



Rebuild Upstate 2026 Impact Call

Executive Summary | Thursday, February 5th, 2026

Purpose of the Call

Main Takeaway: Stakeholders were given a results-focused update on 2025 impact, organizational growth, and key opportunities to support expansion and sustainability.

- Show how donations, volunteerism, and advocacy drove impact
- Share operational, program, and partner outcomes
- Preview 2026 strategy and engagement opportunities

Mission in Action

Main Takeaway: Home repair directly preserves independence, safety, and dignity for older adults and vulnerable homeowners.

- Example shared: 93-year-old Navy veteran received an accessibility ramp
 - Outcome: Restored safe home access, outdoor mobility, and aging in place
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Operational & Capital Growth

Main Takeaway: Strategic investment in facilities and systems significantly increased operational capacity and readiness to scale.

- Successful Phase 1 capital campaign
- Warehouse established as central operations hub
- Website improvements for homeowners and volunteers

Warehouse Investment

Main Takeaway: Expanded facility capacity now enables faster response, stronger volunteer support, and scalable repair operations.

Warehouse Upgrades Completed

- Electrical repairs & HVAC replacement



- Parking lot grading & gravel
- Shelving, storage systems, treated lumber storage
- Tool room remodel
- 2 new offices + reception renovation
- Bathroom & breakroom redesign
- Security + signage improvements

Future (Phase 2) Needs

- Roof replacement
- Perimeter fencing
- Expanded breakroom space

Program Impact – 2025

Main Takeaway: 2025 marked the highest production year in organizational history, with deeper repairs per household.

Metric	2025 Result	Significance
Homes repaired	165	Strong production
Total repair projects	716	Record high
Avg. projects per home	4.3	Above historic avg.
Avg. cost per home	\$10,000	Cost-efficient model
Avg. cost per project	\$2,500	Volunteer leverage

Ramps Program Growth

Main Takeaway: Reusable ramp systems and trained volunteers enable rapid, flexible accessibility support for urgent and short-term needs.

- 6 metal ramp installations
- Ramps reused across households
- Dedicated warehouse storage
- Trained installation volunteers (St. Anthony's)
- Supports healthcare discharge and emergency access needs



Team Expansion

Main Takeaway: Staffing investments strengthened quality control, operational management, and homeowner service capacity.

- Construction Lead role (Nick Kulick)
- New Warehouse Manager (Brandon)
- Homeowner Services Coordinator (Marcus)

2026 Strategic Expansion

Main Takeaway: A fully funded pilot in Spartanburg County allows controlled geographic expansion without diverting existing resources.

- Focus: ramps and critical repairs for older adults
- Partner: Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG)
- Restricted funding source
- Referral-based participation
- Year-end evaluation for long-term viability

Funding Landscape

Main Takeaway: Despite uncertainty in federal funding, diversified revenue and advocacy positioning support organizational resilience.

- ~30% of budget from federal funding
- Remaining funding from individuals, churches, businesses, foundations, and events
- Organization experienced in navigating funding shifts

Advocacy Focus

- Engagement with Sen. Tim Scott's office
- Monitoring:
 - Whole Home Repairs Act
 - ROAD to Housing Act
 - Housing for the 21st Century Act
- Need for SC House co-sponsors
- Increased supporter advocacy engagement



Volunteer & Partner Impact

Main Takeaway: Volunteer engagement contributed over half a million dollars in value, dramatically expanding service capacity.

Area	2025 Impact
Volunteers	1,050
Volunteer hours	11,000+
Value of time	\$339,000+
RSVP reimbursements	\$100,000+
Build Day fundraising	\$66,000
Total volunteer-related value	\$500,000+

Corporate Partner Example

Main Takeaway: Combined funding + volunteer teams from corporate partners increase efficiency and repair scale.

- Fusion Audio + Video engaged 70+ employees
- Supported structural and accessibility repairs
- Sponsorship + labor model streamlines delivery

Recurring Donor Growth

Main Takeaway: Monthly donors provide predictable funding that directly supports core repair work.

- 62 Porch Partners
- \$50,000+ annually
- Funds ~24 ramps/year
- Goal: 70 monthly donors



Events & Community Engagement

Main Takeaway: Events and local initiatives continue to expand visibility, partnerships, and revenue.

- A Toast to Home event expanding
- Volunteer appreciation event (Because of You BBQ)
- Pickens Handyman Club launched
- Disaster Assistance funding secured and implemented (Hurricane response)

Key Stakeholder Actions

Main Takeaway: Growth and advocacy goals depend on continued stakeholder engagement and introductions.

- Complete post-call survey
- Provide donor, business, and elected official introductions
- Participate in advocacy efforts
- Consider recurring giving