

As you prepare for these upcoming Rebuilding Together workdays, remember that you are a partner in this rebuilding process. Please share this brochure with friends and family members who will help you get ready for your rebuilding days. We encourage everyone to be part of our team.



Do you have more questions?

These Rebuilding Together workers can help you.

Name of program

Contact name

Telephone number

House Captain or Project Manager

Telephone number

Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest volunteer organization rebuilding and revitalizing low-income houses and communities.



Information
for **Homeowners**

Rebuilding Together rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled, and families with children. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers do work that may include painting, plumbing, carpentry, roofing, and electrical repairs.

We are honored to work with you. We will work hard to please you. With your help we will accomplish as much as possible.

People sometimes say that we work miracles, and we'll certainly try! But please remember that we may not be able to accomplish everything you need or want. For example, if the plumber scheduled to work on your bathroom sink is ill, that work may not get done. No one wants unskilled volunteers to take on tasks beyond their abilities.

If you have a specific work request, contact your house captain before work begins. Please don't ask the volunteers to do major work that has not already been scheduled. Taking on new work can throw everyone off kilter.

The house captain may ask you to sign a contract that spells out the work to be done and your responsibilities. It can help assure mutually agreed upon expectations and prevent problems.

Safety is our No. 1 concern. Help us have a fun and safe day. If you have pets or small children, ask a friend or family member to take care of them on work days so they are safely away from possible hazards. There will be many people in your home and a lot of commotion.

We expect your able-bodied friends and family members to work with us.

We are proud that Rebuilding Together works with people, not for people. If your able-bodied friends and relatives choose not to participate, it is best that they spend the day away from the worksite.

Please put valuables and delicate objects in a safe place. While we all try to be careful, volunteers can make mistakes. We don't want to toss away a favorite photograph or break a special keepsake, so please find a place to put them before everyone comes to work.

Please dispose of as much trash and unwanted household objects as possible before rebuilding day. The easier it is for our volunteers to get started on a project, the more work gets done. If you need help removing bags or boxes from your home, please tell your house captain before work begins.

You'll meet new friends. Rebuilding Together volunteers are sharing their time and talents with you, and we know you want to make your home a happy place to work. A smile, hug, and friendly word go a long way to help them feel welcome. A fresh pot of coffee does wonders too!

Help us spread the word so we can help others. We would like to have pictures of you and your family, the volunteers, and the work in progress on rebuilding day. Please tell your house captain well in advance if you prefer not to talk to newspaper or television reporters about your experiences.

After the day is over, take some time to think about what happened and write your house captain a thank-you note about your experiences. Sponsors and volunteers always ask how the homeowner feels about the rehab efforts that took place. If you have ideas that may help other homeowners better understand our program, we'd like to hear them.

We do this work at no cost to you. However, if you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, this will enable us to help other families.