

Everyone deserves a safe and healthy home. That's our fundamental belief.

We provide critical home repairs to ensure the safety and health of community residents in need including seniors, people with disabilities and families with children. In these times of crisis, our work is more important than ever.

Our volunteers make modifications so seniors can safely age in place and retrofit homes to make them accessible for people with disabilities. We make repairs and modifications to prevent falls, control moisture and improve fire safety in homes. We make other basic repairs to help homeowners who are struggling to keep up with home maintenance.

It's always rewarding to see firsthand how dramatically our repairs and accessibility modifications benefit homeowners in need and to witness the deep satisfaction our volunteers draw from solving problems and helping their neighbors.

Rebuilding Together – AFF brings a small slice of kindness, hope and compassion to our communities.

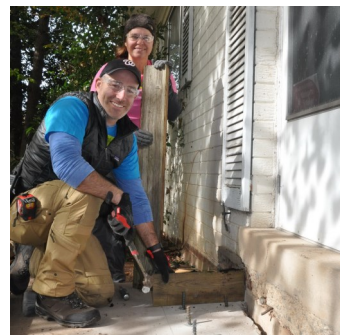


Repairing Homes, Revitalizing Communities, Rebuilding Lives.

Thanks to our donors, partners and volunteers we are improving the health and safety of our neighbors. Our repairs increase their feeling of independence, their economic security, and their sense of community connection.

The foundation of Rebuilding Together-AFF's home repairs target significant safety and health hazards faced by families, seniors and people with disabilities. Our 25 Health and Safety Priorities provide the framework for us to complete comprehensive in-home assessments and set repair objectives based on each homeowner's unique needs and health status. Some homeowners' needs are solved by installing a stairlift or ramp to make the home accessible. However, many homeowners need solutions for multiple safety priorities like adding railings and grab bars to prevent falls, correcting electrical hazards to prevent fires, diverting water away from the home to keep their basement dry or replacing broken appliances that are essential to daily living. Some homeowners need even more extensive repairs or modifications.

Our dedicated and skilled volunteers and partners alongside pro-bono contractors made health and safety repairs and modifications for 184 people living in 100 homes in FY2022. We also made repairs for nine nonprofits that provide housing and services for vulnerable populations.



We welcomed back teams from our faith, corporate and community partners for our first National Rebuilding Day since the pandemic began, and other partner teams who worked throughout the year. Every team was matched with a project based on the needs of the homeowners and the scope of work. Armed with drills, saws, hammers, and shovels the volunteers tackled repairs and modifications, and made a deep and lasting impact on the health and safety of the neighbors we assisted. Team Leaders spent countless hours planning repairs, coaching their teams and sweating the details to make their projects a success and to bring hope to the families and seniors they served.

Our Long Term Impact

Since 1988,
Rebuilding Together-AFF
has

Gathered
70,226
volunteers



who



Donated
579,246
hours

Performed
repairs &
modifications on
2,543
homes and
nonprofits



Provided
\$15.4
million
of donated
labor



28,000 older, very low-income homeowners in Northern Virginia are struggling to meet their basic needs and more than 25% of them report falling each year. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related death in this age group. RT-AFF's low-cost fall safety modifications can be life-changing for our neighbors in need who live in homes that lack key accessibility features.

"There are no words to say how much we appreciate the help. Now we are safe thanks to your volunteers"

Walter and Yolanda

Our Rebuilding Together Express Program delivers 36 common repairs that focus on fall safety, fire safety, moisture and ventilation, security, and energy updates selected for their significant health and safety benefits.

We've helped 350 homeowners through our RT Express program since we created it in 2015. Our trusted and hardworking RT Express volunteers are nimble and can respond quickly to help seniors safely age in place. Teams of four to five skilled volunteers complete half-day projects with a budget of up to \$500 for materials. A common compliment we hear from homeowners is that our RT Express volunteers are gentle, kind and dedicated to helping. We are extremely proud of this group, many of whom volunteer weekly. They bring safety, dignity, independence and hope to seniors in need. Our RT Express volunteers were the reason we were able to continue to provide services in our community throughout the pandemic.



Exterior railings, ramps and stairlifts provide critical accessibility.

Some homeowners become isolated because they cannot leave their homes due to disabilities. Others need assistance leaving their homes because they fear falling on their steps. Our volunteers have mastered building ramps and exterior railings so homeowners can make more trips for medical care, make more choices in their daily activities, reconnect with family and neighbors and safely age in place.

Stairlifts give homeowners a safe and secure way to get to the second level of their homes. We accept donated stairlifts and make sure they are in good working order so they can safely be installed for a homeowner in need. Some of our stairlift recipients were unable to get to the only full bath in their home until our volunteers installed a stairlift.

Rebuilding Days with our faith, corporate and community partners, individual volunteers and contractors allow us to complete deeper repairs.

Some of the homeowners we help need extensive or complex repairs due to deferred maintenance, drainage and moisture problems, leaking roofs, or the need for an accessible bathroom. Meeting their needs requires RT-AFF to layer support by engaging larger teams of our skilled volunteers, hiring contractors, recruiting corporate partners with skilled trades people or securing funding from a foundation or major donor. Here are some stories from our Rebuilding Days.



In the past year we've made significant repairs for nine families who live in manufactured homes. Manufactured homes, often referred to as mobile homes, are part of the affordable housing solution because they cost less to build. But they aren't built to last. The homeowners we helped live in older models and had problems like leaking roofs, rotted floors, broken skirting and in one case no kitchen. Our longtime partner Wells Fargo provided funding for deep repairs so our skilled volunteers could tackle the work. Fairfax Presbyterian Church and our newest partner KBR provided funding and volunteer teams to work on five other manufactured homes.



At the urging of disability advocates, RT-AFF is undertaking a pilot project to explore helping low-income renters who urgently need accessibility modifications. Many renters with disabilities live in older buildings and are unable to afford modifications to access their homes and live in them safely. We've completed three projects to date, including two wheelchair ramps.



Once in a while a homeowner comes to us with a problem that is more than challenging, but we know we have to make it happen. The S family was making do in their small Arlington bungalow. When their twins, who are wheelchair users, were younger and smaller Mr. and Mrs. S could carry them to the bathroom. But as the twins became teenagers they craved independence and privacy, and their parents could no longer lift them safely. Our volunteer team leaders worked hard and solved problems creatively to make the accessible bathroom a reality in a very small space. Eighteen volunteers worked in shifts to expand the footprint of the bathroom and make all the modifications in just one week. A custom pocket door, grab bars, an accessible sink, and a low threshold shower allow the twins to use the bathroom with minimal assistance.

During Fiscal Year 2022
Rebuilding Together-AFF



Received
6,924
hours of
donated
labor

Completed
109 projects
at 100 homes
and
9 nonprofits.



Donated
labor was
valued at
\$365,312

Important statistics about the
households we helped this
past year:

83%

Qualify as Very
Low or
Extremely Low
income

Average Age
of the
homeowners
served

73

74%

Households
with someone
over age 65

Households
included
someone with
a disability

57%

Donors and Partners

Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church is grateful for the generosity and commitment of our donors and partners in FY 2022. These gifts were received between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. A complete list of our donors can be found on our website. Your confidence and support is deeply appreciated.

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