



**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM
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The City's Community Development Department began a partnership with local churches and volunteer groups in the community to provide emergency home repairs for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners in 2004. This effort complemented the existing World Changers Program. Community Development provides all building materials necessary to do the repairs and the local church/volunteer groups provide the labor. There is no cost to the homeowners and no lien or mortgage is put on the property.

Over the past year, the partnership has assisted **ninety-one elderly**, or disabled, low-income homeowners with emergency exterior home repairs. These repairs included new roofs, exterior painting, siding replacement and other structural repairs. Over nine hundred volunteers have been involved in the project.

Community Development has provided over **\$250,000** to purchase the building materials and coordinated the Emergency Home Repair Program.

During the week of June 12-16, 2006 the EHR program, with over 400 volunteers assisted twenty-one homeowners with new roofs and exterior repairs. The project was coordinated by the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Hazel Green, Alabama.

Two weeks later, the World Changers Project, with over 500 church youth volunteers from around the southeast, assisted thirty-two elderly, low-income or disabled homeowners in the Colonial Hills Area with exterior home repairs.

Community Development continues to provide the building materials and coordinate the EHR program. Because volunteers provide the labor for these projects, Community Development funds provide twice the assistance they would without the volunteers.

We are still in need of more local church and volunteer groups to get involved with the Emergency Home Repair Program. If your church/group is interested or you need more information, please call **427-5400**.