

Principal Media Contact: DT Townsend
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
803.952.7566
dt-lawrence.townsend@srs.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SRNS Employees Take Time Off to Team Up and Help Neighbors in Need

Homes, charitable organizations in Aiken, Barnwell and Richmond counties receive assistance through SRS Days of Caring Program

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 22, 2016) – Approximately 200 of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employees volunteered to work this past weekend at United Way agencies and private homes to improve the lives of potentially hundreds of citizens living throughout Aiken County during this year's Project VISION event. This effort is part of the "Days of Caring" United Way program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS).

"The wheelchair ramp they built will allow me to leave home more often," said Aiken, S.C. resident Kasiyah Bell. "I won't have to sit in the house all of the time, because I can't walk far. But as long as I have my own home and someone to help me now and then, that's all I need. I really appreciate this. What they are doing for senior citizens is great."

Team projects include minor electrical work, interior and exterior painting, repairing flooring and rotted wood, installing drywall, building fences, fixing faulty plumbing and yardwork.

According to SRNS Project VISION Coordinator Joey Smiley, a large number of SRS employees volunteer a day off each year to take on projects to significantly improve the living conditions of disadvantaged children, low-income senior



SRNS employees David Sanders (left) and Rob Abshire assist Terry Kenrick as she helps build a wheelchair ramp during this year's Project VISION day, as fellow H Canyon Operations employee Danielle Elliott looks on.

News from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE • AIKEN • SC 29808

citizens, the disabled and financially challenged single parent homeowners. A team of volunteers may be assigned a project involving a specific United Way agency facility, such as Helping Hands, Tri-Development Center, Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County, Children's Place or the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons.

"I'm continually impressed with the dedication of our employees to serve those who live near SRS," said Carol Johnson, SRNS President & CEO. "Whether it's Golden Harvest, Toys for Tots, the United Way or time and effort to help people who cannot help themselves, our folks are always ready to fill the need."

Project Vision was established in 1996 as a way to help United Way of Aiken County partner agencies with facility maintenance. Many of these agencies operate on strained budgets and trying to contend with day-to-day costs is often difficult.

By 1999, Project VISION had garnered so much support that volunteers outnumbered the agencies needing assistance, so the program was expanded to include basic home repairs for low income owner-occupants. In total, approximately 500 man-hours were invested in projects throughout Aiken County for this year's Project VISION day.

"I got involved with this about seven years ago," said Terry Kenrick, a manager with SRNS H Area Operations. "It's a good opportunity to get together and give back to the community. To see the end product of an effort to make someone's life easier is awesome. It makes you feel real good inside that you've blessed someone by just giving a few hours of your time."

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

Visit us on the web at www.savannahrivernuclearsolutions.com

SRNS- 2016 - 447