In December of 2019, Mrs. Ann (Callihan) Weaver, a generous monthly supporter of RampsRVA, passed away. Mrs. Weaver was born in West Virginia on August 8, 1929. She graduated from West Virginia University in 1951 with a master’s degree in education and in May of the following year, she married Clyde M. Weaver and the couple settled in Newport News.

As Mrs. Weaver and her husband raised their family on the Peninsula, she continued a teaching career that began in West Virginia and ended with her 1988 retirement in Newport News. Not one to sit idle, she volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels, and as a reading tutor for many years.

Several years ago, Mrs. Weaver decided to move to the Richmond area after her husband passed away. At her request, her son and daughter-in-law removed her husband’s ramp from their house in Newport News and brought it to Richmond. Mrs. Weaver’s daughter in law learned about RampsRVA and reached out to donate Mr. Weaver’s “old” ramp. In short order, the ramp was refurbished and reset on a build, where it benefitted two individuals. Since then, the material has been reset again for someone in need.

Mrs. Weaver will be remembered throughout the year and in particular each August when we build. Our August clients will receive a gift of daisies, Mrs. Weaver’s favorite flower. We hope to brighten their day the way she brightened ours with her kind and thoughtful correspondence. In one of her notes, she shared, “I know how much the ramp meant to Mr. Weaver, and cannot imagine not being able to get outside.” We are thankful for her impact on RampsRVA, and for her determination to improve the lives of others. You are missed, Mrs. Weaver.

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**2019 Statement of Activities**

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| Direct Program Cost  
Savings through reset 
material used | $105,950 |
MADE POSSIBLE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Continued Gold Level of Transparency through GuideStar (charity watchdog group)

168 new volunteers to RampsRVA

Built 43 ramps benefiting 52 individuals

Board efforts included fundraising, strategic planning, and school engagement

6
Six ramps built for individuals with spinal cord injuries

3
Three ramps built for amputees

11
Eleven ramps built for stroke victims

$100,000 direct cost savings in reset materials

A LOOK BACK....

RampsRVA asked two previous Club Presidents if they would be willing to share their thoughts on their experiences with us. This is what they shared...

“...I keep in touch with many of the club’s former members, and all of us reflect similarly... Some were inspired by the service work in RAMPS so much that they have gone on to work in service fields such as nursing, social work, and early intervention. It is my belief that the experiences these students have in this organization are life-changing. They see the joy of helping others and they see it come full circle when they meet the people receiving the ramps they install. Students have helped 6-year-olds and 90-year-olds and everyone in between. They have impacted the community and literally bridged the gap between people’s homes and the world.”

-Tori, candidate for Master of Science in Nursing at James Madison University

“When a friend called me over to the RAMPS booth at the Collegiate Clubs Fair in the fall of my sophomore year of high school, I grabbed a pen and hurriedly signed my name on the clipboard. Signing up, I frankly didn’t much think about what RAMPS was and what its mission was all about. What little I did know came from friends who had told me that RAMPS builds were fun ways to get service hours without being cooped up indoors. Before I actually built one, I could never have imagined how impactful a ramp is for both the recipients and the builders. RAMPS allowed me to use my own two hands and a few hours of hard work to directly change someone’s life. It’s as simple, and as profound, as that. Building ramps in high school inspired me to pursue the pre-medical track in college, and my memories of the faces of ramp recipients have more than once inspired me to work through academic challenges. In short, RAMPS introduced me to what I now consider my life’s mission: working to tangibly and directly improve others’ lives, however I can.”

-Colin, Pre-med track

It is with your support this type of longterm impact is made possible. Thank you.
We are open to creative and new student partnerships, and 2019 saw us building two ramps with Girl Scout Troop 5175 as they pursue their Community Service goals. Thank you to these hardworking Scouts who battled an army of mosquitoes and hot, humid weather to build their ramps.

In a separate effort, Matthew asked to partner with RampsRVA to build two wheelchair ramps for his Eagle Scout Project. After a flurry of fundraising, he pulled together a motivated team of volunteers and they built two ramps in Henrico County. The day proved to be a long one, as one ramp had two turns, and the second ramp had one turn. The volunteers worked steadily and focused on getting our clients out the door safely, so despite the long, cold day, there were two extremely happy ramp recipients at the end. The volunteers appreciated the homemade “thank you” fudge they received!
11 Sixteen Photography approached us early in the year and suggested us a creative partnership opportunity. They offered to sponsor a build for one of our Clubs by donating their time and talent during February in return for donations to RampsRVA. The partnership was a tremendous hit, with numerous individuals benefiting from the skilled teamwork at 11 Sixteen Photography, all while supporting our builders.
RampsRVA continues to expand our Adult Partnership/Teambuilding program. This year we partnered with UPS Freight, Genworth, Standard & Poor’s Global, TopGolf, PwC, and Tomahawk Baptist Church of Chesterfield. It is a pleasure to work with dedicated teams on these efforts!

On a sunny and breezy spring day, we loaded up scratched and dirt-covered materials and ferried them over to the waiting Genworth crew. Over the course of a half-day, this group scraped, cleaned, painted, sorted, and loaded the (now) refurbished material into the truck.

The UPS Freight Team did a fantastic job, handling the refurbishment of materials, annual inspections of existing ramps, AND a build! We determined the time this crew spent with us saved RampsRVA a week of effort by our staff.

Our Altria Team (and we love seeing people coming back to build with us again!) had both newbies and pro builders on the team. Despite the chill, the rain was chased away early in the day, allowing us to build Shirley’s ramp, much to the joy of her family.

Standard & Poors and TopGolf teamed up to make life easier for veteran Craig and his wife as they maneuver him in and out of their house to medical appointments. As Craig’s wife is an older adult (and his caregiver) this ramp benefits both of them.

Our two PwC Teams changed life for Ernest, giving him independence and confidence he hasn’t enjoyed in years. Ernest is either walking with a cane or completely reliant on a wheelchair and caregiver. His new ramp gives him a sense of security he is ready for whatever kind of day he faces.

Maliq has muscular dystrophy and began using his wheelchair regularly in the summer of 2019. His mother (who is also his primary caregiver), has Multiple Sclerosis (a potentially disabling disease of the brain and spinal cord), so this ramp helps both family members on a daily basis.
Our Collegiate School teams have been strong, steady builders since 2005. Carol was delighted to meet our team early in the year, on a cold and very wet and muddy day. Everyone was dressed for the occasion, and when we left, Carol was able to roll right out of her house and down to the sidewalk. Carol was relieved to have a new ramp (before our builders arrived to assemble Carol’s ramp, she had missed doctor appointments, and had fallen trying to get her chair safely in and out of her door and down to the sidewalk).

Mary had been unable to get her bright yellow and black wheelchair (named “Bumblebee” by Mary’s grandson) out her door. This new ramp will reconnect her with neighbors and her delight was evident as she wheeled Bumblebee up and down the sidewalk. We appreciate the guiding hand of Dr. Dave Headly in meetings and on builds (and he drives the bus, too!)

Donna and Rossa both use this wheelchair ramp, built on a bright clear winter day. Rossa is closing in on her 100th birthday, so this ramp arrived right in time to celebrate! Donna has some mobility challenges as well, so this ramp benefits both residents of the home.
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

LC BIRD HIGH SCHOOL

Our partnership with LC Bird is a creative collaboration with Communities in Schools-Chesterfield. This partnership provides a unique opportunity for us to fulfill both missions as we build wheelchair ramps. 2019 was a tough year, but with the leadership of the LC Bird teachers and Administration, as well as the support of South Richmond Rotary, we all pulled together to build a ramp for Michael, an independent amputee (who also attended LC Bird!) Extra thanks to Adrienne Blanton, Jay Swedenborg, Robert Swiger, Jill Miller, and Jess Harris for their amazing dedication and teamwork.

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY

On a warm Spring day, one of our Board Members, August Berling, led our Benedictine College Preparatory team on a build. Keeping a close eye on rain and impending thunderstorms, this team worked smoothly and quickly to build a ramp for Norma. She and her husband will benefit from this ramp as they both have mobility challenges.
Our MWGS RAMPS Club had a busy year, and we continue to be grateful to Paige Hawkins, Field Hockey Coach and supervisor on our builds. We are fortunate to team up with such a great crew. We built ramps for two stroke victims and an elderly client with a long list of health challenges.

Vivian had a stroke and is on dialysis, her thoughtful thank you note to the students shared, “Thanks ever so much for the use of my ramp. I have not been out this much for a long time, not having to crawl up the steps or need help getting up them.” Heartbreaking to know what she needed to do, and so deeply grateful for our students and their determination to improve her life.

We even had a collaborative build between MWGS and Monacan students on a Rapid Response build over the summer, one which was deeply appreciated by our client’s daughter and her caregiving spouse, who also uses the ramp regularly.
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

MIDLOTHIAN HIGH SCHOOL

As our second oldest RAMPS Club, Midlothian has a long history of volunteerism. 2019 brought this club the opportunity to build a ramp for someone who lives (literally) across the street from the school. As the number of older adults increases, we anticipate more builds close to our schools.

Chad lives in Chester by himself and was unable to get outside on his own until our Midlothian team showed up. Based on the rainy and chilly day, he thought our crew wouldn’t show up, so his delight in seeing us, and ultimately getting outside, was genuine.

Anthony had been unable to get outside in his powerchair to go on a walk with his grandkids, or easily move around the neighborhood. His new ramp also means he can join his family at church whenever he wants.

Our Fall builds included helping one Chesterfield resident get out so she could vote, and she loves the library, so her ramp helps her stay engaged socially and mentally.

Both Joe and his wife will benefit from their new wheelchair ramp. They were referred to RampsRVA by another client who attends their church. We frequently focus on the benefit of the ramps to our clients, but both our clients and our students enjoy the opportunity to talk with each other during the builds.

Our dedicated club adviser, Erich Yost, is greatly appreciated both at meetings and on builds.
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

MONACAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monacan High School is home to the Chesterfield County Health Professions and Therapies Specialty Center, which allows our RAMPS Club to use a service-learning approach in their club. A review of applicant conditions and a discussion of the long term health impacts of those conditions frequently occurs on days when the students decide their clients. These conversations are led by club advisor, Lori Magnuson, PT. Her expertise is a benefit to all of us as we discuss the progression of chronic disease in our clients, and how a ramp impacts their access to care, and to their social support systems.

This year’s builds included a Monacan alum who had a recent amputation, a stroke victim, a young man with a brain injury, and a gentleman with Parkinson’s.

The relief this family felt upon receiving their new ramp was amazing. The burden of trying to lift Evelyn up and down the stairs is behind them, and the ramp provides a smooth roll from house to vehicle.

Allison used to play basketball at Monacan, so she and our Monacan volunteers had a lot to talk about.

Tony and his mother live in Chester, and their new ramp means Tony can get outside to sit on the porch with his family on summer evenings. It meant a lot to the students to build a ramp for someone so close to their own age.

Wise needed a ramp to get out for doctor appointments, something his daughter was struggling to manage. He was in disbelief to learn that these students raised money for his ramp and that there was no charge to him (we had to reassure him a few times of the good news!) His daughter is looking forward to getting her dad outside for more than just doctor appointments now that he has a safe means to get out.
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