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A NEWSLETTER WITH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND INFORMATION FOR FRIENDS OF REBUILDING TOGETHER

## 2008 Rebuilding Day: Repairing Homes, Improving Lives

The ingredients for a successful Rebuilding Day Event include sunshine, 1,000 volunteers representing corporations, contractors, building trades, schools, and civic groups and a tank full of gas. In addition, we long for participants who are willing to join forces to help some of the oldest and most at risk citizens in the county. These volunteers must share the concern that as America ages, so does its housing stock. On April 26, RTP had them all and today, life and living are greatly improved for 30 homeowners, spouses and grandchildren.

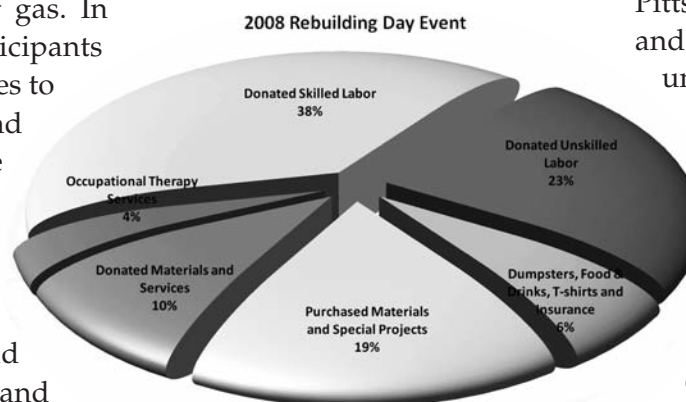
Repairs included everything from roofing, electrical and plumbing completed prior to workday to flooring, painting, carpentry,

concrete and yard work completed on Saturday, April 26. Homeowners were all smiles and some tears because this special workday enables them to continue to age in

place and in a safer environment. In fact, one homeowner received heat and hot water in her home for the first time in years.

During a time when the country is realizing high fuel costs, escalating food prices, job losses and home foreclosures, one thing remains constant and was experienced in Pittsburgh in April. The true spirit and heart of Pittsburghers remains unchanged and willing to rise above it all to help others. This speaks volumes about the residents living in Allegheny County.

We are truly grateful to every sponsor that made this year's event possible including our *Corporate Sponsor, The Bank of New York Mellon*. We are extremely appreciative to the Electrician's Local #5, local volunteer contractors, the Regional Council of Carpenters and the Occupational Therapists for donating thousands of hours to this year's event.



Rebuilding Day Income of \$149,734 Resulted in the Delivery of Home Repairs and Modifications Valued at \$491,560.



### 2008 Rebuilding Day Results Include:

- ★ 11 new roofs were installed
- ★ 18 homeowners received new electrical services and/or upgrades
- ★ 28 homes were repaired, renovated and modified
- ★ 278 pieces of adaptive equipment was purchased and installed
- ★ 1,000 community volunteers donated 9,460 hours to improve housing in support of the one day event

**The Value of Volunteer Labor and Purchased Materials Used in 28 Homes During the 2008 Rebuilding Day Event: \$491,560**


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# Our Mission...

## Repairing Homes, Improving Lives!

### 2008 Homeowner's Notes of Thanks:

- When one has been blessed with answered prayer, the best words seem inadequate! There is just no way we could have afforded to accomplish this massive undertaking alone. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude. *Helen*
- The men and women worked so hard all day. They were so good to me and I could never pay for all they have done. Hope they have good health and God will take care of them. *Antonette*
- Something wonderful happened to me. A great organization, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh worked at my home. Electrician's, carpenters, locksmith, plumber, and the sponsor volunteers were all the greatest. I am 85 years old and I hope I live a long time to enjoy my new home. *Dorothy*



### Law Firm Gets Involved

On April 2, 2008 the firm of Reed Smith hosted a huge bake sale to benefit Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh. Sharon Ament stated, "It was a huge success! We had over 20 volunteers bake items such as gobs, brownies, chocolate covered pretzels, banana nut bread, assorted muffins, assorted cookies, pumpkin cake, lady locks, and buckeyes. We even had peanut butter doggie biscuits for our four legged friends". Reed Smith raised \$304.50 through the bake sale to benefit RTP in addition to sponsoring a home for the 2008 Rebuilding Day Event. Way to go Reed Smith!

### 2008 REBUILDING DAY HOMEOWNER STATISTICS

- 100% have low or very low incomes**
- 57% are women who are the sole provider for the household**
- 93% are 65 years old or older**
- 57% live alone**
- 75% have a physical disability or medical hardship**
- 18% have grandchildren under 18 living with them**

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- **Lowe's Commercial Services/Munhall** for providing a smooth and efficient system for purchasing materials
- **Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh** and the **Polish Hill Civic Association** for coordinating cluster activities in their communities
- **Ferry Electric, Miller Electric** and **Schultheis Electric** for donating labor, supplies and a truck
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- **Zone 2 City of Pittsburgh Police**
- **Giant Eagle** for donating bottled water and \$200 in gift certificates
- **Sal Williams Real Estate Company** for donating warehouse in Uptown
- **Robert Bosch Tool Corporation** and Kelly Jones for donating tools


## Exciting Changes Coming! The 2009 Rebuilding Day Event

As a House Sponsor, you will have the chance to preview and select your home  
From qualifying applications or *Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh* will assign you one.

Other exciting changes to be announced in the Fall of 2008.

**Friday, July 11, 2008 • 6 pm to 10 pm • Heinz Field, East Club**

**Years ago, somewhere along the banks of the Allegheny,  
there was a popular nightclub...**



**Please Respond By June 27, 2008**

**A** speakeasy of the sort we hear about only in books and the tall tales of oldersters. It was such a swingin' cabaret and casino that folks came from miles around to enjoy the music, the sights and the action. So, let's slip a sawbuck to the Maitr'd', pass on by the velvet rope, and give the dice a roll at the *North Shore Club Noir*.

The friends of *Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh* invite you to step back in time and help us bring alive once again the sights and sounds of the *North Shore Club Noir*. Join us for a spirited evening to raise funds to support the efforts of *Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh* in providing home repair and rehabilitation services for low income elderly homeowners in Allegheny County.

» Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Seat(s) at \$75.00 each  
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## LOCAL #5 ELECTRICIANS AND APPRENTICES SHINE

Pittsburgh's Local 5 Electrician's and Apprentices have been involved with RTP for many years by sponsoring a home on Rebuilding Day. This year however, Local 5 took on a much larger role, providing skilled labor and materials in eight additional homes slated for work during the Rebuilding Day Event. Most of the electric in many Rebuilding Day homes was the original and the services were so old and outdated making electric throughout the home inoperable and extremely dangerous. The teams of apprentices and certified electrician's provided an extraordinary service for the homeowners this year and RTP commends their efforts. In addition, a team of six electrician's were available for electrical emergencies during the event day. RTP would like to especially thank Michael Dunleavy, Business Manager and Apprentice Coordinator Ken Morris.



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