



Mennonite Disaster Service

Year in Review

There was no slow down for MDS in 2016. We served 539 homeowners in the United States and Canada with the hard work of the more than 3,800 volunteers who donated their time and energy to bring hope to those impacted by disaster. Volunteers throughout 2016 worked nearly 24,200 days doing clean up, home repairs, new builds, and rebuilding bridges. We thank you for your work and continued commitment to those in need.

For more information on 2016, check out the latest edition of [Behind the Hammer](#) and the new "[Someone Who Cares](#)" year in review video.

Follow MDS on Social Media

If you missed some of the speeches at the All-Unit meeting you can now listen to them on the new [MDS audio page](#). MDS is also present on [LinkedIn](#) so if you have an account please give us a follow. If you haven't done so yet don't forget to check out the [MDS Facebook page](#), which features photos and news items related to our work.

Current Volunteer Needs

Weekly Project Crew Opportunities:

Bridge Building in West Virginia

- March 12-18: up to 6 men for physically demanding work

New Construction in Calaveras County, CA

- March 19-25: up to 8 people
- April 2-8: up to 18 people
- April 16-22: up to 13 people who are skilled at finishing houses
- April 30- May 6: up to 18 people who are skilled at finishing houses
- May 7-13: up to 18 people who are skilled at finishing houses

Repairs in Lafayette, LA

- March 5-11: up to 4 people
- March 19-25: up to 5 or 6 (men preferred due to housing limitations)
- April 2-8: up to 17 people
- April 9-15: up to 17 people
- April 16-22: up to 17 people
- April 23-29: up to 7 people

New Construction and Repairs in Greenbrier, WV

- May 14-20: up to 8 people
- May 21-27: up to 8 people
- May 28- June 3: up to 17 including an Assistant Cook and Skilled Leader
- June 4-10: up to 17 including an Assistant Cook and Skilled Leader
- July 2-Aug 5: volunteer opportunities also available

[Apply Now](#) for the opportunities listed above.

Project Leadership Opportunities:

[Andrews, SC](#)

Crew Leaders – March 5-31

Head Cook – March 19-April 1

Assistant Cook – March 19-April 1

[Greenbrier County, WV](#)

Crew Leaders – March 5-April 1

[Lake County, CA](#)

Crew Leaders – March 5-April 1

Head Cook – March 19-April 1

[Lafayette, LA](#)

Crew Leaders – March 26 through April

[Calaveras County, CA](#)

Crew Leaders – March 12-May 13

[Conway, SC RV](#)

RV volunteers (up to 4 individuals) – March 6-31

RV volunteers (up to 4 individuals) – April 3-21

Office Manager – April 1-21

MDS project leaders available to serve for one of the above listings please contact:

U.S. residents – Steph Shenk at 800-241-8111 or email

sshenk@mds.mennonite.net.

Canadian residents – Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 866-261-1274 or email

epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

Help make 2017 another successful year

Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and donors, MDS was able to take on a large number of projects in 2016. Your continued support will make 2017 another successful year as we work to bring disaster survivors home. Please consider the volunteer opportunities above or offer a gift to support the efforts of volunteers at project sites.