

# Year in Review 2025



## SAFE HOMES. STRONG COMMUNITY. LASTING IMPACT.

Everyone deserves a safe and healthy home—that is our unwavering belief. With the support of our volunteers, partners, and donors, we provide no-cost critical home repairs and accessibility modifications for older adults, people with disabilities, and families with children. Our programs are designed to help neighbors remain safely and independently in the homes and communities they love.

This past year, thanks to the compassion and dedication of our community, Rebuilding Together–AFF completed life-changing repairs, modifications, and AC installations for **156 neighbors** in **131 homes** and for **seven nonprofit** housing organizations.

Our work is powered by volunteers at every level. Skilled individual volunteers lead our RT Express and AC Rescue projects, contributing their time and expertise week after week. RT Express teams complete half-day projects that address the most common health and safety concerns, helping older adults age safely in place. Through Fairfax County's AC Rescue program, we provide cooling equipment and essential safety checks for homeowners and renters vulnerable to extreme heat.

Corporate, faith-based, and community groups complete multi-faceted home repair projects, provide a sponsorship fee, and assemble volunteer teams from among their members and employees. Their work is typically completed during our largest one-day effort, National Rebuilding Day—the last weekend in April—but some groups volunteer at other times throughout the year. Every project they take on plays a vital role in supporting neighbors when they need it most.

From repairing plumbing and improving lighting to installing grab bars, railings, ramps, and critical cooling equipment, every project completed this year helped restore a feeling of well-being and connectedness to our community.

As we look ahead, we celebrate these achievements and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring every neighbor in need can live in safe and healthy homes.



### Our Impact: Rebuilding Together-AFF 2025



**6,381**

**DONATED HOURS**



**435**

**VOLUNTEERS GATHERED**



**138**

**PROJECTS COMPLETED**



**\$366,706**

**DONATED LABOR**



# Stories of Impact

Every project tells a story—of partnership, perseverance, and lives rebuilt. Whether through corporate collaboration, skilled volunteers, or faith community teams, Rebuilding Together–AFF’s work is powered by people who believe that everyone deserves to live safely and with dignity at home. These stories reflect the compassion, expertise, and community spirit that make our mission possible.

## A Partnership Rooted in Service: Navy Federal Credit Union and RT-AFF

For 30 years, our partnership with Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) has embodied the power of service. Each year, NFCU volunteers lend their skills and compassion to help veterans, their families, and nonprofit housing organizations.

This year, NFCU volunteers assisted Mrs. H., a veteran’s widow who uses a walker and whose only access to her backyard had become unsafe. Her deck was deteriorated and the sliding glass door no longer opened. Volunteers rebuilt the deck, repaired the railings, and painted her home. With additional NFCU support, a contractor installed a new sliding glass door, giving her safe, reliable access and renewed peace of mind.

NFCU also assisted Mr. W, a veteran, and his family in addressing a variety of critical home repairs. Included were plumbing repairs in two bathrooms, installation of comfort-height toilets, significant yard clean up, a new stove, and repairs that improved their daily routines.

At two Hartwood Foundation group homes for adults with disabilities, volunteers widened a bedroom doorway for wheelchair access, refurbished a fence, and built a new patio and garden shed, enhancing safety and livability of home.

***“This partnership allows us to give back to the community in a meaningful way and see positive changes firsthand.” — Christine Lambert, NFCU Team Leader***

We are deeply grateful for NFCU’s enduring partnership and the dedication of its employees. Together, we are strengthening homes, empowering veterans, and supporting the organizations that care for our neighbors.



## Opening Doors to Independence: Dulin United Methodist Church in Action

Longtime partner, Dulin United Methodist Church joins Rebuilding Together–AFF twice a year to take on challenging projects combining craftsmanship and dedication to create lasting change.

Earlier this year, the team helped Mrs. S, who has lived in her home for 36 years. They repaired her oven, installed additional rails for safety, and sealed air leaks to ensure her home remains both comfortable and welcoming. Their work brought her peace of mind and joy knowing she can once again bake cookies for her grandchild and neighbors.

On National Rebuilding Day 2025, the Dulin team turned their focus to Ms. B, whose front porch had become an obstacle after a fall left her using a wheelchair. With precision and care, the volunteers designed and built a custom ramp, restoring her ability to leave her home safely and reclaim her independence.

***“I was housebound for months. Now I can leave and return safely. Your compassion gives caregivers such a lift. Thank you!!!” — Ms. B***

The Dulin UMC volunteers aren’t just building ramps and railings, they’re building safety, independence, and hope for homeowners.



## Important Statistics About the Households We Helped This Year

86%

Qualified as very low  
or extremely low  
income

88%

Of households  
included someone  
over the age of 65.

62%

Of households had  
a female head of  
household

74

Was the average  
age of home-  
owners served



# Stories of Impact

## RT Express Volunteers Restore Home and Hope

At 65, Mr. C had built a career he loved in hospitality. But after a serious workplace injury left him hospitalized for six weeks, he was unable to return to work. Living on a limited income, he soon faced another setback: a water-heater leak that caused extensive damage to his condo and the unit below. With his homeowner's insurance having lapsed during his hospitalization, the repairs were far beyond his reach.

Fortunately, supportive neighbors helped him connect with Rebuilding Together-AFF. Over several workdays, **24 volunteers** dedicated **197 hours** to clearing debris, replacing damaged drywall, rebuilding his kitchen, repairing plumbing, and installing safety features, helping stabilize his home and restore its essential systems.

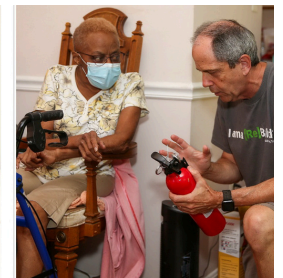
***"You were helpful during my most dire need, made me feel better about myself, and gave me hope." - Mr. C.***

Today, Mr. C's home meets all 25 Safe and Healthy Housing priorities, a national standard Rebuilding Together uses on every project to ensure homes are safe, healthy, and livable.

Thanks to RT Express volunteers, Mr. C's home and his outlook have been fully restored.



## Rebuilding Together Express and AC Rescue



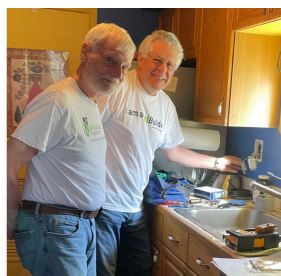
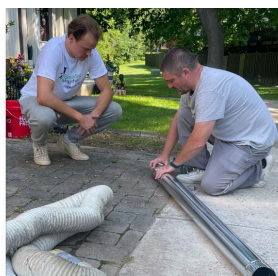
## Expanding Safety, Comfort, and Hope

Rebuilding Together-AFF was fortunate to secure new funding from Fairfax County, along with continued support from Arlington County, and other valued partners. This investment expanded our ability to serve more neighbors in need, especially through our RT Express program and our new AC Rescue initiative.

RT Express has now completed nearly **600 projects**, marking a major milestone for a program that makes up two-thirds of our total work. Small teams of 4-5 skilled volunteers dedicated 4-5 hours and approximately \$400-\$500 in materials to complete work from a menu of 40 common home repairs and safety modifications. These upgrades, such as grab bars, brighter lighting, and additional railings, are tailored to each homeowner's needs following a thorough assessment of the home.

With this expanded support, RT Express can respond quickly when homeowners face urgent safety risks, ensuring they can remain in the homes they love. Volunteers also build wheelchair ramps and install stairlifts, providing critical accessibility improvements.

Rebuilding Together-AFF partnered with Fairfax County's Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) to launch AC Rescue, a new program designed to prevent heat-related illness by delivering critical cooling equipment to neighbors most at risk. The program provides portable and window AC units to both homeowners and renters, with most small units installed by our skilled volunteers and staff. When funding and conditions allow, a licensed contractor will make limited repairs or replacements to central air systems helping residents maintain a healthy indoor environment during extreme heat.



# Donors and Partners

RT-AFF is grateful for the generosity and commitment of our donors and partners in FY 2025. These gifts were received between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. A complete list of our donors can be found on our website. Your confidence and support are deeply appreciated.

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## Our Long Term Impact: Rebuilding Together-AFF Accomplishments since 1988



**599,649**

**DONATED HOURS**



**71,599**

**VOLUNTEERS GATHERED**



**2,920**

**HOMES REPAIRED**



**\$16.5M**

**DONATED LABOR**



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