2011 Highlights:

- Provided safe means of access to the homes of 30 individuals in Henrico County, Chesterfield County, and City of Richmond
- Longest time an applicant struggled to get in and out of her home before requesting a ramp: 11 years
- 100% of ramp recipients strongly agreed that their overall experience was positive
- 100% of ramp recipients felt the process moved smoothly to get them a ramp
- 95% of applicants were worried about getting out of their homes in case of fire, prior to receiving a ramp

These 30 ramps allow these individuals to attend doctor appointments on a regular basis, and tap into their community support systems.

Five ramps were built for individuals younger than 30 years of age. Thirteen were built for individuals 65 or older, and twelve were built for adults between 30 and 65. Strokes and diabetes-related amputations were the most frequently stated disability.

Working together for the community:
We continue to work with local entities such as Chesterfield County, County of Henrico, and project: HOMES to avoid duplication of resources and effort, while providing safe wheelchair ramps for those in need.

Community Service:
RAMPS introduced 106 students in 2011 to the benefits of community service as they learned to build wheelchair ramps. These 106 students donated almost 500 hours of service as they wrote grant requests, made fundraising presentations, and participated in community outreach with local media.

Student reviews:
- “I learned how to try something new, out of my comfort zone.”
- “I have a greater understanding of difficulties people with disabilities face.”
- “I learned not only how to build a ramp, but also the joy someone can get from just a few hours of our service.”

Leadership Development:
For the fourth year in a row, RAMPS teamed up with the Cochrane Summer Economic Institute, hosted at The Collegiate School. In the course of one day, we built six ramps for local individuals. Both groups benefitted, as you will note below:

Student Reviews:
- “I learned from the RAMPS building, that getting out there and helping others is necessary in life for you to feel accomplished.”
- “I learned about the true value of charity.”

Parent Reviews:
- "RAMPS is a great initiative that provides benefit to everyone involved."
- "I thought the day went beautifully - well organized and not much to tweak! ... thanks again for a great morning - what a worthwhile, valuable thing to do!!"

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R.A.M.P.S. (Ramp Access Made Possible by Students) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) community service organization based in Richmond, VA and dedicated to aiding those in our community who cannot help themselves. RAMPS develops compassionate young adults through an innovative program that works with high school and college age students. These volunteers donate their time to build modular wheelchair ramps for the disabled and elderly people in our community who rely on a wheelchair or walker for mobility, but cannot afford a ramp to get them in and out of their homes.

100% of your donations support programs impacting City of Richmond, Henrico County, and Chesterfield County needs.

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“Thank you for your compassion and caring in building this ramp…”

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