



Christmas in April*Calvert County, Inc. an affiliate of **Rebuilding Together**, and a United Way Member Agency, helps disabled and elderly homeowners, and families with children, who live in their own house and cannot afford to pay for those home repairs. Christmas in April works all year to repair 25 houses on the last Saturday of April. Some emergency repairs and follow-up work are done throughout the year.

These are some of the problems applicants face:

My heating bill is high and my house is cold. There are a lot of drafts on the floor and around the windows of my house.

My mother is in a wheelchair and cannot get out of the house unless somebody carries her.

My roof already has five layers of shingles and it is leaking again.

There is a leak in the bathroom and the floor feels soft.

All the work is done to provide a safer home. We replace roofs, windows, doors, heating systems, and add insulation. We build ramps for the disabled. We insulate and replace windows and doors, including storm doors. We rebuild entrances, decks, stairs, bathroom and kitchen floors, replace joists, repair plumbing, and help with the replacement of septic systems. We paint the inside and outside of houses. Because of the extent of work and the funds available, some houses require work over several years.



Christmas in April*Calvert County, Inc. has repaired 25 homes per year since 1991. We work all year to get ready for that special day. Once a home is referred, a home visit is made by the house selection committee. A determination is made whether the house meets the eligibility criteria and can be repaired by Christmas in April. By January the houses are selected, and volunteers matched with work requirement on each house. Our volunteers include licensed carpenters, plumbers, and electricians, but the majority of people, who are not housing experts, work under the supervision of a house captain, as handyman, painting, cleaning, and doing yard work because they want to make a difference. At the same time grant applications are written, individual funds are solicited by volunteers.

There is no cost to the homeowner. We can only do those repairs if you and others become a sponsor of repairs made by Christmas in April. Your money will be matched by grants from foundations and the County government, by volunteer labor, by material donated by lumberyards and hardware stores and by material at reduced prices. For example, \$2,500 can pay for replacing the shingles of a small house; we spend an average of \$2,000 per house.

This is what some of last year’s homeowners said about the work of Christmas in April:

*The bathroom floor is nice and solid and the window frames were replaced.
The volunteers were as nice as they could be. My house looks a hundred percent better.
If Christmas in April hadn’t put in a new kitchen stove, I would not have known there was a leak in the propane line.*



Copies of the current financial statement are available on request by writing to or calling Christmas in April*Calvert County Inc., P.O. Box 2761, Prince Frederick, MD 20678, Telephone: (410) 535-9044. For the cost of copies and postage, documents and information submitted under this title are available from the Secretary of State.



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Yes! I (We) would like to contribute \$ _____ toward home repairs done by Christmas in April. Enclosed please find my (our) check.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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