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About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

MISSION

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's (RTTB) mission is to repair the homes of those in need by bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners in the Tampa Bay area.

HISTORY

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay was formed in 2000 in response to the increasing demand and need for a residential housing repair and rehabilitation program to improve living conditions for low-income families, especially the elderly and persons with disabilities. RTTB's goal is to preserve affordable homeownership and reduce substandard housing via partnerships with corporations and local governments. RTTB was born out of a fundamental belief that all people deserve to live in safe and decent housing.

RTTB assists existing low-income homeowners by providing necessary repairs free of charge. These necessary repairs often include home modifications, roofing, plumbing, electrical repairs and other improvements. RTTB is a chapter affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national organization that is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

SERVICES

Through RTTB's existing volunteer base and in collaboration with corporations, foundations and local government, RTTB provides the following services to low-income families, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and military veterans:

Home Repairs and Modifications: RTTB makes repairs that require immediate attention such as roofing, plumbing and electrical repairs.

Energy Conservation: RTTB implements and promotes basic energy efficient measures with the dual goal of cost savings and increased homeowner safety.

Neighborhood Revitalization: Through its interactions in the communities it serves, RTTB assists residents in establishing neighborhood organizations to help increase local awareness of existing resources, skills and assets within their own communities, thereby empowering these neighborhoods to take charge of their future.



Welcome To Rebuilding Day 2010. A Message For The Board of Directors.

Today, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay celebrates our 10th Anniversary at the Annual National Rebuilding Day. The event will complete the home renovations for twelve St. Petersburg homeowners and begin a program to provide energy efficient upgrades for many more. All repairs are free to the homeowners.

Many national and local corporations and foundations, the City of St. Petersburg and more than 4100 volunteers and trade professionals have provided donations, in-kind services, products and free labor to complete the renovations and energy efficient upgrades for this deserving neighborhood.

Immediately following the conclusion of the renovations today, our volunteers, sponsors, partners will celebrate with Rebuilding Together's Staff and Board members at a neighborhood block party celebration with the residents of the Bartlett Park neighborhood. We hope you will join us!

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President of the Board of Directors
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A message from Jose Garcia Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay



National Rebuilding Day is the annual signature event of Rebuilding Together, the leading national nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership by *bringing volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners.*

On Saturday, April 24, National Rebuilding Day is the day when we celebrate our organization's mission and to bring attention to the plight of America's low-income homeowners and the communities in which they live. National Rebuilding Day is the culmination of a year of planning, evaluating, training, organizing, and mobilizing community volunteers. It is embraced by our community leaders and national and local corporate sponsors as a way of bringing immediate impact to America's communities in a single day.

Over the years, National Rebuilding Day has created the momentum from which Rebuilding Together has grown to the stature it enjoys today as a leading organization in the quest to preserve affordable housing for low-income Americans.

This year, National Rebuilding Day also marks the 10th Anniversary of the inception of Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB). To celebrate this milestone, several corporations and more than 400 volunteers plan to complete 12 home renovation projects and kick off a program to make energy efficient upgrades to additional homes in the City of St. Petersburg and City of Tampa. Through RTTB, renovated homes will become safer, healthier and more energy efficient for the homeowners, while making a lasting impression in their neighborhood.

Thank you for your help and commitment to the community.

Jose Garcia
Executive Director
Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay



Bartlett Park Celebration: Moving Forward By Rebuilding Together



The residents of the Bartlett Park neighborhood have joined forces in strength and perseverance to lift their community after the tragic death of Paris Whitehead Hamilton, a community minded young girl who was an A student, an avid reader and an inspiration to all who knew her. Preston Avenue was renamed Paris Avenue in her honor on April 5, 2010.

"We are grateful that Paris is not being forgotten. There are dedicated people improving our community in her name. While we will never get over our loss, we are touched by some of the positives that have come from our tragedy,"

Shenita Williams, Paris' Aunt

A community celebration will take place in Bartlett Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Food, refreshments, entertainment and fun activities for children, as well as several community service organizations will be ready to greet the residents of the Bartlett Park neighborhood. More than 400 Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay volunteers will join the celebration at 2:00 pm after the renovation of 8 homes and 1 community center is completed as part of Rebuilding Day 2010. In the coming weeks, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay will be sending volunteer teams throughout the neighborhood to perform energy and safety upgrades.



Community Support Organizations

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay greatly appreciates of all the organizations joining us on Rebuilding Day 2010. These organizations make a tremendous difference in the Bartlett Park Community and we are proud to stand beside them.

St. Petersburg Dream Center

Helping Children and Families in crisis

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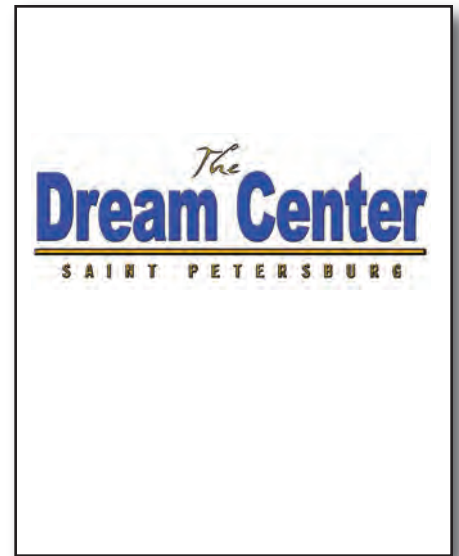
St. Petersburg Home Owners

The Dream Center of St. Petersburg

Dream Center

1360 16th Street So.

The Mission of the Saint Petersburg Dream Center is to restore hope and change lives through Christ. The Center's homeless outreach provides meals and clothing for the homeless along with the saving message of the Gospel while partnering with local churches to hold outreach events in needy neighborhoods.



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Lawrence J. Roberson Family

Roberson

710 17th Ave So.

Lawrence is disabled due to an on the job accident that injured a disk in his spine. Movement causes pressure on his spine which gives him severe headaches that prevent him from working. Lawrence is originally from St. Petersburg. He has lived in the house for 10 years. He lives with his two-year-old son, Lucky.



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James Earl Williams, Sr. Family

Williams

717 17th Ave So.

The Williams house was built in 1957; they have been in the house for 39 years. James is a retired auto body worker. Collene had a stroke recently and has trouble walking. James and Collene have been married for 31 years. They have 4 grown children, 3 daughters and 1 son.



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Marie Lynch

Lynch

715 Paris

The Lynch's home was built in 1938. Marie has lived in the house since 1979. Louvenia has been a nurse for 30 years and the main income for the family. She works at St. Anthony's hospital in the psychiatric department. Marie asked her son and daughter-in-law to move because she did not feel safe living alone in the home. Robert worked building swimming pools for 35 years and is currently unemployed. They are originally from Augusta, GA.



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Kate Wells

Wells

762 Paris

Kate is 81 years old and lives by herself. Signed up to go to WWII at the age 16, she was given honorable discharge on May of 1945, when her age was discovered. She went to school for nursing and took care of several local families. Ms. Wells lives in a house given to her by a lady she took care for many years. She has been living in this house since the late 60's.



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Shenita Williams Family

Williams

771 Paris

Shenita works for Operation Par, a non-profit organization whose primary focus is substance abuse treatment. Shenita is the late Paris Whitehead Hamilton's Aunt and was her caretaker after Paris' mother, a military veteran, passed away. Paris' father is currently serving in the military having gone on tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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Pamela Waters Family

Waters

778 Paris

Pamela and her 16 year old daughter live in the house. Pamela's 19 year old daughter lives nearby and comes to visit often. Pamela works for Lexington Health and Rehabilitation as a cook. She has been there for 2 years. She continues to work even though she has arthritis in her back. Pamela's husband passed 6 years ago which was compounded by the loss of her mother and father in the same year. Pamela has stressed to her children the importance of education. She wants her girls to be able to take care of themselves. Ariel, 19, is currently taking courses at ITT Tech. Delena, 16, is at St. Pete High and working on the Doorways Scholarship, she currently has straight A's.



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George and Jackie Fleming

Fleming

783 Paris

Jackie worked as a CNA until she was disabled 15 years ago. She worked for Maria Manor, Pasadena Manor and other nursing homes in the area. George works for Bayfront Hospital as a cook. They have been married for 11 years. Their daughter, Corada is also a CNA.



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Annie Ruth Morrow

Morrow

1633 7th Street So.

Annie Ruth Morrow is a school teacher that retired in 2001 after teaching for 38 years. She taught various subjects but her specialty was third grade reading. Her 71st birthday was on April 7th. She lives in the house by herself, but has family that comes and checks on her daily. She has difficulty with her knees and loss of mobility in her right shoulder. She still volunteers with her church.



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Our Sincere Gratitude and Thanks To The City of St. Petersburg!

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's Staff and Board of Directors would like to extend our gratitude to every sponsor, partner and volunteer that contributed to this project. Furthermore, we would like to thank each and every homeowner for allowing us to enter their home. We hope the work completed in their home will make a positive impact in their life and their community.

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Tampa Home Owners

Willnayris Ortiz Family

Ortiz

8905 Shandwick Ct.

Ms. Ortiz is a single unemployed mother of 3 kids, Yeneiris, age 1, Xavier, age 6 and Janeska, age 7. A recent fire in house has made the home unlivable. Willnayris came to RTTB for help in October of 2009. Her goal is to make the home safer for her children.



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Brenda Webb

Webb

7921 Endive Ave

Brenda Webb is a veteran of the U.S. Army, honorably discharged in 1978. She was an executive chef and Liaison Officer at Ft. Sill, OK. She was disabled in a car accident on October 1, 1991 and goes to James Haley V.A. Hospital in Tampa for medical needs. On July 16, 2008, her young grandson accidentally burned her house down. Red Cross housed them for three days, then with community support and her disability from social security they stayed in a hotel for 6 months until Tampa Park Apartments gave them residence. Prior to the house burning, she was very active in the community and the county. She was appointed Community Specialist of Hillsborough County in 1998, implementing programs and ideas for the senior citizens and youth.



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Gail Mayweather

Mayweather

7923 Endive Ave

Gail is a single veteran widow who has lived in the house since she was 7 years old. Her late husband was a veteran as well. Mr. Mayweather was Gail's neighbor and grew up with her in the house next door. Gail lives next door to Brenda Webb, who is the sister of her late husband.



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New Beginnings' Shelter for Female Veterans and Their Children

New Beginnings

1413 E. Seneca Ave

Once completed, the newly renovated home will provide a safe haven to homeless female veterans with children who are struggling to adjust to civilian life. The shelter and transitional program will house approximately four women and their children in a remodeled duplex. The home is nearly 80 years old.

New Beginnings Home for Female Veterans' services include meals, job training, education and placement and case management

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