

Many Needs Served by Many Deeds

2015

Your Support Makes All the Difference...

We believe everyone deserves a home that is both safe and healthy. Together, through our partnership with our volunteers and donors, we are revitalizing neighborhoods and helping elderly and disabled neighbors safely age in place. And we're bringing stability and a new vitality to families facing financial hardship. Through your support, we provide critical services at no cost to the homeowner. We offer our most sincere thanks to our house captains, volunteers, sponsors and donors for helping us restore hope and transform lives in our community.

National Rebuilding Day Re-Cap



April 25, 2015 was a remarkable day for our community. Thanks to the support of more than 1,000 volunteers in Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church, critical repairs were made for 35 low-income families and non-profit housing organizations. Work on the homes and non-profit facilities is sponsored by local businesses and faith-based organizations that recruit house captains and gather volunteers. In partnership with Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church (RT-AFF), the house captains develop scopes of work and spend many hours planning and preparing for their projects. Then, on National Rebuilding Day, the house captains lead skilled and novice volunteers in making repairs and modifications.

Volunteers installed railings, grab bars, electrical outlets and new dryer vents. Carpet was replaced with solid surface flooring to remove tripping hazards and reduce dust and other allergens. Doors, windows and stairs were repaired. Kitchens and bathrooms were re-vamped. Walls and ceilings were scraped and spackled. And many home exteriors and interiors received a fresh coat of paint.

National Rebuilding Day brings volunteers and communities together and the overwhelming consensus is – there's no better way to spend the day than to help neighbors live in safe and healthy homes.



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Year Round Programs



Corporate Engagement and Community Service Days

Corporate events are held throughout the year to engage the business community in service, while also supporting their internal needs like team-building, strengthening the corporate brand, and aligning philanthropic investments with strategic business goals. Led by RT-AFF staff and key volunteers, these events provide employees from the sponsoring company with a way to work together outside the office in a meaningful way and see tangible results. Additionally, smaller groups from faith communities, local businesses and civic groups work on a variety of projects that help homeowners remain in their homes comfortably, safely and independently.



Handyman Corps

Our Handyman Corps responds to smaller-scale, but important safety and technical repairs, such as building wheelchair ramps, adding railings, repairing and reinforcing porch roofs, replacing rotting wood from walls and floors, and making plumbing repairs. These skilled volunteers also provide advance work on projects and help lead corporate teams through more complex repairs making a big impact for our homeowners.



RT Express

Thanks to a generous grant from The Falls Church Endowment Fund, RT-AFF staff and volunteers are developing and piloting a new delivery system, which augments and complements our traditional home repair program to serve low-income homeowners more quickly and effectively. RT Express is designed to address the needs of many homeowners in our community who need smaller repairs or modifications. Often these homeowners, especially our growing population of low-income elderly, have fallen through the cracks. RT Express is designed to address these needs by focusing on a list of 36 repairs and modifications that tackle common health and safety problems in homes including installing grab bars, diverting downspout run-off, installing weather stripping, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replacing defective switches and receptacles, and repairing door latches and deadbolts. The majority of the repairs and modifications cost less than \$30 in materials and can be completed by a team of 4-5 volunteers with minimal training in just a few hours. You'll hear more about RT Express in 2016.

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IN 2015
REBUILDING
TOGETHER

*Arlington/Fairfax/
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Gathered
1359
 volunteers

who



Donated **11,982** hours



Performed repairs &
 modifications

on **51** homes and **9** non-profits



Delivered
\$625,257 in
 market value

*Important statistics of those we helped
 this past year:*

86%

Qualify as Very Low
 or Extremely Low
 income according to
 HUD Area Median
 Income guidelines



61% persons living
 with disabilities

88%

Aged 62 or older



18% of households
 had at least one
 member under 18

Our Stories



Mr. and Mrs. B on their new steps. CBRE and RT-AFF volunteers transformed the B's home over a three-month period.

"I was praying for angels, and today, my angels arrived," exclaimed Mrs. B. She and her husband, who had suffered a stroke, are grateful for their "angels" from CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate services and investment firm. CBRE provided funding and volunteers, and over a three month period moisture problems in the home were remedied, walls and windows were repaired and painted, the attic hatch was insulated, a rigid dryer duct was installed, and grab bars and a hand held shower were added to make the bathroom safe and accessible. The team also constructed landings, steps and railings at the front and back of the home to improve accessibility and three gas leaks were discovered and repaired.

DPR, one of the largest general contractors in the US, builds offices, hospitals, data centers and other complex projects. DPR's 16 year partnership with RT-AFF brings highly skilled teams of tradespeople and staff together to volunteer in our community. This year they worked on George's home in Arlington. A veteran with health problems, George was unable to complete needed home repairs. Thanks to the DPR team and their generous financial support, extensive repairs including electrical, plumbing, carpentry and masonry work, flooring and window replacement, installation of new kitchen cabinets and the complete reconstruction of a rotted deck were completed. DPR transformed George's home into a bright, cheerful, safe and healthy place to live.



George with DPR House Captain Michael Curreri and 2 of the skilled tradesmen who volunteered on NRD.



Ed Wright with Ms. F on National Rebuilding Day.

Ms. F and Ed Wright, the captain for the St. Mary's Episcopal Church team, hit it off from their first meeting. Ms. F is disabled, battling cancer and living in a home in need of dramatic repairs. Afraid to open the door after dark, she wished for a peep hole. "Done," Ed said, and Ms. F gave him an awesome smile. Ms. F wanted to stay on site on Rebuilding Day "I need to be here to see this and thank you," Ms. F told Ed. "Everyone got to meet Ms. F and feel the good we were doing." Ed said proudly. "The volunteers worked hard and the *esprit de corps* built as the day wore on." A water leak was repaired, the kitchen was rebuilt, the bathroom was repaired, grab bars were installed and the volunteers kept working well beyond the original plan. Now Ms. F and her daughter are enjoying their safe, secure and healthy home in Arlington.

Support Our Mission

When strangers act like neighbors, communities become stronger.

Our mission is to bring volunteers and communities together to improve the lives of low income homeowners. Our vision is a safe and healthy home for everyone. In 27 years, 65,000 members of our community have volunteered to assist 1,935 low income households and non-profit facilities in Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church.

Let's achieve even more in 2016!

There are many ways to join us in our vision of a safe and healthy home for every person:

Support Rebuilding Together with a contribution - fill out the enclosed envelope and send your gift today, or donate online at rebuildingtogether-aff.org

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