

2015

## Annual Review



### A Note from Kathy...

This has been a huge year for Rebuilding Together Twin Cities! We engaged 534 volunteers to serve 223 homeowners, expanded our program offerings to more comprehensively address the needs of homeowners in our community, and began planning for our inaugural gala, the **Flannel Fling**, to be held on **October 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. We would love to see you there!

We are committed to addressing the changing affordable and healthy housing needs of our community through innovative solutions and collaborative partnerships. We have expanded our programs and strengthened our relationships with strategic partners to ensure that the services we deliver are those most needed and most beneficial to our homeowners. We are also leveraging these partnerships to reach homeowners that are more racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse.

I want to thank you for your continued commitment to helping our neighbors in need. Our community is a better place because of the support you provide.

Thank you,

Kathy Greiner  
Executive Director



*Deb, is a spunky former nurse with a contagious smile. A series of unexpected health issues and subsequent spinal surgeries left her unable to get in and out of her home. As a result of these issues, Deb was forced to give up her dog, Madison, because she could no longer give her the exercise she needed. We partnered with our volunteers to design and construct a ramp at Deb's home, making it possible for Madison to come home. When asked what this meant to her, Deb said, "**Freedom is the word I would say first, but ... independence, independence.**"*

Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of homeowners in need.



# Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 Accomplishments



With the support of our many partners and the hard work of volunteers, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities preserves affordable homeownership for low-income families, older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and active and retired members of the armed services in our community.

## By the Numbers:

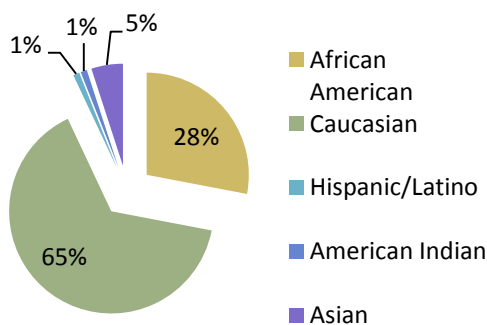
**25** The number of years, on average, the homeowners we served last year have lived in their home.

**100%** of homeowners who received our cost-free services are very low-income. This means that the income of a family of four is less than \$3,608 per month, and the income of a single older adult is less than \$2,529 per month.

**81%** of the homeowners we served are individuals living with a disability.

**75%** of the homeowners served are older adults.

## Race and Ethnicity:



## Program Highlights and Descriptions

We partnered with **534 volunteers** who dedicated more than 4,300 hours of time during our last fiscal year. Together, we served **223 homeowners** and visitors to **six nonprofit** facilities. We work year round to preserve affordable homeownership, build healthy neighborhoods and ensure that homeowners in need can live independently in safe and healthy homes. Our programs serve low-income homeowners and address three primary needs: **Accessibility, Livability** and **Community**.

### Livability

- Home Repair Program creates healthier, more livable homes by providing volunteer-delivered repairs including weatherizing, cleaning, installing flooring, patching and painting, landscaping, and almost anything that restores the homeowners' independence, safety and security.
- Critical Repair Program provides timely contractor-delivered repair or replacement of essential systems such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, outer envelope and roofs that are critical to healthy, livable homes.

### Accessibility

- Safe at Home Program provides volunteer-delivered safety, fall prevention and entrance access modifications for older adults or those living with a disability so that they can continue to live in safety and independence in their own homes.
- Access for Always Program provides larger, contractor-delivered environmental home modifications such as doorway widening and kitchen or bathroom renovations to enable aging-in-place and single-level living.

### Community

- Nonprofit Facility/Community Beautification fosters vibrant communities by providing safe and welcoming spaces for communities to gather. Projects include renovation and beautification work for community centers, schools, supportive housing facilities and outdoor community spaces.
- ReNeighboring Program transforms donated vacant homes into safe, healthy and affordable housing for qualified homeowners who earn less than 120% of the area median income. Proceeds from the sale of these professionally-rehabilitated homes are invested back into our programs.



“Being a socially responsible company, partnering with Rebuilding Together was an obvious choice. It gets our employees together, it makes a meaningful impact, every dollar is tripled, and the team building that comes from it is priceless.”

Heather Soule  
United Healthcare Military & Veterans

We continue to work with our nonprofit and community partners. For example, we have an established partnership with Saint Catherine University's Occupational Therapy program through which we collaborate on service-learning projects that enable students to directly work with low-income clients who are older adults or are living with a disability and provides the homeowners we help with more comprehensive accessibility modification services that are truly tailored to their individual needs. With the support of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, we recently expanded our partnership with Saint Catherine University to create and implement an assessment tool in order to measure the effectiveness of our services and adjust them, as needed, to better align with the needs of our clients. We are proud of this partnership with Saint Catherine University and look forward to continuing to our work together to help low-income homeowners who are older adults or are living with a disability age-in-place successfully and live more safely and independently in their homes.

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*For Peter and Colleen, the stress that their home previously caused has been eased, thanks to the repairs our volunteers completed last year. Peter and Colleen found themselves forced into early retirement due to medical conditions that led to unforeseen and costly medical expenses, leaving them with no extra money in their budget for needed repairs to their home. Colleen shared this note, expressing her gratitude, "I want to thank the volunteers for **changing our outlook on life**...A little over a year ago life seemed so difficult and impossible. The house was falling apart and medical situations were becoming difficult. Your group brought a **new life** to our home and gave us a new attitude."*



## Become a Bigger Part of our Family – Get Involved in our Work for 2015-2016!

### Attend

- **Flannel Fling**

This fun, new event is NOT your usual formal affair ... the Flannel Fling will include a dinner, local brews, live entertainment, a live and silent auction and much more! The event will draw community leaders, prominent collaborators from the construction and real estate industries, and our awesome sponsors and volunteers. Be sure to attend wearing your best "dress" flannel!



**TO SPONSOR OR GET TICKETS, GO TO:** [www.bidpal.net/flannelfling](http://www.bidpal.net/flannelfling)

### Donate

- **Building Materials & Tools**

New and used building materials and tools are always needed. Call **651.776.4272** to determine suitability.

- **Financial Support**

Make a secure donation - **ONLINE** at [bit.ly/DonateRTTC](http://bit.ly/DonateRTTC); or **MAIL** your tax-deductible check to 1050 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414 made payable to Rebuilding Together Twin Cities; or **TEXT** "Rebuild" to: 243725

### Volunteer

- Skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to provide home repair and accessibility modification services throughout the year.
- Licensed contractors are needed to provide critical repairs to homes.
- Volunteers are needed to serve on gala/fundraising committees or help with behind-the-scenes activities such as volunteer registration, food services and office support.



**For additional ways that you can make a difference, contact:**

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