



Students . . . committed to improving lives each day

We are pleased to announce that on Friday, March 7, R.A.M.P.S. built its 50th wheelchair ramp for an elderly or disabled wheelchair bound individual in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Started in 2005 by Richmond's Collegiate High School juniors, Gray Fain, Mike Dowd, and Coleman Wortham, as a school challenge to contribute to their community through charitable projects, the club continues to strengthen and grow. It is fitting that our 50th ramp was assembled by one of the original co-founders, Mike Dowd.

Shortly after arriving on campus at Hampden-Sydney in the fall of 2007, Mike worked to assemble a new group of students to form a R.A.M.P.S. organization. The group built their first ramp in the fall, and wasted no time after returning from break to build their second ramp.

Mr. Coleman, the beneficiary of the ramp, understandably was delighted by the visit from the students and their hard work last week. Wheelchair bound in his home, Mr. Coleman was unable to move independently in and out of his house. After "testing" the ramp, Mr. Coleman decided to spend some time outside enjoying the weather, something he'd been unable to do for years.

Before the team got to work:



Afterwards:



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Mike and his fellow students, Drew Walker, Graham Tate, Alex Howe, Marshall McClung, Robert Murray, took a Friday afternoon to change Mr. Coleman's life for the better. Having the ramp makes a positive impact on Mr. Coleman daily, as he is now able to move safely and independently in and out of his home.

In second photo: Alex Howe, Marshall McClung, Robert Murray and Mike Dowd, in the wheel chair Michael Coleman (please note Drew Walker and Graham Tate were unavailable for this photo)