Many Needs Served by Many Deeds

Your Support Makes All the Difference…

We are grateful to all our individual volunteers, organizational sponsors and teams, and all our donors for helping restore hope and transform lives in our community. Health and safety repairs and accessibility modifications are protecting low-income homeowners and those with disabilities, revitalizing communities, and helping seniors age in place safely and comfortably. RT-AFF is preserving affordable housing while providing peace of mind and stability to homeowners in need and keeping communities across Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church stable, diverse and vibrant. Let’s continue to work together as we grow to serve more low-income homeowners in the year to come.

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Our new program, Rebuilding Together Express, is a natural addition to our large teams that make comprehensive repairs. Small teams of skilled RT Express volunteers work regularly throughout the year to complete half-day projects working from a menu of 30 health and safety repairs that are relatively simple and low cost. RT Express has a strong emphasis on fall safety, fire safety and simple energy efficiency upgrades.

The development and pilot testing for RT Express was made possible by the vision and generosity of The Falls Church Endowment Fund and The Northern Virginia Health Foundation with the recognition that hazards in our homes can hurt our health. This past year our dedicated RT Express teams corrected health and safety hazards in the homes of 16 senior and disabled homeowners, positively impacting their well-being and allowing them to remain comfortably and safely in their homes.

In June 2016 RT-AFF conducted our first-ever Hands-On Technical Training to build volunteers’ skills in how to make repairs safely and effectively. Forty volunteers learned how to use the right methods and materials for a dozen critical repairs including how to safely install grab bars and comfort height toilets, seal air gaps to reduce utility bills, and correct clothes dryer fire hazards, among others.

Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church has made a concerted effort to focus on health and safety, help more homeowners, and improve the quality and consistency of our work. The combination of National Rebuilding Day, Year Round Teams, Handyman Corps and the addition of RT Express will help RT-AFF be more flexible to meet the needs of many more of our vulnerable neighbors throughout the year. Our homeowners and their families thank you and we thank you!

And thank you to all of our donors who wish to remain anonymous.

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Our Stories

Mending a Home and a Heart

Due to the burden of housing costs, disability and age, Alice was forced to choose between basic necessities like food and medicine, and critical home repairs. The modest wooden cottage where she’s lived for 65 years needed extensive repairs so the volunteers from Clarendon Presbyterian Church and The Falls Church Episcopal came to her rescue. Termites had caused major structural damage and part of the floor was collapsing. Skilled volunteers spent many days working in the damp crawl space to shore up the support beams and replace floor joists. Then on NRD a group of 60 volunteers installed new floors and completed repairs and renovations. They installed a vented stove hood to remove moisture and cooking fumes that aggravated Alice’s respiratory problems, gave the tiny kitchen a face lift, added grab bars, re-hung doors, fixed door locks, and painted. The team built new landings and steps with railings so Alice could get in and out of her home safely, and painted flowers on the rough exterior walls to make the cottage bright and welcoming. Many team members bonded with Alice, who wept as she walked through her transformed home and expressed her deep gratitude for all the improvements.

Rapid Response for a Double Amputee

Within days of being admitted into the hospital Mr. S was diagnosed with a life-changing illness. Six months later he was still in the hospital, had lost his job and income, and couldn’t be discharged because his home was not wheelchair accessible. The family faced mounting bills and couldn’t afford the modifications, but fortunately Mr. S found RT-AFF online. Within 10 days of his call a team of skilled handymen had built a ramp and modified a powder room for wheelchair access. These critical modifications allowed Mr. S to return home and the family to begin to heal from the tragic illness.

Helping a Sister Non-Profit Provide Safe and Healthy Housing for Disabled Residents

Housing is the great stabilizer and helping Community Living Alternatives (CLA) continue to provide safe and healthy housing for their residents allows them to focus their resources on providing much-needed residential services for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. When last winter’s snow storms hit, CLA’s budget was stretched thin with the added costs of snow removal and staff overtime. RT-AFF was able to lend support at three CLA homes on National Rebuilding Day. Volunteer teams from ACCA - John Calvin Presbyterian Church & Ravensworth Baptist Church, United Christian Parrish and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax completed critical repairs and modifications, including building a walkway, repairing a front porch, installing comfort height toilets, painting interiors and countless other projects at three CLA group homes that are subject to heavy wear and tear.

Restoring Hope
Support Our Mission

Helping our neighbors strengthens our community.

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 28 years, 66,533 members of our community have volunteered to repair 2,071 low income homes and non-profit facilities in Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church.

Let’s achieve even more in 2017!

There are many ways to join us in realizing 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

Sponsor your group, your employees or your co-workers and work on a project together - it’s the perfect team-building exercise. Call us for more information.

Sign up to volunteer on your own throughout the year. Visit our website for more information, or call us at 703.528.1999