

# **In God's Hands Service Camp 2017**

**We apologize ahead of time for the quality and quantity of the photos this year—all campers were very involved in the projects and taking pictures were not a top priority.**

**This year we worked on  
two sites:**

**One in Charles City  
and**

**One in New Kent**

**Over in Charles City, Ayars, Margaret, Lucy, Sam, and Gary built a ramp. They worked together to overcome the obstacles they encountered. We only have pictures of the finished project.**



## Charles City Site

Sam, homeowner, and Ayars standing on the completed ramp.



### **Inspection of the ramp**

**Gary, the homeowner, and Sam rest up after finishing the ramp.**



### **Framing in the ramp**

**Sam and Gary are being supervised by the homeowner as they frame in the ramp.**

**While in New Kent, Keith, Barb, Gilda, Leigh, Ruth, Waverly and Martha built a ramp, cleaned the outside of the house, built and replaced the porch railing and replaced the carpet.**



## **Cleaning the house in New Kent**

**The outside of the house was extremely dirty and needed to be cleaned.**





## Washing the house

Someone (is that Gilda?) is on the ladder, while Leigh is scrubbing the lower areas of the house.



## Digging post holes

Everyone dug post holes with the tool pictured left. Then the concrete was mixed and poured into the holes to secure the posts.



## Moving dirt

Near the driveway, we had to dig trenches so that the framing boards would be angled properly.



### **Railings and carpet**

**The railings and carpet were taken down/ torn out and placed in the discard pile.**



### **Framing in the ramp**

**Tuesday morning we framed in the ramp—shown here partially completed.**



**Decking has been laid**

**The decking has been laid down on the stairs, the ramp,  
and the platform—so, what's next?**



### Placing the stringers

The stringers were put in place and attached to the post  
– all of this to create the steps coming down off the  
platform.



## The railing

Gilda: "This is a little caddywampus!"





## The railing

“So...what do we do now? This isn't straight—Keith is busy, Ayars isn't here—we need to figure this out ourselves!”



## The worksite

Sawhorses hold the chop saw, a pile of discarded scraps of wood, the picnic table, and the water cooler.



## Instructions

Ruth listens carefully as Keith explains the next step in putting hand rails on the stairs.



## Cutting the wood

Sometimes it took three people to cut the wood properly—two holding the board and one cutting.



### **Deck partially finished**

**While Gilda paints the porch, Waverly and Martha screw in the lower railing boards on the ramp.**



**Using the saws**

**Waverly holds the board while Keith cuts it.**



## Putting up the rails on the deck

Waverly holds the top rail, Keith clamps it in place as Barb gets ready to drill the holes for the screws to go in.



## Painting the porch

Ruth painted the porch railing that was left in place.





## Testing out the railing

Waverly and Gilda set the railing on the porch to make sure it stretches from post to post.



## Trash pile

Waverly gazes down on the pile of trash that was created when we tore off the steps and the railing. “Do we have to pick up all of the junk? And put it where?”



## Placing the railing

Keith, Barb, and Gilda placed the railing on the porch and attached it to the posts.



### **Inspection afterwards**

**Gilda and Ruth touch up the painting on the porch after the railing was placed.**



### **A walk down the ramp**

**The homeowner took her first walk down the ramp, declared it a wonderful job and thanked us all. Her wheelchair-bound grandson can now come visit Grandma easily.**



## Finished project

Waverly, Ruth, Keith, the homeowner, Barb, and Martha stand on the deck—where is Gilda? Oh, someone has to take the picture—nice job, Gilda!



## Completed project

Thursday afternoon—project was completed, trash in the pick-up, yard cleaned-up. Tired workers headed home—after a stop at the dump and hardware store (to return unused items.)