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CECIL COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS HELP HABITAT BUILD A RAMP FOR VETERAN'S WIDOW

NORTH EAST, Md. – Approximately 10 volunteers, mostly students from Cecil Community College, helped the widow of a military Veteran safely leave her house by building her an accessibility ramp. The widow has been housebound for eight years and the 57-foot ramp was funded by the Bay Area Center for Independent Living. The college students and staff have been regularly active in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna's home building projects, but this was the first time they assisted in Habitat's Repair Program.

Habitat's Repair Program helps families live independently and keeps them safe in their homes. It serves homeowners in Cecil and Harford Counties and focuses on critical repairs, weatherization and neighborhood revitalization. Some of the critical repairs can include providing accessibility modifications to homes, such as building ramps, installing grab bars, and widening doorways. Habitat's Repair Program often works using volunteers in such projects, as well as helping low-income homeowners revitalize their neighborhoods by preserving their home exteriors during A Brush With Kindness events.

This is the second time in one month that Habitat's Repair Program has taken volunteers into North East to build an accessibility ramp. The one previously built

during the same timeframe was a 40-foot accessibility ramp for the Boys and Girls Club of Cecil County. It was constructed by Habitat and Lowe's volunteers from Abingdon store #2589.

Habitat's Repair Program recently participated in the first annual Cecil Cares day by performing A Brush With Kindness activities in Port Deposit using Cecil and Harford county volunteers.

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