



## Rebuilding Together Twin Cities 2018 Highlights and 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. **Together, we are able to provide the repairs and accessibility modifications needed for these homeowners to remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love.**

*We helped William, a retired Air Force veteran, his wife, Theresa, and their three sons ages 16, 11 and 3. The family moved into their home seven years ago. William and his wife both live with physical disabilities and William's oldest two sons are on the Autism spectrum. William's inability to move around freely has prevented him from making needed repairs on his house, garage fence and yard. Consequently, he was cited by the City. William and Theresa love their home and want it to be the special safe place that their family needs and can depend on. We provided the repairs needed for this family to have a safe and healthy home. The homeowners said, "You people are a gift from God. We do not know what we would have done without you."*



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 through our programs:

- **Safe at Home:** We provide home safety and fall prevention modifications and ramps for older adults or those living with a disability so that they can continue to live in safety and independence in their own homes.
- **Home Repair:** We provide volunteer-delivered repairs including weatherizing, cleaning, installing flooring, patching and painting, siding, and landscaping, and 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.
- **Community Revitalization:** We stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods by providing safe and welcoming spaces for communities to gather, such as community centers, schools, supportive housing facilities and outdoor community spaces.

**We are proud to report that we partnered with 679 volunteers to complete 71 Accessibility Projects, 33 Livability Projects, and 8 Community Projects in 2018. We assisted 158 residents and 1,065 clients served by the nonprofit facilities and community spaces. Many of the households we served received comprehensive services through both programs. These deeper services will result in long-term stability for the family.**



54% of homeowners served last year were at or below 30% of the Area Median Income. 67% of the homeowners we served are individuals living with a disability, 69% are older adults, and 12% are veterans. Of those who self-reported, 26% are African- American, 69% are Caucasian, 4% are Asian, and 1% are Hispanic/Latino.

*We helped Diana, a senior veteran who lives with multiple disabilities in the Bryant neighborhood of Minneapolis. Her extended family has owned the house for over 70 years. Diana was born in this house, left to serve her country, and returned to care for her aging parents. She is a retired U.S. Army veteran, and her only source of income is her Social Security. Diana's home required extensive work in order to make the house safe, healthy and livable, so Diana can remain in her home and age-in-place successfully. Diana's goal is to have her sister, who is also an Army veteran, move in with her. Her sister is currently living in a hotel in another state. We provided the extensive repairs needed for Diana to be able to continue to remain in the home and neighborhood she loves.*



**We are extremely grateful for the support of our partners and volunteers, which has made it possible for us to help homeowners like William and Theresa and Diana, as well as community organizations serving those in need. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help low-income homeowners in the Twin Cities live independently in safe and healthy homes.**