

Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC

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The “Nuts and Bolts” of What’s Happening at RT of DC

An Afternoon of Tea/Jewelry/Scotch Tasting
 Sunday, October 24, 2010
Still time to RSVP

It's not too late— join us on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 2pm to 4:30pm for an afternoon of high tea, jewelry shopping, scotch tasting, and more. This event will be hosted at the home of our Board member Jackie Judd and her husband Michael Shulman at 3708 Thornapple Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. If you're not into tea, there'll be a chance for scotch tasting, football will be on the big screen, and there will be books and compact discs to purchase, so something for everyone, ladies and gentlemen alike. Minimum contribution of \$50 suggested. Please RSVP to rtdc@rebuildingtogetherdc.org



This event is in memory of Stone and Holt Weeks. All proceeds will benefit our “going green” initiatives. Stone and Holt were advocates of social justice and affordable housing through home building projects.

Wanted: Jewelry, Accessories, CDs, Books, etc for upcoming fundraisers

Are you wondering what to do with jewelry and accessories you've outgrown or you haven't worn in ages, but are in good condition? Donate them to RTDC.

We are seeking donations of:

Jewelry

Unwanted gold— surely you have missing earrings, broken bracelets, unwanted charm bracelets

Scarves

Handbags

Belts

Perfume/Cologne

Compact discs— all music genres

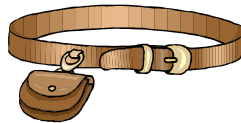
Books (please, no text books)

Bric-a-brac

All those unused gifts that are gathering dust in your closet— surely we all have those.

We will be hosting several flea markets and yard sales in an attempt to raise funds for roofs and furnaces. Hundreds of people are waiting for our help and like most charities operating in this economy, our donations are suffering, so we are trying to raise additional funds. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or are willing to host a yard sale at your home, business, or place of worship, please give us a call. We need your help.

Please drop donated items on the front porch of Executive Director, Janice Stango at 4921 Sherier Place, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Please do not leave them in the driveway. Make sure they are on the covered porch. There is a marked container for your drop. Please be sure to include your name, address, email, and the estimated value of your contribution and we will email you a tax-deductible receipt.

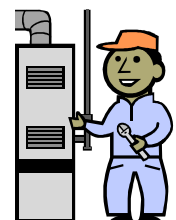


October 20, 2010



Our Mission

Since 1983, Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC (formerly Christmas in April) has been working to revitalize low-income homes and communities in our nation's capital. With the generous support of house sponsors, volunteers, and donors, we make free home repairs for low-income DC homeowners who are elderly, disabled, and/or caring for young children in seriously deteriorating conditions. The repairs enable them to stay in their homes, where they live in warmth and safety with independence and dignity.



Yard Sale Series: First Sale on Friday, October 29/Saturday, October 30



Our first yard sale will take place on Friday, October 29 from 10am to 2pm and Saturday, October 30 from 8am to 2pm at the home of Board Member Sharon Canavan at 10213 Edgewood Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901. All proceeds to benefit our free home repair programs. Please spread the word to your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone you know who may be interested. If you or someone you know is willing to hold a yard sale at their home, please let us know. Come on out and shop, shop, shop!

Adopt a Rebuilding Family for the Holidays

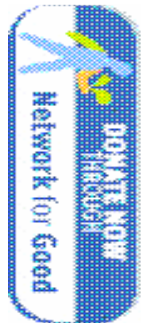
The holidays are fast approaching and many individuals, offices, places of worship, and civic groups like to provide holiday presents of gifts and foodstuffs to families that have applied for our services. Our files bulge with tragic stories of families who will not have any funds available for food and gifts without your help. Just call us and we can give you the name of a family for you to share the joy of giving with this holiday season.



Featured Homeowner— Awaiting help...

Here's an example of a family awaiting our assistance and one that your group can 'adopt' this holiday season:

Mrs. C is a 59 year old foster parent who has lived in her Ward 5 home for over 15 years. She and her husband, Mr. C, 58, suffer from debilitating arthritis and diabetes. Their three children, ages 3, 12, and 13, all have ADHD. This family's income, after paying their mortgage, is only \$600/month. The bathroom sink is coming apart from the wall and the bathroom floor. The front porch screens are all torn and need replacing. The gas stove no longer works, so this family is only able to prepare hot meals with their microwave and toaster. This is what Mrs. C wrote to us in her application, "I am a foster mother. I need these things done so it won't be a danger to the children. We have diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart conditions."



Is your company, club, place of worship, alumni group, etc looking for another community service project? This family desperately needs a Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC group to make the above repairs so they can live in a safe environment. Please call our office (202) 965-2824 to sign up and help Mrs. C.

Year End Solicitation

This is the time of year when we seek donations from individuals to help our cause. If you are receiving this E-newsletter, you surely know the difficulty of the work performed by Rebuilding Together DC each year. Our files bulge with applications, especially in these hard economic times.

Did you know that Washington, DC is the second poorest city in the US? Did you know that DC has the largest percentage of elderly who are poor of any city in the US? Did you know that every census tract in the metropolitan area that is defined as impoverished is in DC? Did you know that unemployment rates exceed 28% in Ward 8, which includes Historic Anacostia, a neighborhood on which we concentrate? Did you know that the average income of families we serve is \$12,000/year? Did you know that we give preference to the families of Veterans in thanks for their service to our country? Did you know that mold remediation and other repairs made by Rebuilding Together DC alleviates asthma and breathing disorders for hundreds of children and disabled elderly each year, so we can be considered a health program in addition to a low-income housing program?

While any amount that is comfortable for you to donate would be greatly appreciated, here are some suggested giving levels:

\$50— installs grab bars that prevent falls and broken hips for elderly, disabled homeowners

\$100— plugs holes in houses to stop rats from entering, causing a myriad of health issues

\$250— caulks/weatherizes drafty doors and windows to reduce utility bills

\$500— replaces and installs a new, energy efficient refrigerator and energy efficient light bulbs throughout the home

\$1,000— buys wood to build a wheelchair ramp that allows Veteran amputees to get out of their homes

\$3,000— repairs a leaky roof which is compromising the integrity of the entire home, perhaps leading to homelessness since the house is in risk of being declared uninhabitable

\$4,000— rebuilds a broken porch that is falling off the house, endangering the residents of falling through as they enter

\$5,200— sponsors repairs on an entire home so that its residents may age in place safely and independently

\$6,000— installs energy efficient furnace in a home where there is no heat