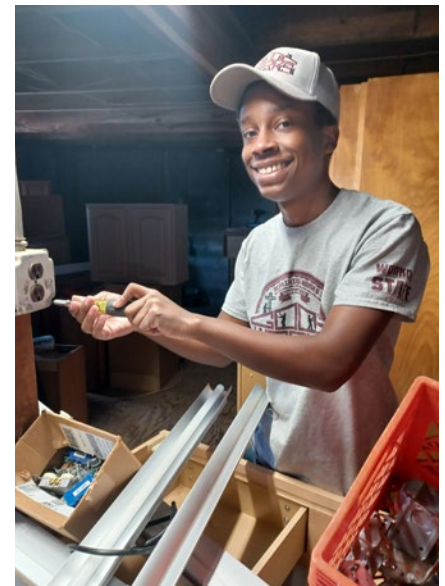
Ramal's journey began at East High School, where he enrolled in the Technical College High School (TCHS) program during his junior year. It was there, through an Electrical Occupations course, that he discovered his interest in becoming an electrician. Inspired by his parents, his father, a barbershop owner, and his mother, who balanced two jobs while always prioritizing family, Ramal developed a strong work ethic and sense of purpose. "My family fully supports my decision to become an electrician," he shared.

After completing his certification, Ramal took his father's advice and connected with CareerLink Chester County. There, he gained valuable skills in financial management and resume building, and was introduced

to the Career Corps program. Today, Ramal is participating in an internship with Good Works, funded by Chester County Workforce Development Board (CCWDB) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides him with up to 200 hours of practical, on-the-job experience.

Ramal values the opportunity not only for the skills he is gaining, but for the impact he is able to make. "It makes me feel good to help people and my community," he said. "I know a lot of people who would benefit from Good Works."

As he continues his internship, Ramal is actively pursuing full-time employment in the electrical field. With his determination, training, and commitment to service, there is little doubt that he will be a valuable addition to any future employer's team.



*Ramal, Good Works Intern, doing what he likes best*

### GOOD WORKS 2025

217  
FAMILIES  
ASSISTED



46 HOMES  
COMPLETED



12,872  
FAITH  
TOUCHPOINTS

31,094  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



1,208  
VOLUNTEERS



repairing homes  
and restoring hope

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# How Long is Too Long?

Good Works assists more than 200 families each year with home repairs ranging from simple fixes to complex projects. Volunteer teams typically serve one day a month for 12–18 months, completing work that is often comprehensive and exceeds homeowners' expectations.

At the other end of the spectrum are emergency repairs—frozen pipes, no heat in winter, or urgent needs met through a Hope Certificate. These are usually resolved in a day or two by weekday volunteers or professional technicians. In these moments, our staff and more than 1,200 volunteers respond quickly to needs that cannot wait.

Meanwhile, demand continues to grow across Chester County. As housing patterns shift, more lower-income families are moving westward, often into mobile home communities. In some areas, waitlists now stretch to two years or more.

While that can feel concerning, Good Works prioritizes the most critical needs—no heat, water, electricity, or serious structural issues—right away. Others are served in turn.

It's natural to ask whether shorter wait times simply require more volunteers or funding. Both would help, but the question also reflects a deeper assumption: that waiting is always a problem.

Scripture offers a different perspective. God's timeline is not our own (2 Peter 3:8–9), and seasons of waiting are often part of His work—shaping lives and aligning circumstances.

We see this in the homeowners we serve. Time and again, Good Works is invited into a story at just the right moment. What feels like delay can reveal itself as divine timing.

As one homeowner shared, “God is always on time.”



## GOOD WORKS STRATEGIC COMMITTEES



## Volunteer Engagement Opportunities

The Bible reminds us that “plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed” (Proverbs 15:22). At Good Works, that truth comes to life through the work of our committees.

Our committees play a vital role in supporting the Board of Directors and helping guide the organization with wisdom and care. Each one focuses on a specific area of ministry, providing direction, insight, and accountability while advancing our Mission, Vision, and Values. Their work also helps ensure we meet—and exceed—the goals outlined in our Strategic Framework.

Committees are made up of board members, staff, and individuals from the community who bring relevant experience and a shared heart for the work. Most groups meet once a month via Zoom, making it a meaningful and manageable way to serve.

Right now, we are looking to grow several of our committees and invite others to bring their skills and perspective to the table. Current opportunities include:

- Faith
- Human Resources & Administration
- Communications & Marketing
- Fundraising

If you—or someone you know—have experience in one of these areas and a desire to make a difference, we would love to connect. Serving on a committee is a unique opportunity to contribute behind the scenes while helping shape the future of Good Works.

To learn more or express interest, please contact Jen at: [office@goodworksinc.org](mailto:office@goodworksinc.org)



## Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

In Jesus' parable of the talents, servants are entrusted with responsibility. Those who steward it well are met with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

It's a phrase that resonates deeply—a picture of a life lived faithfully for God's purposes.

Scripture reminds us we are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), and also for a purpose: "to do good works" (Ephesians 2:10). At Good Works, that calling is lived out every day.

We're blessed by faithful, generous individuals who put their faith into action—repairing homes and restoring hope. Among them, our volunteer

workday staff leaders serve in a critical role, guiding projects with care, excellence, and compassion while shaping each volunteer's experience.

This year, we're honored to recognize 3 staff members and 10 volunteer leaders celebrating significant anniversaries. Their commitment and servant-hearted leadership have made a lasting impact on countless homeowners and volunteers. To each of you, we say:

**Well done, good and faithful servants!**

If you would like to learn more about workday leadership opportunities at Good Works contact Jen at [office@goodworksinc.org](mailto:office@goodworksinc.org)



Anniversary Awardees being recognized at the 2026 Celebration Dinner

### STAFF

Joe Lisowski | *Repair Supervisor* **25 years**  
Deb Damon | *Outreach Director* **10 years**  
Rob Beaujean | *Repair Technician* **10 years**

### VOLUNTEER LEADERS

#### 5 Years

Steve George | *Technical Advisor*  
Jason Lutz | *Materials Coordinator*  
Brian Poppe | *Work Crew Leader*  
Rudy Reif | *Asst. Operations Director*

#### 10 Years

John Case | *Work Crew Leader/Tech*  
Betty Traver | *Work Crew Leader*

#### 15 Years

Chris Mohler | *Asst. Operations Director*

#### 20 Years

Bob Lisowski | *Technical Advisor*  
Margo Toland | *Ambassador*

#### 30 Years

Norm Alexander | *Technical Advisor*

#### 35 Years

Bob Beggs | *Operations Director*

## Leave a Legacy of Hope

Through the Good Works Legacy Society, you can make a lasting impact in the lives of families in need. Legacy gifts, often made through planned giving, allow you to give from your assets rather than your current income.

By including Good Works in your plans, you help provide comprehensive home repairs and lasting hope to neighbors in need—while reflecting the love of Christ in a tangible way. Every gift, no matter the size, builds stronger homes, stronger communities, and brighter futures. To learn more, contact Sue at [development@goodworksinc.org](mailto:development@goodworksinc.org)



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### TOOL CONTEST

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Good Works  
ball cap!**

**What is the purpose  
of this tool?** Respond at  
[goodworksinc.org/  
toolcontest](http://goodworksinc.org/toolcontest). The winner will be  
drawn from all correct answers  
received by June 30, 2026.



## Need Prayer?



**We believe in the power of prayer.**

If you need prayer for anything go to:  
[goodworksinc.org/prayer-request](http://goodworksinc.org/prayer-request)  
or scan the QR code and our prayer  
warriors will lift your concerns up  
to God.

# Pennsylvania Housing Action Plan

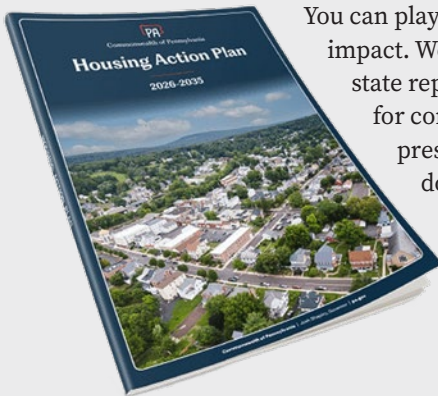
Governor Josh Shapiro recently released a strategic vision to build, preserve, and stabilize housing across Pennsylvania. The plan recognizes that housing is a key driver of economic competitiveness, workforce attraction and retention, public health, and overall community vitality.

The Pennsylvania Housing Action Plan outlines a clear, statewide strategy to increase housing supply, improve affordability, and strengthen housing stability—so communities across the Commonwealth can grow and thrive. Notably, it is the first comprehensive, data-driven roadmap of its kind in Pennsylvania, addressing the needs of urban, suburban, and rural communities alike.

One finding stands out: more than half of Pennsylvania's housing stock is over 50 years old. This significantly increases the need for repairs, reinvestment, and long-term preservation.

That's where Good Works is already deeply engaged.

The plan highlights the importance of repair programs and the value of funding delivered in partnership with local governments and nonprofit organizations. This aligns directly with the work Good Works has been doing for years—helping homeowners remain safe, stable, and in their homes.



You can play a role in sustaining and expanding this impact. We encourage you to contact your local and state representatives and express your support for continued funding of housing repair and preservation programs and specifically the work done by Good Works.

Together, we can ensure that more families have access to safe, healthy homes—and that communities across Pennsylvania continue to flourish.



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