

# Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC

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

Still Time to Sign Up and Sponsor

RTDC’s Third Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, October 15, 2010 at Renditions Golf Course

There’s still time to sign up to sponsor a hole or two and play in our Third Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Renditions Golf Course in David-sonville, MD. Registration begins at 12 noon and tee off time is at 1:45pm.

There’ll be a silent auction, an awards dinner banquet, prizes, golfer goodie

bags— an afternoon of great fun. \$175 per golfer to sign up.

PLEASE spread the word to all of your golfing buddies AND any organizations that may be interested in sponsoring. For more information, go to our website at [www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org) or call the office at (202) 965-2824.



Washington, DC

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### 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.

## An Afternoon of Tea, Jewelry, Scotch Tasting, and More Sunday, October 24, 2010

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining 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](mailto:rtdc@rebuildingtogetherdc.org)



## Wanted: Jewelry, Accessories, CDs, Books, etc for upcoming fundraisers Please, can you hold a yard sale for us?

Are you wondering what to do with jewelry and accessories you’ve outgrown or you haven’t worn in ages, but are in such great condition you don’t know what to do with them? 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

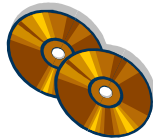
Perfume/Cologne

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 fundraisers such as the above afternoon of tea and scotch tasting and holding some flea markets and yard sales in 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.

## Sponsors Needed ALL YEAR ROUND

Did you know your group can sponsor a home for repairs any time of the year, not just in April? We have hundreds of people waiting for our assistance— why not get your group together to sponsor a house this fall, before the Thanksgiving holiday? This will give those groups who were unable to work in the Spring a chance to give back and work on the homes of desperately needy DC homeowners before the onset of winter. What better way to give thanks? Remember, should your group have funding but no volunteers, we can make the repairs happen in the name of your organization. With your organization's help, we can change another life. Go to our website at [www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org) to learn how to sponsor a project and call the office at (202) 965-2824 to sign up to sponsor a house this fall.



## \*\*ATTENTION HOUSE CAPTAINS: PREVIEW HOUSES FOR YOUR PROJECT\*\*

Here's your chance to hand pick your group's Rebuilding project— email us at [rtcd@rebuildingtogetherdc.org](mailto:rtcd@rebuildingtogetherdc.org) if you would like to preview 4-6 houses. Applications from needy homeowners are flooding in and we could use your help previewing their houses. This is your chance to personally choose the site that your group will work on. Sign up to preview today!

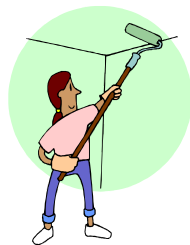
## CBRE Renovating Shelter

Our first Fall project is underway, under the sponsorship of CB Richard Ellis (CBRE). Ed Murphy, long time Board Member and House Captain extraordinaire, is leading the group as they repair So Others Might Eat (SOME) Oxford House in Ward 7. The Oxford House is a transitional shelter for 12 men who have completed various addiction rehabilitations and are now undergoing job training so that they may re-enter the community. CBRE volunteers are renovating the kitchen, including purchasing a new refrigerator, repairing broken kitchen cabinets, providing personal storage space for each resident, and building an outdoor patio. CBRE volunteers will paint both the interior and exterior, providing a cleaner, safer environment for these formerly homeless gentlemen.



## Can you help paint 2 rooms?

Ms. P is 60 and has lived in her Ward 7 home for over 20 years. She suffers from asthma and diabetes, and she is a cancer survivor. She cares for her uncle, 78, who has painful arthritis and diabetes. Volunteers from several different groups spent weeks working on this home this past Spring/Summer. Some of the repairs completed were: replacing old, leaky bathroom sinks with new vanities; ripping up collapsing kitchen floor and replacing joists/sub flooring/tiles; installing new ceiling fans; installing new drywall and bathroom tile; and purchasing a new stove and refrigerator. While volunteers were able to accomplish an extensive amount of work at this home, there are 2 rooms that were left unfinished and need to be painted. Does your group have 4-6 people interested in finishing up the painting at this house? We already have the paint, we just need your help putting on the finishing touches. If you would like more information or to sign up to help, please call us in the office at (202) 965-2824.



## 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?



Each month we tell the story of a homeowner waiting for help. Here is one for you to consider, which we hope will motivate you to generously donate. Remember, there are hundreds of similar stories just like this:

Mr. and Mrs. S are 52 and 55 respectively. Mr. S is mentally disabled, has diabetes, high blood pressure, and suffers from Hepatitis C and liver problems. Mrs. S has Lupus. They have lived in their Ward 6 home for over 15 years and their annual income is \$17,400. Their house is in great disrepair. The roof is leaking through the upstairs bedrooms and down through the living room. Several ceilings have collapsed due to water damage and the upstairs bedroom floors need to be replaced. The upstairs bathroom pipes are leaking and the toilet needs to be replaced. They need grab bars, raised toilet seats, tub transfer seats, handheld showers, and other handicap accessibility modifications made so that they may safely use their bathrooms. The kitchen cabinets are broken and falling apart. The electrical box is overloaded, so laundry cannot be done unless all other power is off in the house. They do not have a stove or a refrigerator. The back door does not lock and there are two broken windows in the front of the house, causing their energy bills to rise.

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 literally 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



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