



# Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

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*Our mission is to provide home repairs and assistance for the needy in Baltimore County by volunteers of all ages.*

**The 36th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp  
will be conducted July 21-26, 2019**

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## Annual Report for 2018

During the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW), which was held July 15-20, 2018, **over 200 people participated** -- at work sites, with the preparation of meals, or in the provision of other support services -- with an estimated **400 to 450 days of volunteer work** performed. The range of ages for the volunteers was from six years old to over 80, and represented all different faiths and beliefs, as did the people in the homes at which we perform work.

Volunteers performed work at over **20 homes** which had been referred by various County offices or departments (such as Social Services, Aging, and Health), churches, and other groups, with 19 being completed. Also, some limited work is performed directly after the Workcamp and during the rest of the year leading up to the Workcamp by a small group of volunteers; an additional 15 sites were completed. This made a **total of 35 sites** worked on during the year.

**Work included** building ramps; installing, repairing and/or replacing hot water heaters, floors, gutters and downspouts, walls and ceilings, steps, electrical fixtures, tubs, sinks, faucets, grab bars, bathrooms (to make handicap accessible), stoves, interior and exterior railings, and doors; insulating; caulking; interior and exterior scraping and painting; yard work, cleaning inside and out; various plumbing and electrical repairs; and hauling debris and other "stuff" for disposal.

The week began on Sunday with a silent auction fundraiser and **kick-off dinner** at the host church, Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC) in Riderwood (west of Towson). Workcamp procedures and guidelines were reviewed via an informational video and reminder handouts.

Each weekday, volunteers were served a hot **breakfast** and provided food for **bag lunches** to enjoy at the worksites throughout Baltimore County. The volunteers met for **dinner** at host churches and shared the progress and work plans for the next day. The **Friday night finale** featured a video of the week's highlights, a review of the work accomplished, recognition of those volunteers who had in some way distinguished themselves during the week, and a communion service.