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NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY is just around the corner!



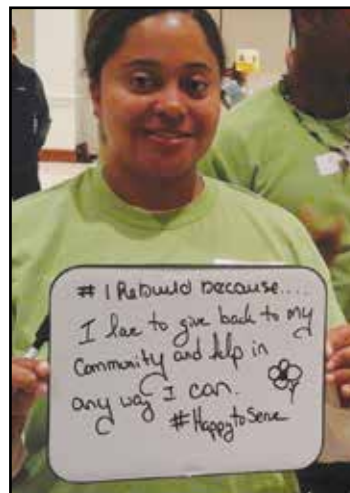
Grab Your Tools and Tool Belt!

Since 1986, **Rebuilding Together Alexandria** and our incredible volunteers have kept in-need residents, including elderly, disabled, veterans, and families with children, in safe and healthy homes.

Grab your co-workers and friends, sponsor a team, and make repairs with our help on **April 29th**. If you're skilled or not-as-skilled, we need you! We have already received applications from clients requesting our help on their homes this year, and the apps keep coming in! We are happy to talk to you about employee engagement opportunities and the great experience our volunteers have with the homeowners they are helping!

Visit our website for a sponsorship form:
www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org
or call us for more information: **703.836.1021**

HOUSE CAPTAIN & TEAM LEADER MEETING IS ON MARCH 11TH.



HOUSEHOLDS HELPED IN FY16

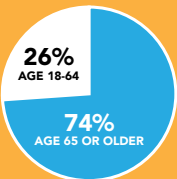


\$31,621
TOTAL INCOME

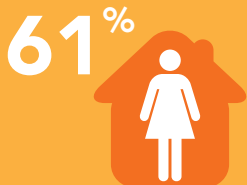
Our clients have **1.8** people living at home, with a household income of just **\$31,621**



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



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



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



60% of our clients state that they are disabled.



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



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

FROM THE DESK OF KATHARINE

As we celebrate our 30th National Rebuilding Day this April, with nearly 2,100 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.

Housing plays such an important role in ensuring the health and well-being of Alexandria'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 have 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. Thank you for sharing our journey!

Katharine



Mod Squad, An Ideal Job!

By Breanne Driscoll

As National Rebuilding Day nears, I want to take pause and revel at the everyday volunteers that make our organization a year-round support system for low-income homeowners.

Our “Mod”ification Squad has 20 active volunteers that have taken on 50 projects for homeowners. They take on projects independently, set their own schedule, and work on tasks that are of interest to their skill set. From installing grab bars to fixing small plumbing leaks or electrical issues, they handle it all.

One Mod Squad member, David, started working with us last summer. His first introduction to us was a group project where he and a few other brave volunteers tirelessly pulled up extremely soiled carpet of an elderly homeowner. He has since taken on seven other Mod Squad projects and attended two group projects.

In David’s own words: “After I retired, I spent a month or two sleeping in, going out to breakfast and lunch with friends, and doing honeydoos around my house. Eventually, I decided that I would gradually take on volunteer ‘jobs’ until my plate was full. I looked for two types; those where I would use mainly my mind and those where I was using my hands. I thought Rebuilding Together was a good fit for the ‘hands on’ work. I like that I’m helping people, even in some small way, to keep living independently. Most of my clients are to the stage of their lives that getting on a ladder is just a really bad idea. It’s interesting hearing about their lives and where they worked; most at the same organization their entire career. While it usually takes me twice as long as estimated to complete every assignment, I don’t think my clients mind and it’s kind of fun for both of us to visit while I work. The biggest surprise has been how much I’ve used my brain. Because these homes are old, it usually takes some time to figure out how to complete the task with modern parts, even if it is as simple as replacing an electrical outlet. I enjoy the tasks and people so much that I’ve been trying to recruit other friends to participate with me. Meet interesting people; no bureaucracy; pick my tasks; set my own schedule; know when the job is done; and use my hands and brain – it’s kind of an ideal job.”



It Takes a Village!



We are spreading the word about the great work Rebuilding Together Alexandria is accomplishing in the City of Alexandria. Through our community partners, stakeholders, company teams, clients and staff, we are making great strides as a leader in neighborhood revitalization.

We have invited volunteers, businesses, churches, former Board members, foundations and City Departments to be part of the solution. As a collective, we are making great progress—but there is still more to do! And we need your help to meet our growing needs.

If you haven’t already done so, please make a tax-deductible financial gift to Rebuilding Together Alexandria. Take the next step that follows your volunteer service and contribute to the long-term sustainability of our work. We make it as easy as possible to donate in a manner that is meaningful for you.

You can donate by check with the enclosed envelope, via mobile, or you can make a regular monthly gift online. You can memorialize a loved one; become a business member through our Brick by Brick Society; show your volunteer mettle as a Weekend Warrior League member; or simply make an anonymous gift. We have something for everyone!

Your donation has immediate impact and 100% of it stays within the City of Alexandria. Thank you for your support!



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REBUILDING HOMES. REVITALIZING ALEXANDRIA.

UPCOMING PROJECT DATES

- March 11:** Team Leader/House Captain meeting
- April 28:** CBRE project day
- April 29:** National Rebuilding Day
- May 9:** Fannie Mae project day
- May 10:** Fannie Mae project day
- May 11:** Fannie Mae project day
- May 12:** Fannie Mae project day

GET INVOLVED!

We are looking for members to join:

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

Helping the Homeless!

With your help, we collected 24 pairs of new shoes and boots for the Housing and Urban Development's Veteran's Affinity Group to be given to homeless male and female veterans. Many thanks for your support!



Welcome on Board!

Please welcome our newest board of director's members, *Anthony Harney* and *Mark Mahar*. Tony, now retired, was a senior executive in the mortgage industry for more than 25 years and was Director and President of the Mortgage Bankers Association of New York. His life's hobby has been home improvement projects! Mark Mahar is a partner at the accounting firm Ernst & Young. Mark, his wife Sondra and their son live in Alexandria where he has lived for over 15 years.

