

Letter from the Executive Director

My name is Ella Smith and I am the Executive Director of the Morgan Scott Project. By signing up for a work group this summer, you will be joining a vibrant, committed, volunteer community of supporters of the Morgan Scott Project. Because of your work this summer, people in desperate need of safe exits from their home will receive ramps, people living in unsafe conditions will be able to remain in their home, and children who are living without running water will not be taken from their families. Your work in the thrift store (affectionately called "The Mall") will assure that all people have good quality clothes and goods at affordable prices in their community.

We have work available for people of all skill levels from building and staining decks and ramps, doing basic home repairs, working in the thrift shop sorting donations, stocking boxes for the food pantry, and more. It is very helpful if each group has at least one person who is handy with tools and basic carpentry. We will have volunteers on site with you to assist and teach skills as needed. As a general rule, we do not work on roofs, plumbing, or drywall.

Deer Lodge, TN is located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in an area call the Cumberland Plateau. You will be working in a remote and beautiful area full of forests, rivers, and very hilly terrain. We are 45 minutes away from a town of any significant size, Jamestown being the nearest town with groceries, restaurants, and services. Our work sites are located throughout Scott and Morgan counties, some of which may be up to an hours' drive from our lodging.

I am looking forward to working with you this summer. As your work week grows closer, I will be in contact with you to learn more about your group, what skills you bring, and answer any questions.