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## Y-Men set record in ramp building

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MARION - The Y-Men's Service Club has built a record number of wheelchair ramps in the Marion area during this building season. Last Thursday the club built its 17th ramp for Marion-area residents in need. More ramp requests are pending.



Members of the Y-Men's Service Club build a wheelchair ramp at 194 Glad St. The club has seen a marked increase in the requests for ramps for those in need. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE Y-MENS SERVICE CLUB)

The ramps that have been built so far this were made possible with help from local supporters like Modern Woodmen of America, Marion County Veterans Service, the Marion County Council on Aging and Henry Lumber.

Modern Woodmen, headed by Roger Ruth, Deb Gwinner, Lori SICKEL and Sandra LaPard, donated funds to purchase materials for the ramps. The club was able to utilize grants from the council on aging and veterans service to cover the cost of material for ramps built for senior citizens and veterans. Henry Lumber, a longtime supporter, provided discounts on the lumber and hardware purchases made by the club.

To bolster support, the club is hosting its inaugural charity golf outing Aug. 28 at Kings Mill Golf Club to supplement the club's main fundraiser - the Y-Men Christmas tree sale, which has been held every year for more than 50 years. However, the club determined the money raised from the tree sale would not be enough to cover the increase in ramp requests.

The four-man scramble golf outing is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Kings Mill. The entry fee is \$55 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner. The registration deadline is Aug. 21 and the late entry fee will be \$60 per golfer.

The golf outing will include door prizes, a silent auction, a \$160 prize to the winning team, a 50-50 drawing and a \$100 drawing.

The Y-Men's Service Club, founded in Marion in 1943, is known for having built the shelters in the city parks but in more recent years has focused on wheelchair ramps. The club also has provided sponsorships for such programs as Marion Baseball for Youth and Safety City, scholarships for local students, and supported other charities and charity work in the Marion-area community. The club's motto is "people serving people."

For more information about the club or to make a ramp request, write to the Y-Men's Service Club at P.O. Box 275, Marion, Ohio, 43302.

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