Community Housing Solutions (CHS) works to preserve homeownership in Guilford County through home repairs and home construction. We provide home repairs to qualifying families who own their homes and who are below specific income levels. In 2019, CHS invested $1,325,000 in preserving homeownership.

In the East Greenboro neighborhoods and the Southside and Cedrow neighborhoods in High Point, we are building new homes on vacant lots and rehabilitating existing properties.

In 2019, we built and sold five homes.

With our emphasis on home repairs and affordable homeownership, we are rebuilding homes, restoring hope and keeping our neighbors warmer, drier, and safer. This is possible because of the many volunteers who support our work for people who are not physically or financially capable of doing the work themselves. A days work for a volunteer can make a life-long change for one of our homeowners.

**REBUILDING HOMES. **
**RESTORING HOPE.**

807 volunteers used
9997 hours served

This equates to $241,827.43 investment of time by volunteers converted to dollars. ($24.19/hour for state of NC)

232 repairs made
158 families served

Other notable 2019 accomplishments

AWARDED 2019 nonprofit of the year by the Guilford Nonprofit Consortium

COMPLETED our 1000th home repair in Guilford County
CHS provides repairs that make homes warmer. By air sealing the home, adding insulation, repairing heating ductwork, or replacing an inefficient heating system, CHS is able to lower utility costs, resulting in an average savings of 25% per month for the homeowner. CHS replaced Ms. Rosa Lee Brown’s 21-year old heat system. The system had been serviced every year, but it was no longer producing heat leaving the house very cold. Ms. Brown shared, “Now I can just put my finger on the button and my heat comes on. It’s wonderful. It feels so good to walk out in the morning and come home to a warm house.”

CHS provides repairs that make homes drier. By eliminating mold and mildew conditions in the home, medical expenses are reduced. Ms. Margaret Blackwell is an 80-year old widow who has lived in her home in Northeast Greensboro for 60 years. In her home, cabinets, countertops and plumbing were removed in the kitchen. The sink had been leaking into the crawlspace for months. With our staff and volunteers, we were able to make this home drier for Ms. Blackwell. “I can't thank you enough for the help with these repairs,” she said. “I have been so anxious about the water leaking and my high water bills. Now I will have better living conditions and a peace of mind about the safety of my home.”

CHS provides repairs that make homes safer. This includes accessibility modifications that address safety issues in the home, reducing the risk of falls. Mr. Bruce Scotton is a pastor in Whisett who lost his leg after developing a bone infection during a common knee replacement surgery. Because he was in a wheelchair, it became very difficult for Mr. Scotton to safely leave his home for work and appointments. Thanks to Ramp-A-Thon and the group from Catholic Heart Workcamp, Mr. Scotton now has a ramp. With a restored hope, Pastor Scotton can now safely enter and exit his home, greatly reducing his chances of falling and hospital visits.

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We are so very grateful for the work that has been done at my mom’s home to help her “age gracefully.” My siblings and I feel she is much safer and we are truly grateful for the professional work done to her home and for the fine people who provided for her needs.

“Since CHS made the repairs, my water bill has gone from $100 a month to no more than $30 a month. That savings of $840 a year will make a big difference in my life.”

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

In 2020, Community Housing Solutions has the goal of **serving 185 families with 260 home repair projects**. Community support is what will make this possible. You can help by:

- Making a donation so that we can help more people in Guilford County. Donate at www.chshousing.org.
- Organizing a group to volunteer.
- Donating construction tools or materials.
- Liking us on Facebook so you can read about our success stories and the impact we are having on homeowners in Guilford County.
- Signing up to receive our E-Newsletter twice a month.

For more information on how you can help Community Housing Solutions continue to make an impact in Guilford County, call 336-676-6986.