Labor of Love

HOW DOES LABOR OF LOVE HELP?
Applicants complete an application stating their income level, age and circumstances. They list items which need attention...from things as simple as grab bars for a bathroom to roofing, plumbing and electrical concerns. We verify that the applicant owns or is buying their home and lives in Henderson County.

THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
Volunteers who can do the work will screen the applicant and the property to see if the job is the type that Labor of Love can handle with its resources. We prioritize the requests/work. Safety and health issues are our primary concern. We do not approve items which are purely cosmetic in nature (indoor painting, for instance). If we think we can accomplish the repairs we ask the applicant to sign a release and then add the job to our schedule of work.

WHAT ARE OUR RESOURCES?
Major contributors include the Henderson County United Way, the Cain Foundation and the Murchison Foundation. In addition, other foundations, various churches, businesses and individuals support our efforts.

HOW DO PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT LABOR OF LOVE?
People we serve come to us from several sources:
* Henderson County Help Center
* Henderson County Food Pantries
* Churches in Henderson County
* Social Service & Home Health Care Agencies in Henderson County
* Word of mouth
* Individuals such as yourself who may be aware of a need.

Labor of Love works because of the donations of time & resources by organizations, businesses and individuals who want to make a difference.

Please consider helping those who cannot help themselves by calling us today at (903) 675-5683.

Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/LaborOfLove.Athens

ADOPT-A-PROJECT
Through this program a group or organization can:
* Provide funds for a particular home project
* Provide workers for a particular home project on your schedule
* Provide both funds and volunteers

Contact the Labor of Love office if you would be interested in sponsoring us in this way.

JOIN OUR TEAM
We solicit your involvement as a worker or Project Manager. As a worker you would be “on call” for the Project Managers as they schedule their jobs. Project Managers develop material requirements and man power needs for each job. 
Ask about our “on the job” training!

Providing home repairs at no charge to homeowners in Henderson County who can no longer maintain their homes due to age, disability or other circumstances beyond their control.
LABOR OF LOVE HISTORY

The Athens Samaritans, d.b.a. Labor of Love began in 1986 when members of the First Christian Church went to Amarillo to work on a house for Habitat for Humanity. They returned excited about the prospect of having some type of group to help with housing for the disadvantaged. With the focus on repairing existing homes instead of building new ones they organized the Labor of Love.

The First Presbyterian Church joined their efforts in 1987 and soon after members of the First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church became part of the group. We have since expanded our recruitment effort so that we have 9 Project Managers who solicit workers from a pool of 45 men who have volunteered to help.

Labor of Love has a part time paid office manager who has responsibility for all the usual office functions of any organizations. Additionally she is the first to respond to calls for assistance, pre-qualifying by phone and sending application forms. She is also part of the team which visits the applicant to determine the work to be done. The chart illustrates our growth in the past 11 years.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Labor of Love also sponsors paint projects where groups such as the Boy Scouts, Young Life, 4-H, church groups and businesses provide the volunteers. The volunteers do the scraping and painting. Labor of Love supplies all the materials (brushes, scrapers, paint, ladders, etc.).

THE CHART BELOW ILLUSTRATES OUR GROWTH IN THE PAST 11 YEARS.