



MINISTRIES IN THE NORTH

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Northern New York

Rural Rehab



Warmer, safer, dryer \$ 40,500

This is our motto.

We insulate and side homes, and replace windows.

We build ramps and hire professionals to fix electrical problems.

We repair and replace roofs on homes. We build roofs on mobile homes.

On the surface, this ministry seems to meet a very practical need. Indeed, it does. But it meets even more important needs:

- In the winter, children play comfortably in the home where they once shivered.
- Older kids work on their school work, able to concentrate on the work instead of on keeping warm.

Want to be part of this ministry that makes such a difference in people's lives?

- Pray for the people we serve, our churches, and our leadership.
- Join us on Facebook.
- Send us your email so we can include you on our newsletter list.
- Bring your youth group or adult group to work with Rural Rehab.
- Partner with us for \$30 per month.
- Send us a one-time gift.

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- In the summer, an older woman's health is protected by the cooler temperature in her mobile home, now that the roof has been replaced.
- One woman has been the victim of a home invasion. Securing her home with better doors and new locks gives her peace of mind.
- A man is able to return home to his family from the hospital because a ramp has been built at his home.

How do we do this? We provide a mission opportunity for church groups. Groups come from all over the northeast, mid-atlantic and upper midwest to serve with us. Designated gifts by these groups and giving partners are used to buy materials, equipment, tools, and to provide instructional/coordination staff.

MINC RURAL REHAB donations are to be sent to : Treasurer- Joan Merritt- 48 Demot Rd., Hammond, NY 13646



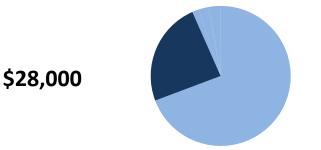
Outreach

This ministry grew out of Rural Rehab. Our concern was that we helped people in the summer, but did nothing about the emergency needs of people throughout the rest of the year. Our part-time Outreach Worker works with families and individuals whose emergency needs cannot be met by existing government and non-profit organizations. Well-versed in programs that are available locally, she often acts as a resource to connect people to appropriate agencies. Contact Janet Campbell -315-658-4730

What kinds of emergencies do we deal with most often?

- Pending electrical shutoffs
- Heating emergencies
- Prescription copays

This ministry is financed by gifts of our partners in ministry and by designated gifts to MINC.



Administrative Expenses

And the questions responsible people who support a ministry ask:

- What are your administrative expenses?
- What percentage of your budget is for administrative expenses?

Our administrative expenses are \$2900 ----- **3%** of our expenses.

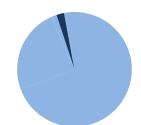


All of our leadership is volunteer. Our committees are chaired by volunteers. Our officers are volunteers. Is this leadership model sustainable? It has been since 1989.

Our administrative expenses include our professional bookkeeper, reimbursed travel, and postage.

Christian Education

Our churches are all small; some are really tiny.



\$2,500

The Christian Education program makes it possible for these churches to have access to first-class Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials. Materials are purchased and used cooperatively. Even the tiniest church can give their kids and the kids in their neighborhoods a program with props for Bible stories, fun crafts, and music CDs. Each church reimburses MINC \$5 per child attending.

This program also purchases Bibles which are given to each family served by Rural Rehab.

Adult education materials are provided upon request. Contact : Ranota Hewitson- 315-265-8112 Gifts to MINC cover the cost of this ministry.







FARM COMMITTEE **\$500**

We live in an area that until a few years ago was dominated by small dairy farms. Now, our area is still the source of much of the milk produced in New York State. However, most of our small dairy farms are gone. This committee was established to respond to needs as they occur. In the past, we sponsored a book scholarship for farm children who were going to college. During and following a massive January ice storm, we provided diesel fuel to run generators so that cows could be milked and heating oil so that farm families could be warm until spring.

This account is not active at the present time. We have reserved some money if a special need arrives for emergency.

Foster Kid's Christmas

One of our leaders worked as a social worker for the county Department of Social Services. As Christmas approached, she learned that many teenagers in foster homes got very few, if any Christmas gifts. The Foster Kid's Christmas program was established to address this need. Fifty teenagers in two counties can look forward to receiving a gift package selected specifically for them by their case workers. Local youth groups shop, adults shop, a 4-H club wraps the gifts and everything is delivered to Social Services in time to be delivered for Christmas.

\$1800

The gifts are personal. They are selected for each individual. The teenagers who receive these gifts understand that they have not been forgotten.

Gifts earmarked for Foster Kid's Christmas support this ministry.