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A HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:
(As of 7/31/17)



2017's **Raise a Roof** is this month!

Join us 6:00–9:00 pm on September 20th at Port City Brewing Company for an evening of fun and games, live music, a silent auction and of course food and great tasting crafted brews. Tickets

are \$75 and can be purchased at **RebuildingTogetherAlex.org**. Bring your friends, family and coworkers to this fun, fall event. Come on down and meet our staff, Board, sponsors, volunteers and community supporters—and try your hand in the Cornhole tournament!

Visit **RebuildingTogetherAlex.org** to find out how you can help in-need Alexandria homeowners remain in safe and healthy homes. If you cannot make it to the event, please consider donating to Rebuilding Together Alexandria instead. Gifts of any size are gratefully appreciated.



RAISE A ROOF

Wed., Sept. 20th
Port City Brewing Co.

We look forward to seeing you on September 20th!

FROM THE DESK OF

Katharine

Because of 27,264 volunteers, we have been able to serve the neighborhoods of Alexandria for 30 years! And while we have 2,137 projects under our tool belts, there are still plenty of neighbors to help, affordable housing to be created and preserved, and communities to be revitalized.

This past year, we served 110 in-need households, helping the elderly and disabled, veterans, and families with children, remain stably housed. We also worked at seven non-profit facilities and common spaces, and helped four low-income families to become first-time homeowners.

Thank you for your support of our mission over the years! When individuals and families have access to housing they can afford, they put down roots, which enhances community stability and fosters more socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhoods throughout Alexandria. Please join me for our next 30 years!



PROJECT REINVEST GRANT

Rebuilding Together Alexandria was recently awarded a **\$500,000 Project Reinvest** grant to implement various projects in revitalizing the *Hume Springs* and *Lynhaven* neighborhoods. The organization is one of only 55 grant recipients in the United States.

Over the next 18 months Rebuilding Together will rehab up to 20 homes, make physical improvements at Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology, convert open space to a multi-generational park, and build a large scale community growing garden.

Our overall vision for this Project Reinvest initiative is to revitalize the Hume Springs and Lynhaven neighborhoods through efforts that are resident-driven, sustainable, and proven effective in order to improve the health and well-being of community residents.



A Pot of Stories that Warms the Soul

By Breanne Driscoll

When you walk in the front door, there is the familiar smell of a special stew, made with honey, warming on the stove. Sixty-eight year old Stan has lived in his home near the Braddock metro neighborhood his entire life; he was actually born in it. It is the last original home on the street and was originally owned by a local abolitionist. He was raised here along with his four siblings and has raised his own son in the same home. He comments, "We were well bred and well fed." His favorite place to be is in his kitchen, and as the stew continues to simmer, Stan has his own special pot of stories and history to share with any interested acquaintance.

He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of graduating from George Washington High School. In 1964, before TC Williams was built, he was part of the first fully integrated class. "I, Stan, was the first black to score a touchdown in George Washington stadium." He was also a star wrestler in high school and is willing to share every detail of his athletic younger years to anyone willing to listen.

Later in his life, Stan was known as "Stan the Carpet Man" and he will eagerly pull out a portfolio of artistic, geometric carpet designs to demonstrate his work over 37 years. Times became tough though after he suffered a stroke and had to relearn basic tasks. Regardless, Stan remains active and ventures to the library every day to check his email.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria has helped Stan maintain his home over the years and volunteers have formed lasting relationships with him... they continue to come every so often to help Stan with yard work. And when Stan has stew simmering, he'll ask volunteers to join him for a bowl, or at the very least, they'll be leaving with soup containers in hand!



Award Winning Season

- Katharine Dixon was awarded the **2017 Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award** at the *Alexandria Earth Day* celebration on April 29th. The award is in honor of the late Ellen Pickering and her lifelong dedication to preservation and conservation.
- On May 9th, Rebuilding Together Alexandria was awarded the **Excellence in Aging Award** for an Organization by the Alexandria Commission on Aging during their 2017 Excellence in Aging Awards ceremony. This award represents an organization that has made outstanding contributions to elevating the quality of life of older Alexandrians.



Left to right: Bill Dickinson of Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Jim Kapsis with the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission, Katharine Dixon of Rebuilding Together Alexandria, and Mayor Allison Silberberg.

THANKS, SEARS!

Along with other Rebuilding Together affiliates, Sears selected us as a \$15,000 grant recipient in partnership with the Rebuilding Together national office. Funds will be used to rehab two homes: one that houses three formerly homeless veterans and one house belonging to a low-income Army veteran. Work done in each of the homes will focus on safe and healthy repairs and on weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades. Many thanks, Sears!



Become a Circle of Neighbors Member

As a member of the *Circle of Neighbors*, you can be proud to be among those working in our community to provide free repairs to those homeowners who simply do not have the means to maintain their homes. Members make a lasting, sustainable impact and restore individual and neighborhood pride by preserving home affordability in Alexandria. Membership in this giving circle is awarded to all those who make generous contributions each fiscal year of \$250 or more.

Many thanks to This Past Year's Members:

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REBUILDING HOMES. REVITALIZING ALEXANDRIA.

Welcome Our Newest Board Members

Christine Friedberg, Owner/Director of Griswold Home Care, a home care agency, is a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria and serves on the Board of the Jean Griswold Foundation. She volunteers in the City by serving meals and food to the elderly. Christine lives in Alexandria with her husband and three children.

Don Kent is a life-long resident of Alexandria and an active member of the community. Don is a member of First Baptist Church and the Old Dominion Boat Club. Don served on the Alexandria Archaeology Commission for 12 years and served in various roles within the Federal Government for almost 15 years. Don currently works at The Nickles Group in Washington, D.C.

Leave a Legacy

Please consider making a bequest. There are many ways to ensure a gift will continue giving into the future: bequests in wills, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance gifts, and gifts of real estate. We will be happy to discuss any of these options. Tax ID# 54-1389286

JOIN US!

Get involved and join our **Development** or **Events** committees or our skilled **Mod Squad** repair team! In addition, our board of directors is still looking for professionals in the *marketing* or *residential development field*. Call or email us today for more information! **703.836.1021**





Market value to date of in-kind contributions given to the community exceed \$7.5 million.