



Rebuilding Together Houston restores hope and revitalizes neighborhoods by repairing homes at no cost for low-income elderly homeowners. Through the work of volunteers and with the support of public- and private-sector initiatives, we enhance the quality of life for deserving seniors, strengthen the communities in which they live, and build a brighter future for Houston.

COVER IMAGE: Homeowner Loydell Simmons with BP Crew Leader Alexis Vitone and her son, Andrew, who brought student volunteers from Seven Lakes High School to join the BP Crew. PHOTO BY JUSTIN CALHOUN.

THIS PAGE: Cameron International Crew Leader, Jay Clark, with proud homeowner Jackie Phillips during one of our October 2014 Volunteer Home Repair Program workdays. PHOTO BY JUSTIN CALHOUN.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE**

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

From 1958-1963 a police drama played on network television starring Robert Culp and Jack Klugman. It was set in NYC, and each episode closed with the words I remember from my childhood: "There are eight million stories in the Naked City; this has been one of them." Over the six years that it ran, "The Naked City" covered some twenty-six stories each year – or a little more than 150 stories. Over the thirty-three years that the Rebuilding Together Houston "show" has been running, there have been over 11,000 stories that we've covered. In the last



five years we've covered one story every calendar day, or 365 families every year. Other numbers have their own story: \$100M of value given at no cost to homeowners who need help to remain safely in their homes; over 100,000 volunteers contributing Saturdays in Spring and Fall to make a home warm, safe and dry; and in 2014 alone, 353 family stories were added and over 100,000 volunteer hours of labor were added to the collective Rebuilding Together story here in the Greater Houston area.

The real stories, however, are in the lives you and we have touched: a WWII veteran who came ashore on D-Day in 1944 and later helped liberate a Nazi concentration camp; a blind homeowner, a dancer in his youth who lost his sight, and then took up guitar playing with the a mantra of "it's never too late"; an elderly, wheelchair-bound diabetes victim who had lost both of her feet to this horrible disease, and who said of the volunteers who repaired her house "I'm proud of these people, proud that these people wanted to help someone...well...like me."

I, too, am proud; proud to be a part of an organization that strives each year to help make people's stories a bit better because of what Rebuilding Together is able to do for them, and what their courage in the face of adversity does for each of us. During 2014, you helped us do many things – some for the first time:

- ✓ We formed a new warehouse partnership with the Houston Community ToolBank.
- With the help of several of our partners we converted foreclosed homes into new homes for several first-time buyers.
- ✓ In a new partnership with Meals on Wheels, and aided by financial and volunteer support from one of our long-term company partners, we repaired homes for several home-bound seniors who also received daily meal support.
- ✓ We bested our net income budget and received sizeable construction grants from several of our long-term partners, and a new partner.
- ✓ We added five new members to our Board of Directors and were accredited by the Better Business Bureau and Charity Navigator.
- We celebrated our award-winning partners at two separate luncheons, and we added over 50 first-time volunteer crews to our growing list of partners in mission.

But at the heart of it all remains the simple yet complex task of Rebuilding Homes. Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Houston. Together. It's never about statistics. It's always about people. Now 2014 is in the books, but 2015 is upon us, and there are stories to be told. Come and be a greater part of the Rebuilding Together story here in Houston. You won't be sorry, because truly, "There's No Place Like Home."

Sincerely

James E. (Jim) Soller Executive Director

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#### MOST SERVED NEIGHBORHOODS

**Acres Homes** 

Fifth Ward

Northside

Sunnyside

**Third Ward** 

#### **MATERIALS USED**

Tubes of Caulk	1,646
Pounds of Nails	695
Gallons of Paint	1,956
Bags of Concrete	
Prehung Doors	169
8x8 Siding	
2x4 Lumber	

# CREWS REBUILDING THE MOST HOMES

UM Army Camden BP ExxonMobil Individuals 10%

Foundations 15%

**Corporations 45%** 

# OUR FUNDING SOURCES

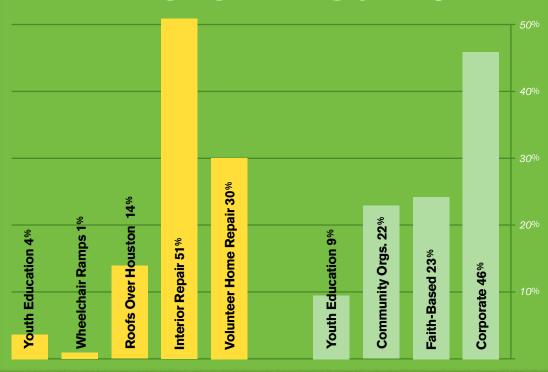
Government 22%

## **OUR IMPACT GROWS**

2014	2013
Families Served353	320
Total Projects584	518
Volunteer Programs (exterior, wheelchair ramps)276	276
Contractor Programs (roofs, electrical, plumbing)308	242
Volunteers5,400	5,500

# PROGRAM EXPENSES

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT



2014 volunteers provided \$3,020,000 in value to 353 Houston families in need.

## THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP SPONSORS

Leadership gifts provide the greatest level of support for Rebuilding Together Houston. These compassionate, community investment gifts of \$20,000 or more have a significant impact on lives, neighborhoods and our great city – they set the standard for support of the RTH mission. We are privileged to recognize

the generosity of these vital partners in 2014.

#### Grand Guarantor \$250,000 OR MORE













#### Platinum Circle \$50,000 OR MORE



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#### Golden Circle \$25,000 OR MORE

















#### SILVER CIRCLE \$15,000 OR MORE

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Iberia Bank
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
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#### **BRONZE CIRCLE** \$10,000 OR MORE

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#### FOUNDER \$5,000 OR MORE

CenterPoint Energy
Chapelwood United Methodist Church
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Energy Transfer
First Tennessee Bank
Gexa Energy
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Randy & Janis Henry
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Plains All American Pipeline
Trendmaker Homes

REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON EXTENDS ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL DONORS WHO HELPED MEET OUR MISSION NEEDS WITH GIFTS UP TO \$4,999.

Booz Allen Hamilton<sup>†</sup>

## **2014 Volunteer Crews**

147th Reconnaissance Wing
808th Engineering Company Vertical, U.S. Army\*
Alley Theatre\*
Alpha Psi Kappa Fraternity\*
AMEC Foster Wheeler†
AMEC Dil & Gas
Apache Corporation
Atascocita Presbyterian Church\*
Automotive Rentals\*
Avenue CDC, Go Neighborhoods\*
Bailey Architects†
Balfour Beatty Construction\*
Bayou City Performing Arts\*
Bellaire High School Habitat Club\*
Bethel's Place\*
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Boy Scouts of America† (Troops 46, 780 & 870)
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BP†
Camden†
Cameron†
Cameron International†
CenterPoint Energy†
Chapelwood United Methodist Church†
Chase\*
City of Houston Housing & Development\*
City of Houston Solid Waste†
City of Houston Streets and Drainage†
Congregation Brith Shalom\*
Covenant Baptist Church\*
Covenant Lutheran Church†
Dannenbaum Engineering\*

David Weekley Homes
Dynegy
East Aldine Management District\*
Eaton + Wonderware\*
ECO Services\*
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church†
Energy Transfer
ExxonMobil†
First Data Telecheck
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood†
First Unitarian Universalist Church
For The Cause\*
Foundry United Methodist Church†
Gathered Friends\*
Gensler Architects
Gloden G Contractors\*
Godden G Contractors\*
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Kingwood

Gulf Coast Building & Construction Trades Council
Gulf Coast Section Young Professionals
Gulf Interstate Engineering
H-E-B\*
Harris Health Systems\*
Hewlett-Packard
Hines Interests†
Hoar Construction†
Holman Street Baptist Church†
Home Depot Distribution Center\*
Houston Christian High School\*
Houston National Organization
of Minority Architects\*
Houston Oasis
Invesco
J.P.Morgan Private Bank\*



## **BHP Billiton: Building on Sustainability** Serving the community in the place they call home.

10,000 hours logged by BHP Billiton volunteers over the past 11 years. \$21,000 committed to RTH in 2014 by BHP Billiton employees.

**TEAM LEADERS**: Kelly McKenzie and Roger Moliason

tioners and seven repaired windows." **BEFORE AFTER** 

It's sometimes hard to believe that the concerted effort of team of volunteers on a single weekend can make such a difference to those in need - but that commitment of a two-day project, working with like-minded individuals, can make a huge difference and change lives. The BHP Billiton crews have seen it happen in Houston for 11 years in a row.



"...you BHP folks are like Angels." -Ms. Billie, homeowner



new back door, new front door, new look to both

front and back of the house, new paint all around,

new light fixtures, solid stands for her air condi-

Kerusso Grace Church\* Knights of Peter Claver Council #159 Lakeside United Methodist Church\* M. D. Anderson Family YMCA\* **Marek Brothers** McRory Construction\*
Memorial Church of Christ† Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Messiah Lutheran Church Milby High School Drama Club\* Mustang Engineering
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**OU Club of Houston\*** Pasadena Independent School District† Patterson + Sheridan LLP Phillips 66<sup>†</sup> Pope Saint John XXIII High School Golf Team\* Prison Entrepreneurship Program\* Project Management Institute<sup>†</sup> PV Rentals Rentech Nitrogen Ryan Homebuilders Sam Houston High School, Skills USA Chapter\* Second Baptist Church† Second Baptist Church, West Campus<sup>†</sup> Second Baptist Church, Woodway Campus<sup>†</sup> Shell Network Next + Shell New Professional Network\*

Society of Petroleum Engineers, Young Professionals Spectra Ěnergy† St. Martha Catholic Church, Kingwood† St. Matthew United Methodist Church\* St. Thomas Presbyterian Church<sup>†</sup> State Farm SunGard Consulting Services\* T.E.J.A.S. + St. Patrick Catholic Church\* Team Citgo\* Technip Terrnin Construction\* Texas Exes Houston Chapter\* Trendmaker Homes Treviño Crew\* **UM Army** UM Army College Camp<sup>†</sup>

Unity Church of Christianity\* UT Home Medics (University of Texas Health Science Center) Valero Houston Refinery Wells Fargo Wesley Community Center\* Wiseman Builders\* **Wood Group** Wood Group Mustang

For information about volunteering with RTH, please contact Terri Drabik-O'Reilley at toreilley@rt-houston.org or call 713 923-1855, ext 15. THANK YOU!

