



THE HOME PAGE

Rebuilding Together - St. Louis is an affiliate of a national volunteer organization. It revitalizes neighborhoods in partnership with the community by rehabilitating the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and the disabled, so that they may continue to live independently in comfort and safety. Rebuilding Together - St. Louis also renews neighborhoods by rebuilding community centers, playgrounds and other community projects.

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Letter From the President *by Robert E. Staed, Jr.*



This past year has been a very good one for Rebuilding Together—St. Louis (RTSTL). In addition to rehabbing approximately 110 houses on Rebuilding Day and another 50 or so throughout the year, we also forged new relationships such as the one with PHL, Inc. whose mission is to refurbish and maintain the St. Louis City Schools athletic facilities. On Rebuilding Day, RT volunteers helped PHL install a new press box and bleachers at Gateway Institute of Technology (picture on right). RTSTL has now assisted over 1,300 local homeowners remain safely and independently in their homes.



RTSTL also sent a delegation to the Gulf Coast on two different occasions to work on homes for a week as part of RT's Rebuild 1000 program. The organization also had successful pilot outreach programs in St. Charles and Jefferson Counties and celebrated RT rehabbing in excess of 100,000 homes nationally since its inception.

Things are happening at a fast pace on a national level as well. One of the more noteworthy efforts was a recent Sears/Kmart storewide fundraising campaign for our Veterans Program, Heroes at Home, which generated \$1.3 million in funding.

Also, RT will embark on a new American Dream for Homeownership fundraising drive, modeled on Heroes at Home in 2008. This program will fund, via storewide campaigns at the Sears/Kmart stores, general rebuild projects under the urban revitalization and quality housing for families with children initiatives. Rebuilding Together will also be featured in a minimum of four episodes of the popular television program *Extreme Makeover – Home Edition*. Rebuilding Together will be required to rebuild a minimum of four community centers within the community of the selected extreme makeover house.



These efforts have been recognized! RTSTL was one of the Ladue News charities of the year and was featured on a Living St. Louis piece on Channel 9, a KMOV Angels piece on Channel 4 and a Fox 2 news story which followed a homeowner we helped. Bank of America selected Marty McClimens, one of RTSTL's board members and key volunteers, as one of five local heroes. KMOX Radio recently selected RTSTL as one of its "Voice of Caring" partners for 2008. You can access some of the press we received on RTSTL's Web site: www.rebuildingtogether-stl.org

In short, it is an exciting time to be affiliated with Rebuilding Together. Thank you very much to those of you who have helped RT get this far. We look forward to your continued support. We also look forward to many more of you joining our effort.

Below you'll find names that we received to rename this wonderful publication so weigh in and vote on your favorite. Consider it practice for the upcoming election season! Please contact Jess Winters at (314)918-9918 or jwinters@rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

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- The Home Crew News
- Helping Hands
- Tool Box
- News Wire
- Nuts and Bolts
- RT Today
- Rebuilding Review

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Rebuilding Together Express *by J. Hanewinkel*

Many of you know that in April we have a blitz day where about 2500 volunteers work on about 100 homes in the St. Louis area. Have you ever wondered what RT does the rest of the year? There are many things to get done throughout the year like fundraising, writing grants, community networking and so much more! If you're a handy person, than we have just the program for you. A small group of individuals work on houses throughout the year. Some repairs can't wait until Rebuilding Day such as leaky toilets, crumbling bathroom sub floors and unsecured handrails. These projects are smaller than a full Rebuilding Day, but can be a major safety issue for the homeowner. We're looking for a few good people who are knowledgeable in home repair, comfortable working in tight spots and on ladders and able to work during the week. If you are interested in the opportunity to join the Rebuilding Together Express program please contact Janet for more information: jhanewinkel@rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

Marty McClimens is a Hero *by Laura Hurt*

Longtime Rebuilding Together – St. Louis volunteer Marty McClimens, a professional plumber and instructor with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562, was recently presented with the Bank of America Local Hero Award for his outstanding service to the community. McClimens was one of five local recipients who were also rewarded with a \$5,000 check. McClimens donated his award to Rebuilding Together.

Since becoming involved with Rebuilding Together more than 10 years ago, McClimens has contributed more than 100 hours each year to coordinate involvement of the plumbing and pipefitting union in the area of home repair and maintenance projects for Rebuilding Together. McClimens' efforts have increased participation from a handful of general contractors and handymen 10 years ago to more than 240 professional plumbers in 2007. His efforts have led to participation of not only current plumbers, but retired plumbers, supply houses and inspectors. He is now one of more than 500 tradesmen who come together each year to volunteer their time and talents to support Rebuilding Together. Congratulations Marty!



Help Us Help Others *by Jess Winters*

According to our consultant, Carol Weisman, Rebuilding Together has done an excellent job of fundraising in the corporate arena. While we build on our success in this sector we are also beginning to work with individuals who are interested in helping the elderly and disabled. Here are a few ways that you can support our efforts:

- Donate or make cash gifts specified for the items on our Wish List in this issue.
- Make a planned gift to Rebuilding Together—St. Louis through your will or estate.
- Get a group of 25 friends to donate \$100 each and sponsor a house.
- Simply use the enclosed envelope or go to our Web site to make a donation that will change lives.
- Agree to make a matching gift for our upcoming HomeOwners Helping HomeOwners campaign

The possibilities are endless! If you would like more information on any of these opportunities please contact Jess Winters at (314)918-9918 ext 26 or by email at jwinters@rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

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Wish List

Here are just some of the things that Rebuilding Together would like to have. If you've got any of these products just sitting in your basement collecting dust or would just like to give a late holiday gift please donate them to us so we can continue to serve more and more low income homeowners. Don't have any of these items, but like to know exactly what your cash gift is going? Just write the name of what you would like to donate in the memo of your check and we'll put it to good use...

- **Hammer drill (\$200)**
- **Circular saw (\$150)**
- **Jigsaw (\$150)**
- **Hammer (\$15)**
- **Wire cutters (\$10)**
- **Pry Bars (\$10-\$40)**
- **Airline Miles**
- **Color Printer (\$75)**
- **Scanner (\$150)**
- **Gift Cards to Lowe's/Home Depot**
- **Digital Projector (\$550)**

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Change the World *by Laura Hurt*

Change the World. Start at Home. is a new community revitalization and environmental cause effort launched by HGTV in partnership with Rebuilding Together, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Natural Resources Defense Council. The campaign will focus on revitalizing communities across the country and helping consumers make smart choices for the environment within their homes and daily lives.

HGTV and its partners are inviting people across the country to help communities in need become thriving and abundant once again. People across the country were invited to vote on communities and projects they felt were most deserving of a makeover. One project in each community focuses on environmentally-friendly improvements while another has a historical focus to help preserve the fabric of the community. HGTV also invited people to explore volunteer opportunities that would allow them to get actively involved in helping to renew their own community.

On January 1, 2008, HGTV announced four additional city winners during its Rose Parade coverage, based on the highest number of votes. During the inaugural Change the World. Start at Home week, beginning April 28, 2008, the projects in each of the winning markets will be completed through the help of volunteers and HGTV partners. For those markets not selected, HGTV will contribute funding to help support ongoing work in the community and will provide opportunities for volunteers to get involved.



Welcome Aboard *by Lynne Rajani*

For those of you who are relatively new to Rebuilding Together – St. Louis, you may not know that for two years the operations of Rebuilding Together – St. Louis were ran totally by volunteer efforts. After growing from 5 to 20 houses that second year, it became apparent to those of us on the Board of Directors that in order for us to continue to grow and serve more of our neighbors, we needed someone to organize and oversee the operations. At that time, I was hired as a part-time executive director with the office in my home.

I am very pleased with our continued growth and now introduce you our two newest staff members. These two new staff members will help to increase the number of clients that we serve and the quality of our services! Jesse Winters was hired in September 2007 as Development Associate. He comes to us with a degree in Non-Profit Administration from Lindenwood University and lots of new, fresh ideas. Jesse is assisting our Development Director, Laura Hurt, with grant writing, individual giving, management of our newsletter and special events.



Janet Hanewinkel joined our staff in November 2007. Janet has been a volunteer for Rebuilding Together – St. Louis for many years. Beyond just working on Rebuilding Day, she has served on our House Selection committee, coordinated the lunches for Rebuilding Day and volunteered in the office. Janet is our Program Associate and assists Jessie Conner, Program Director. Janet manages Rebuilding Together Express and the restricted grants that we receive. She made the decision to give up her consulting business to work where she could give back to her community.

John Peters, Project Coordinator rounds out our staff. We are a hard-working, dedicated team who enjoy what we do and have fun doing it. Come by and meet us!

Partner with RT by Laura Hurt

The sponsors of Rebuilding Together-St. Louis are at the heart of our success. Large corporations, small businesses, civic groups, and even families can dedicate their time and resources to help make homes warm, safe and dry. Rebuilding Together-St. Louis is able to work with a variety of organizations to bring together teams of volunteers and supplies to help the elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners of St. Louis. Not only does sponsorship provide you the opportunity to give back to the St. Louis community, but it also strengthens the bond between employees, promotes a sense of pride in one's company, and develops a shared sense of accomplishment among employees.



In addition to house sponsorships, some of our greatest needs include:

- **A food sponsor willing to provide lunch to roughly 1,500 hungry volunteers on Rebuilding Day**
- **Roof sponsors willing to donate all or a portion of the cost of a roof replacement for a homeowner**
- **A paint sponsor willing to donate all or a portion of the cost to paint our Rebuilding Day homes**

To learn more about the sponsorship opportunities that Rebuilding Together offers, please contact Laura Hurt at 314-918-9918 x21 or lhurt@rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

Please contact Jess Winters at jwinters@rebuildingtogether-stl.org or (314)918-9918 x26 with comments or concerns about the newsletter.

John's Household Tip...
Clogged gutters can easily account for rotting soffits & fascia, water stains on walls & ceilings inside the house and water entry into the basement or crawlspace. Gutters get heavily blocked in the fall by leaves & in the spring by seed pods.

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