



Rebuilding Together™

Baltimore

2003-2004



Celebrating 15 years of helping low-income homeowners and at-risk communities

Rebuilding Day was Superfantastic!

This is the only word that I can find that describes this year's Rebuilding Day.

Our sponsors and volunteers, who make all of our work possible, really outdid themselves this year. We spent Rebuilding Day 2004 in Southern Mondawmin and the Colgate neighborhood of Dundalk, providing critical home repairs to our neighbors in need.

It is always amazing how much a group of dedicated volunteers can accomplish in a single day. The impact of their work is both simple and powerful – homeowners and their families are warmer, safer, and drier, and older neighborhoods are revitalized.

This year, in addition to our traditional home repairs, we were able to expand our Home Modifications program for disabled homeowners. Last year we helped one family. This year, we helped 10 elderly and disabled homeowners by making simple modifications to their environment in order to simplify daily life activities.

All of this work would not be possible without the continuing dedication of our volunteers. Many of our volunteers have worked with us for years – some since our first year! On behalf of the entire Rebuilding Together organization, I thank each and every one of you.

We've come a long way!

What were you doing in the fall of 1989? Four of your neighbors, Joanna Von Briesen, Howard Hunt, Tom Jaudon, and

Jeff Krug got together that fall and decided to make an impact in their community. They wanted to help homeowners in need and revitalize older neighborhoods. They started an organization originally known as Christmas in April * Baltimore. Since the first Rebuilding Day in April 1990, we have repaired almost 850 homes in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

Recently we hired our first full-time executive director, moved in to permanent office space, and we are in the midst of launching a year round repair program. Thanks to all of our supporters, we look forward to a bright future, helping more and more Baltimore area homeowners in need.

Karen Healey

President, Rebuilding Together Baltimore



With us from the beginning

At least two of our volunteers have been with us since our very first Rebuilding Day in 1990. Ed Burnap and Jim Green's dedication to helping low-income homeowners in Baltimore City and Baltimore County is legendary. Ed and Jim come back year after year, leading one or two teams of volunteers from Hereford United Methodist

Church. And now, as we expand our program to include year-round services, Ed and Jim were among the first to volunteer to help with that expansion. We salute their years of volunteering and are grateful to their continued dedication to Rebuilding Together Baltimore.

Celebrating 15 years

Tales from the City



Police cadets give back to the community

Each year, about 50 cadets from the Baltimore Police Academy volunteer on Rebuilding Day. According to Amy Middleton, Training Coordinator of the Police Academy, the cadets have assigned duties such as delivering lunches and balloons to houses, picking up trash, and sometimes repairing homes, but one of their most important jobs is serving as “goodwill ambassadors.”

The cadets welcome the opportunity to interact with city residents in situations different than typical police calls to homes, where residents are often under stress. And in turn, the police cadets are welcomed by neighborhood residents. Cadets enjoy this volunteer opportunity and view it as a chance to demonstrate some of the very best qualities of Baltimore’s community policing model. Rebuilding Together is deeply grateful for our long-term partnership with the Baltimore Police Academy.



Alumni golf tournament sponsors home

Notre Dame Alumni Club of Maryland has been an active participant in Rebuilding Day for a number of years. This year, they decided to sponsor a house, using money from their first annual golf tournament. “We wanted to channel the money to a good cause,” said Kevin Nelson, co-House Captain.

“Rebuilding Together is one of our long-term volunteer activities, so it was a natural fit.” On Rebuilding Day, the team replaced rotting floor boards on the front porch, repaired and painted the walls and ceiling in the kitchen, and fixed several safety issues including loose handrails, rickety basement steps, and a badly deteriorated back walk. The homeowner was overjoyed with the results and the team, “I loved every hour that they were in my home. I felt like they were my children and my friends.”



Formerly homeless men bring new skills to Rebuilding Day

Students, faculty, and staff from Loyola College and men from Christopher Place Employment Academy teamed up to take on one of our most challenging houses. Christopher Place, a program of Catholic Charities, provides job readiness training to formerly homeless men. Six men in the training program donated their time and newly acquired skills to fix the house of a Baltimore homeowner. The team repaired walkways, constructed a new porch roof, repaired water and termite damaged walls, and replaced a cracked sewage pipe. According to Erin O’Keefe, a team member, “It was a terrific day for all of the volunteers. The group from Loyola and the men from Christopher Place enjoyed working together and making a difference in the life of our homeowner.”

The time and attention you all gave me just takes my breath away.... Anyone who saw how hard everyone worked would have thought I was paying a lot of money for what was being done.

*Willeen
2004 homeowner*

Thank you for all that you did for me.....may all your hard work be paid back to you in happiness.

*Joyce
2004 homeowner*



Tales from the County

Helping a young family....

One of the families we helped this year was a young couple with four children. Living in a cramped row house in Colgate, the parents slept in the living room so that their children could sleep in bedrooms. A team of Baltimore County employees worked alongside the homeowners and with Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith to convert an unfinished basement into a bedroom and bathroom for the parents. The house was sponsored by Baltimore County and IKEA provided invaluable assistance by donating a complete bedroom set, which created a wonderful new room for the couple. In the words of the homeowners, "Thank you! ... (it) seems like a small word for all the wonderful things you have done for us."



Baltimore County Executive
Jim Smith

Disaster averted

Kevin Hroblak and the team from Whiteford, Taylor & Preston L.L.P. repaired the house of an elderly homeowner who had recently broken her hip. The team installed handrails on the stairs, grab bars in the bathroom, and a detachable showerhead. The most notable fix, however, occurred while patching a hole in the kitchen ceiling. A volunteer discovered an electrical wire where the insulation had dry-rotted. The wire was sparking and arcing, and to make matters worse, there were no smoke detectors in the house. Kevin is certain that, had the wire not been fixed, the house would have caught fire eventually. The team replaced the wire and also installed smoke detectors.

This is Kevin's fifth Rebuilding Day as a House Captain. He and the Whiteford, Taylor & Preston team come back every year because they "enjoy the projects and love to get out and help people."

Helping neighbors on prom day

Most high school students spend the hours before prom getting ready for the big event. Not so for an enthusiastic and dedicated group from Garrison Forest School. This team of high school girls spent their day painting and fixing up the house of a county homeowner – all before heading off to that night's prom. Led by House Captain Marikate Taylor, the team made a significant difference in the life of an elderly homeowner who had been in her home for 41 years. Said Marikate's dad (who also served as her skill captain), "the volunteers all left with a feeling of satisfaction."





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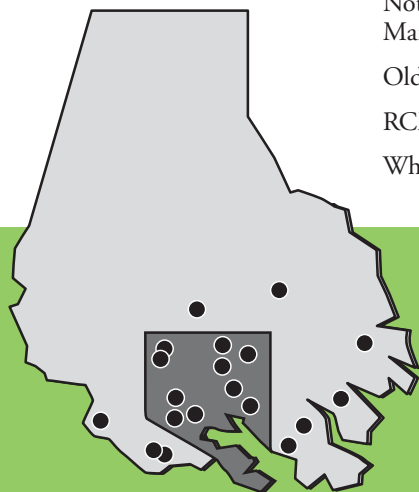
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REBUILDING TOGETHER IMPACT

Baltimore Impact Since 1990

842 homes repaired
 17,100 volunteers mobilized
 \$4.3 million invested in
 26 communities

National Impact For 2004

8,500 homes repaired
 275,000 volunteers mobilized
 \$90 million invested in 865
 communities across the U.S.

2004 Volunteers

House Captains

Rod Anderson
Jan Atwood
Chris Bacon
Bill Burkhouse
Ed Burnap
Steve Dillman
Lynn Egan
Mike Falkner
Thomas Feulner
Erin Frey
Herbert Frey
Jim Green
Darryl Hines
Kevin Hroblak
Ron James
Joan Jordan
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Matthew Marshall
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Susan McClure
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Kevin Nelson
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Christopher Smith
Marikate Taylor
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Michelle Wright

Skill Captains

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Mark Bender
Brandon Bubar
Brian Bubar
Fred Derrick
Russ Frye
Marvin Kemp
Lawrence Kuper
Rusty Lam
Randy Jones
Drew McQuaid
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Bill Monacelli
Charles Parks
Harry Price
Wayne Sagal
Bill Taylor
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Bruce Zimmerman

Special Services Volunteers

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Mary Beth Allen
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Kim Cammon



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Dick Penn
Nancy Pope
Linda Powe
Marlene Riley
Louise Russell
Rusty Russell
Vicki Sjolander
Lori Smith
Charles Sussman
Nancy Teng
Aaron Tsui
Susana Tsui
Pete Waldhutter
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Stephanie Williams
David Williams
Windsor Electric

Volunteer Groups

AIA Baltimore
Baltimore City Police Academy
Carroll's Gills/Stone Chapel Parish
Catholic Alumni/Baltimore Tall Club
Christopher Place Employment Academy
Friends of Loyola College in Maryland
Garrison Forest School
Hereford United Methodist Church
IKEA
Men of Calvert Hall
Phi Beta Sigma
University of Baltimore APALSA
University of Maryland Baltimore Incentive Awards Program
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Zion Evangelical UCC

5 ways you can help Rebuilding Together

- Recruit a team for Rebuilding Day
- Join a committee
- Make a donation
- Ask your employer to sponsor a home
- Spread the word!

Rebuilding Together Baltimore to Offer Services Year-Round

Throughout the year, homeowners in need call our offices, looking for help. Often these homeowners have an immediate need for a simple repair. A leaking toilet, perhaps, that if not fixed, will cause significant water damage. Other calls are from homeowners who need minor home modifications such as grab bars in the shower because of declining mobility. To address these needs, Rebuilding Together Baltimore is planning to launch a year-round program this fall.

The program will focus on two types of activities: small repairs that require immediate attention and simple home modifications for disabled homeowners. Repairs will be done by Rebuilding Together volunteers at a time that works

with the volunteer's and homeowner's schedule. If you are interested in participating in our year-round program, please call our offices at 410 889 2710.

We have several sponsors who have given us some seed money for the program, and we will continue to look for additional donations for this important program. If you would like to donate, feel free to send your contribution to our new address (see back page). If you know of a potential sponsor for this program, please call or email us.

This year-round program is only possible with the support and generosity of our sponsors and volunteers. On behalf of the homeowners who will benefit from the program, thank you!

Mission Statement

To preserve and revitalize homes and communities in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Maryland. We work to assure that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly,

disabled, and families with children live with greater independence in warmer, safer, and drier homes. Our goal is to make a sustainable impact in partnership with the community.



OUR FIRST EMERGENCY REPAIR

Emily called us in a panic on April 1st. It had been pouring for days and she wasn't sure how much longer the leaky roof in her small row home would hold out. Emily and her husband Ed, both of whom are elderly and disabled, have owned their home for 43 years and have worked hard to maintain it. However, this time, they simply couldn't afford the expense of repairing the roof. And time was running out--the more the roof leaked, the more interior damage. Thanks to our partnership with Pleasant Roofers and funding from St. Paul Travelers, we were able to repair the roof within days of Emily's call, thus launching our year-round emergency program.

Emily and Ed were so grateful to Rebuilding Together Baltimore for helping them in this time of crisis. Said Emily, "You all are my angels--thank you so much!".

Through the new expansion of our program we hope to be "angels" to more homeowners like Emily and Ed.



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From our Executive Director

What an exciting time to be part of Rebuilding Together Baltimore! I started as executive director in January and have had a great whirlwind experience since then. It has been truly rewarding to be part of an organization that harnesses the energy of hundreds of volunteers to do such vital work.

Rebuilding Together Baltimore volunteers contribute thousands of hours to help people stay in their homes. We often refer to our volunteer opportunities as “just one day.” However, for many of our volunteers, it is much more. Our house captains and skill captains spend a great deal of time building relationships with the homeowners and carefully planning the work for their teams, and it shows on Rebuilding Day. And, after the day is over, the impact on the homeowner is immeasurable. Not only do they have a warmer, safer, and drier home, but the knowledge that there are caring volunteers who want to help!

I recently attended a conference with executive directors from about 40 other Rebuilding Together affiliates across the nation. My time spent with them highlighted something I want to remind you of—Rebuilding Together Baltimore is part of a national movement! We are just one of over 250 affiliates serving 865

cities and towns in all 50 states! You are part of something much larger than one person, one neighborhood, or one city. Nevertheless, each of you has touched someone personally with your work.

Despite our efforts, there remains a great need in our community! Every day I receive calls from homeowners who have no where else to turn and are in desperate need of repairs to their homes. Rebuilding Together Baltimore is taking the steps to help more of those homeowners. This fall we will begin a year-round services program (see page 6). As our program grows, so do our costs and our need for volunteers. Please think of us as you plan your charitable giving and your volunteer activities over the next several months and call or email us if you would like to get involved with our year-round efforts.

In closing, I want to send a BIG thank you out to our board of directors, our volunteers, our sponsors, and our homeowners for making Rebuilding Day 2004 a great success! You are all amazing people! I look forward to working with you in the future.

*Bonnie Bessor
Executive Director,
Rebuilding Together Baltimore*

It was a great all-around experience! We left feeling good, a bit exhausted, and in search of cold beverages!

*Susan
2004 volunteer*

We've moved!

We are now in Hampden, hon!

This June, we moved into new office space in the Hampden neighborhood of Baltimore. Our new offices include space for interns and volunteers, as well as a meeting room for board meetings.

Our new address and phone numbers are:

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