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Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County Cultivate Resilience Amidst Housing Struggles

***Event Marks Milestone in Providing Affordable Housing Solutions, Offering
Renewed Hope to Residents***

Hillsborough County, FL—The weight of housing costs persists in Hillsborough County, with a staggering [33% of residents](#) considered house-burdened. Addressing this pressing issue, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay is steadfast in providing solutions and aid. On **Tuesday, March 26th, at 11:00 a.m.**, a significant milestone will be celebrated as they hand over the keys to two newly reconstructed homes, achieved through a collaborative effort with Hillsborough County.

The focal point of this event will be the heartwarming moment when Geoffrey Black, a retired veteran, and his family receive the keys to their meticulously renovated home. Mr. Black's inability to physically undertake the necessary repairs underscores the challenges faced, having invested his savings into a home after enduring years of rental instability and near-market exclusion.

What: Open House and Key Presentation for Two Brand New Homes Providing Affordable Housing Solutions in Hillsborough County

When: Tuesday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Where: [110 Rayburn Rd. Plant City, FL 33566](#)

Who:

- Retired Veteran Geoffrey Black and family
- Jose Garcia, Executive Director Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay
- Hillsborough County Commissioner Gwen Myers
- Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Director Brenda Brackins

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County representatives will discuss their concerted endeavors during the event, shedding light on their impactful initiatives. Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore the newly completed home through a guided tour. Moreover, the Black family graciously welcomes interviews, offering firsthand insights into the transformative impact of this collaborative effort.

About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

RTTB's mission is "repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives." We achieve this by providing members of our shared communities with imperative home repairs, housing, education, and other forms of assistance free of cost, bringing their homes to not just a habitable state but one that is safe and healthy and that they and their families can thrive in.

RTTB addresses critical issues such as leaking roofs, problematic ducts aggravating asthma symptoms in children, and installing safety features like grab bars for elderly residents. We also construct new homes, providing homeownership opportunities to those who may have never deemed it possible. Following Hurricane Ian, RTTB has designated the lead affiliate for statewide response and recovery efforts, extending our service area to heavily impacted communities in Southwest and Central Florida, where we assist the most vulnerable in repairing and rebuilding. Find more information at www.rttb.org. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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