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2016's Raise a Roof is right around the corner! Join us on Thursday, September 22nd 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 only \$75 and can be purchased at RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

Bring your friends, family and coworkers to this fun, fall

event. Come on down and meet Rebuilding Together's staff, Board, sponsors, volunteers and community supporters — and try your hand in the Cornhole tournament!

Sponsor opportunities are still available! Visit RebuildingTogetherAlex.org to find out how you can help in-need Alexandria homeowners remain in safe and healthy homes. We also have room for silent auction items and would appreciate donations of vacation lodging; artwork; tickets to sporting and entertainment events; spa days and theater events. All proceeds support our good work and are tax deductible. If you can't make it to the event, please consider making a donation to Rebuilding Together Alexandria instead. Gifts of any size are gratefully appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on September 22nd!



HOUSEHOLDS HELPED IN FY16



\$31,621
TOTAL INCOME

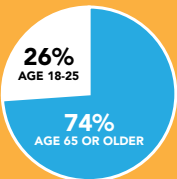
Our clients have **1.8** people living at home, with a household income of just **\$31,621**

23%
LOW INCOME



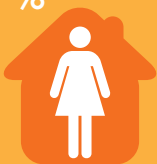
47% of clients are extremely low income, **30%** very low income, **23%** low income.

26%
AGE 18-25



74% of clients are age 65 or older, **26%** 18-64.

61%



A female heads **61%** of homes served by us.

60%



60% of our clients state that they are disabled.

24,000
VOLUNTEERS

2,000
PROJECTS

0 5000 10000 15000 20000 25000

Over **24,000** volunteers have worked on more than **2,000** projects since 1986.

\$7M+
CONTRIBUTIONS



Market value to date of in-kind contributions given to the community exceed **\$7 million**.

FROM THE DESK OF KATHARINE

Housing plays such an important role in ensuring the health and well-being of the nation's households and communities—multiple studies show strong connections between housing stability and improved adult job productivity, student achievement, financial security, and increased health.

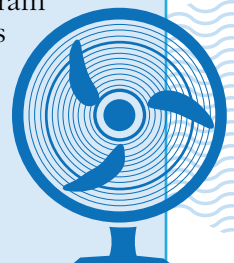
Since 1986, we've partnered with local organizations and thousands of volunteers to help in-need homeowners, from the elderly or disabled, to veterans and families with children, remain stably housed. This year alone we have assisted 116 households and 9 community facilities throughout the City of Alexandria.

As we head into our 30th year, (our birthday is September 5th!), with 2,016 projects under our tool belts, there is still plenty of affordable housing to be created and preserved, and communities to be revitalized.

Thank you for sharing our journey!

Beat the Heat

This summer, we've worked with the City of Alexandria's Division of Aging and Adult Services to expand their Fan Care Program that helps disabled, low-income seniors stay cool! With the help of Rebuilding Together Alexandria's skilled volunteers (and staff), we have installed free window air conditioner units or provided floor fans for Alexandrians in need.



Recently, Rebuilding Together Alexandria won the Disability Awareness Award from the Chamber of Commerce and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Mayor Silberberg presented the award, joined by Amanda Chandler, Jonathan Mook, Joe Haggerty, Lauren Unger, and Katharine Dixon.



The Pillars and the Princess

Homeownership is often equated with success and the fulfillment of the American Dream. But it takes money to maintain a home so it can remain a safe haven for a family. For some, this can be difficult, especially in a region as expensive as ours.

According to the nonprofit *Wider Opportunities for Women*, the reality is that “45 percent of Americans live on incomes that fail to provide basic economic security,” a fact even more pronounced among the elderly. By federal definitions, many of these people are not “poor;” but in fact, we all know people who are gainfully employed or worked hard their whole lives but still struggle to pay bills.

In Alexandria, we see this all the time. We encounter families—many who have worked in positions supporting businesses, schools and local governments—that are facing difficult choices about paying to fix a leaky roof or paying a doctor bill or paying for food.

Isaac and Sue are one such couple. Isaac is a US Army veteran who served in the Korean War. After the war, he began his career as a school bus driver and continues to work even now part-time, which he loves. Both Isaac and Sue have called Alexandria home since they were very young children. They raised their family in a tidy row house, where they have lived for more than three decades. Isaac’s favorite place is his basement where he relaxes with a 6 year-old Chihuahua named *Princess* that rules the home. They also enjoy entertaining their grand- and great-grandchildren.

The couple loves their home and neighborhood and don’t want to move out. Built in 1954, the home requires maintenance that is harder for them to do themselves or afford to have others do. When they were introduced to *Rebuilding Together Alexandria*, they felt relieved and grateful.

Earlier this year, our volunteers added handrails to their bathroom, fixed the plumbing issues with their toilet, and installed a ceiling fan in their bedroom. By improving their housing conditions, we can help them remain active in their neighborhood and in turn help our city remain economically, socially and culturally diverse. For Isaac and Sue, these upgrades bring peace of mind and ensure that these pillars in the community can remain living where they are.



Thanks to This Year's CIRCLE OF NEIGHBORS

Members of the *Circle of Neighbors*, 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.

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REBUILDING HOMES. REVITALIZING ALEXANDRIA.

ENERGIZE ALEXANDRIA - OCT 29

We need 30-50 volunteers to help make energy-efficient improvements in homes across the City. The tasks are easy to do... weather strip windows and doors, install CFLs and door sweeps, wrap water heaters, install programmable thermostats, caulk/foam in holes, etc! Please email bd@RebuildingTogetherAlex.org to sign up for this project day, October 29, 8:30-noon!



GET INVOLVED!

We are looking for members to join:

- **Development Committee:** responsible for the planning and coordination of fundraising efforts; meets monthly.
- **Mod squad team:** tackles misc. repair projects throughout the year—they tend to be small but skilled projects, like installing a handrail or fixing a broken light.
- **Raise a Roof Committee:** plans our annual fall fundraising event. Meets monthly.

UPCOMING PROJECT DATES

- Sept 13: Fannie Mae project day*
- Sept 22: Raise a Roof*
- Sept-Oct: A Home of Your Own project day*
- Oct: Fannie Mae project day*
- Oct 29: Energize Alexandria*