



# Repairing Homes, Restoring Hope

## A SAMPLE “GO FORTH” INITIATIVE

In every community, there are neighbors quietly living with urgent home repair needs—leaking roofs, broken steps, poor lighting, unsafe wiring, or plumbing problems. For seniors, single parents, veterans, and families on fixed incomes, these issues aren’t just inconvenient—they can be dangerous, stressful, and financially overwhelming.

For CORAC, this need represents a meaningful opportunity to serve. When we help repair a home, we do more than fix a structure. We restore safety, dignity, and peace of mind. A repaired handrail can prevent a fall. A sealed roof can keep a family dry. Improved lighting or accessibility features can help someone remain independent in their own home.

Just as important, repair projects create connection. Showing up with tools, time, and compassion sends a powerful message: You are not forgotten. You are valued. You are part of this community.

You don’t need a large construction project to make a difference. Consider starting small:

- Repair steps, railings, or safety hazards
- Fix minor leaks or weatherproof doors and windows
- Improve lighting or install grab bars
- Complete basic yard or exterior safety work

### HOW TO GATHER MATERIALS

Limited budgets don’t have to limit your impact. Many communities are eager to support practical service efforts

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- Ask local hardware or building supply stores about nonprofit discounts or small material donations.
- Invite members to donate supplies such as paint, lumber, tools, light fixtures, or leftover project materials.
- Request gift cards from supporters to cover specific project needs.
- Partner with contractors or tradespeople who may be willing to donate surplus materials.
- Organize a simple “tool and materials drive” within your church or organization.
- Plan projects in advance so you can purchase materials in bulk and reduce costs.



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Often, when people hear that materials will directly help a neighbor in need, they're eager to contribute.

This season, consider identifying one household in need and organizing a small volunteer team to Go Forth. Partner with local churches or community groups to help locate families who could benefit.

Sometimes the most powerful ministry isn't a program—it's practical care offered with willing hands and compassionate hearts, restoring hope one home at a time.

