

## HOMEOWNER INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for your interest in becoming a recipient of the Great Days of Service – Irving, TX (GDS-IRVING). To help you understand how this program works and what we will both do for you and expect from you if you are selected, the information below will answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

Please read this information carefully.

**What is Great Days of Service?** GDS-IRVING is a volunteer community effort that rehabilitates or completes repairs on houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and/or disabled so that they may continue to live in decent, safe and sanitary housing and maintain their independence. Over 400 volunteers have rehabilitated 20 to 35 houses each year since its inception in 2002.

- 1. Is this a government program?** No, although working in partnership with government organizations, GDS-IRVING is not sponsored or subsidized by any government. It is a private, non-profit volunteer effort.
- 2. What are the qualifications or guidelines for acceptance into the program?** The primary qualifications are that the recipient owns and lives in the home scheduled for repair and must not be economically and/or physically able to complete the repairs without assistance. Consideration will be given in situations where unusual medical expenses would significantly impact the availability of funds to complete the necessary repairs.
- 3. How are the houses chosen for this program?** GDS-IRVING receives applications from homeowners or referrals by various groups and individuals who are aware of homeowners that need assistance to complete necessary repairs. The applications are reviewed by a committee whose members have a background in homebuilding, architecture, housing needs, accessibility, code enforcement, etc. After reviewing the applications, the committee will select potential recipients and then make an appointment with the homeowners to visit each house for a visual inspection of the work needed and to interview the homeowner. After all potential houses have been inspected, the committee makes the final selection and the homeowners are then notified if they are selected. **Applications can be returned to Great Days of Service by giving to a representative, calling 972-510-5084 for assistance, emailing to [gdsirving@yahoo.com](mailto:gdsirving@yahoo.com), or mailing to GDS-IRVING.**

**GDS-IRVING address is:**

**Great Days of Service – Irving  
PO Box 154044  
Irving, TX 75015**

**5. What is the cost to the homeowner?** There is no cost at all to the recipient. All of the individuals who work on the house are volunteering their time. The building materials and supplies are purchased with private and corporate donations.

**6. Who will work on my house?** Volunteers come from all parts of the community. While some have construction experience, many do not. The desire of each of these volunteers is to make your home safer and more comfortable for you.

**7. When will the work be done?** Each spring GDS-IRVING sets aside two weekends during which work is scheduled to be completed. Your house captain will provide you with the specific dates for your home. Some additional days may be scheduled in order to complete any scheduled work that is not completed on those days.

**8. What do I do while the work is being done?** If you are able-bodied, or if you have family members who are, we request that you assist in the work being done. We do expect the homeowner to be at the house for each work day. Even if you are not able to participate in the actual work, there may be questions that must be answered during the course of the work. Any pets owned by the homeowner must be controlled during the course of the workday.

**9. What information must I provide?**

- Names and ages of all persons living in the home
- Proof of income for all adults living in the home (tax return, Social Security award letter, work stub, etc.)
- Proof of homeownership
- Proof on insurance
- Proof that the mortgage is current
- Proof taxes are current
- Code violation citation (if any)

**10. Why am I being asked to sign a release and authorization form?**

Since this work is being completed entirely by GDS-IRVING volunteers, it is an acknowledgement that the work is being completed without cost to you. It is further agreed that you accept the work as completed and absolve, release and waive any and all liability or claims resulting from the work being completed by the GDS-IRVING program.