

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

HOST ORGANIZATION



Christmas in October was founded in 1984 by two friends Dick Miller and John McMeel who sought to make a difference in their community. The goal was to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate through repairs of homes and neighborhoods. When Christmas In October restores homes they restore pride in home ownership. With this pride comes a renewed goal to make the neighborhoods safe. This means taking back their children and driving out the gangs, drugs, crime and violence. Children can now use the safe haven of their homes to study and excel. Since 1984, the program has grown to include over 6,000 volunteers working on over 450 houses each year. It is one of the largest volunteer programs of its kind in the United States.

To give you an idea of the magnitude of what Christmas in October did with just two paid staff members, the following work was performed in 2006/2007 at no charge to the recipients:

Work Performed on 869 Homes

Furnaces	148 installed
Hot water heaters	51 installed
Plumbing work	233 homes
Electrical work	221 homes
Roofs	91 redone
Windows	593 installed
Wheelchair ramps	26 built
Houses painted	367
Gutters	More than 2.2 miles installed

Two Schools

Rehabilitated two schools, for new Cristo Rey College Preparatory High School, so that children from financially disadvantaged families could attend without paying tuition.

*Estimated Cost - \$5.3 million

Four Community Centers

Restored and rehabilitated four community centers that serve the inner city: Ivanhoe Center/ Sheffield Place/ The Mattie Rhodes Center/ Community Linc.

*Estimated Cost - \$1.2 million

Retirement Homes

Rehabilitated two retirement homes: Villa St. Francis and Marian Hall Center

*Estimated Cost - \$165,000

We are asking you to commit time and money to the goal of wiping out blight and crime in our neighborhoods by participating as a major sponsor. As a 501(c)(3), Christmas in October provides a great opportunity for businesses to contribute to the community in a very direct and positive way. The money will be used to repair homes, schools, churches, public service buildings, day care centers and neighborhood recreation centers. The golf tournament will provide a sponsor with a number of marketing and entertainment platforms to successfully retain business relationships and develop new opportunities and customers.