

**Partners in Ministry  
Program Application**

Name of Organization or group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

YES! We would like to make an annual time commitment and send a team of individuals to work with HEP!

We cannot commit to sending a team, but we would like to adopt a group and pledge to provide financial assistance while they work on various projects throughout the region.

We would like to commit (Circle one):

One Three Five Seven Ten years.

We would like to pledge (Circle one):

\$100.00 \$250.00 \$500.00 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

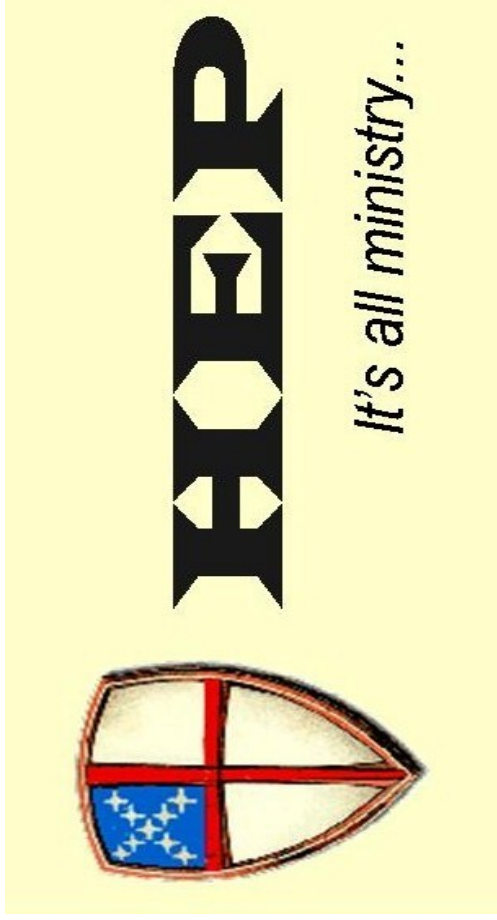
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# The Highland Educational Project

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*It's all ministry...*

## What is HEP?

The Highland Educational Project (HEP), located in McDowell County, is an ecumenical outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. Started as an educational ministry in January 1940, HEP has since evolved into an outreach agency due to the deteriorating economic conditions and increasing poverty in the area.



One of our young residents; given the gift of a handicap ramp at his home by one of our summer work groups.

HEP's outreach programs include distributing donated clothing year-round, children's stockings at Christmas, and home repair and maintenance. Help with medical costs and heating bills and other emergency assistance are provided to needy individuals in the area whenever possible.

Donations are taken year-round. Please contact us for more information on donating goods.

HEP is designated as a 501.c3 Not-for-Profit agency. All donations are tax deductible.

## Work, Learn, Share Program

HEP has work groups come in to the region as part of our "Work-Learn-Share Program." The groups typically come every summer to do home repairs for area residents who cannot afford to hire contractors. Some groups have been coming here for over 35 years. Work is not limited to summer months; we can work with you on dates that fit with your schedule throughout the year.

## Volunteer

There is a lot that needs to be done, so we are always looking for groups interested in mission work. In the past, groups have volunteered for one weekend to two weeks. We have facilities to accommodate any length of time you or your group is willing to spend in the region.

## Become a Partner

If you find that your time here has been enriching, we ask that you consider our "Partners in Ministry" program. If you would like to become a partner, we ask that you make an annual commitment to our ministry. We are looking for groups to think about making three to five year commitments (or more!) to HEP's "Work, Learn, Share" program. This is a wonderful opportunity for making outreach an important part of your long term ministry and mission. Please see the attached partnership application if you are interested in this program.

## Adopt a Group

We understand that with busy work and family schedules it is difficult to commit time off for traveling long distances for mission work. If you cannot commit time, you can choose to support a group coming into

the region. This option is helpful for our groups because it lessens the financial burden of travel expenses on their part, as well as some of the costs associated with feeding hungry workers during their stay and with rebuilding or maintenance projects the groups have committed to while in the area. Some groups have come from as far away as Illinois and Eastern Pennsylvania to work in the region and have been as large as 30 people, so the costs for transportation and food can be quite high. A contribution on your part can alleviate these high costs and be a great way of supporting our ongoing mission to the residents of McDowell County and the surrounding region. Please see the attached partnership application if you are ready to support an incoming group.

## Need more information?

If you feel that more information is needed before you or your church can make a commitment, please feel free to contact us. We can easily be reached by email or phone. Our contact information can be found below, or online:

[www.highlandeducationalproject.org](http://www.highlandeducationalproject.org)

[www.youtube.com/user/MissionHEP](http://www.youtube.com/user/MissionHEP)

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