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Dear Pacific Power Foundation,

My first opportunity to work with Rebuilding Together Portland was in 2007, which was also my first year with PacifiCorp Energy. I volunteered to be assistant House Captain. This allowed me to use my homeowner remodeling and Project Management skills in a way that I would be able to assist a family in need and work with others with similar interests. For these 3 years I have helped coordinate our company’s team, I have had the opportunity to meet many people in several aspects of the company that I would not have otherwise met. I have been able to be involved in seeing how Rebuilding Together Portland has touched and improved the lives of so many families in a great way. As Assistant House Captain I work closely with our house family. Each year, a family is in our service territory is in real need for home maintenance and other safety needs. This family member is usually older or has disabilities which mean that they can no longer maintain their house to the level that they need. When we, as a house captain, go into these houses, we are representing Pacific Power, PacifiCorp Energy, and the Rebuilding Together Portland organizations. We look for safety needs that will extend the ability for these families to stay in their house longer. Those are the things that we focus on when deciding on the projects to be done on the house. We install hand-rails in bathrooms; replace toilets; and when needed, the entire bathroom floor which has become unstable; we re-paint their house; fix or replace gutters; replace lighting; clear debris and excess materials from in and around the home, and many other safety needs. This organization is able to get so much done for the investment of others because the work is being performed by volunteers who are eager to lend a helping hand to others in need. On our team there are several people who have assisted on these house repairs for more than 10 years. Some of our volunteers have no idea how to do repairs, but they show up willing and leave smiling at the end of the day, knowing that they have just helped a family. They meet the homeowners and often their families, and for that day they are unselfishly helping a family with big needs.

I am always amazed at what is accomplished over two Saturdays each year in April. We have touched the lives of others in such a great way. I feel that Rebuilding Together Portland is a great investment for the Pacific Power Foundations Grant for 2011. They invest the money into materials that better our community, and the volunteers are eager to use the materials supplied to better the lives of those that they are there to help.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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