

What is World Changers?

World Changers is a ministry of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention . Its focus is to provide missions education and involvement for youth of junior high and high school age.

The strategy World Changers uses is home rehabilitation. The World Changers organization creates partnerships with local governments and other agencies to assist those in need of certain types of home repairs. Youth from around the country, along with adult leaders, come to Chesapeake for a week, working on homes in crews of ten to fifteen people.

How Do I Qualify to Have my Home Worked On?

In Chesapeake, the following qualifications have been determined:

- You must own your home and live in it.
- Your household income must be less than the area median income (\$70,900 currently).
- Property taxes must be up-to-date.
- Duplexes will be considered if the owner lives in one side. No other multi-unit dwellings will be considered.

Location

The property must be located within the Police Department's 2nd Precinct area (South Norfolk and Indian River). World Changers neighborhood rehabilitation projects normally occur in an area of the community where there is revitalization underway. In Chesapeake, similar focus areas are in the 2nd Precinct area.



What Types of Repairs Will World Changers Do?

There are no hard and fast rules. For the most part, handicapped ramps, porch repairs, floor and wall repair, painting (interior and exterior), and other carpentry work are what they do best. World Changers usually exclude plumbing or electrical work from consideration. Once an applicant has been prescreened for eligibility, the home is evaluated on an individual basis by World Changers for suitability. Accordingly, the homeowner may be referred to other appropriate agencies for additional assistance.

What has World Changers Accomplished?

Started in 1990, World Changers has seen more than 115,000 participants repair 7,500 homes in 375 communities in the United States and around the world.

Interest Forms due:
December 31, 2013

Contact:

The City of Chesapeake is the sponsor agency for the 2014 Chesapeake World Changers project. Call the Department of Human Services, Community Programs Division at (757) 382-1511 for more information.