



National Rebuilding Day 2008 Fact Sheet

- This April Long Beach will be a better place to live for 6 low-income home-owners.
- Rebuilding Together Long Beach will participate in National Rebuilding day along with more than 200 other Rebuilding Together affiliates nationwide by bringing teams of community volunteers together to rehabilitate and improve homes of low-income homeowners at no charge.
- Among the recipients are the elderly, the disabled, military veterans and families in need. In Long Beach they include:
 - A blessed family struggling with a severely disabled 1 year old daughter forced to move into the grandparents home after a staggering life change. Eight people now live in a single structure sharing 1 aged bathroom, 3 bedrooms and a small family area.
 - An intelligent, strong-willed middle-aged man who suffered a stroke 28 months ago that severely paralyzed his left side. The doctors told him on a scale of 1 to 10, the severity of his stroke was an 11.
 - A critical-care nurse crippled with back problems and a sudden onset of blindness forced to retire at an early age now struggles to keep up with financial demands of running a household.
- Rebuilding Together Long Beach is celebrating 15 years of service to the Long Beach community helping over 100 families and 35 non-profit agencies since its inception in 1992.
- Recent projects for Rebuilding Together upgrading aged electrical circuits and wiring systems, installing handicap accessible bathroom fixtures including complete remodels in some cases, installing safety locks, doors and lights, rebuilding walls, roofs and other structural locations of the homes, replacing a water heater, repairing weathered stairs, building a wheelchair accessible ramp, installing safety lights on housing parameters, repairing structurally compromised floors in kitchens and bathrooms, hanging window and door screens, and providing alternative solutions for keeping the home safe, warm and accessible for longer periods of time.
- Among the 2008 Sponsors of Rebuilding Together Long Beach are Countrywide, Lowe's, The Home Depot, Boeing, Clark Construction, Glaeser Builders, Food Finders, The Archstone Foundation, Seal Beach Lions and Leos, Union Bank, Ralphs, DENSO Sales of Ca., R M Hasson, The Crummer Foundation, Al la Carte Catering, Fresh and Easy, Nuprecon, PCI, Murray Company, ISEC, Sasco, ProSpectra, Peet's Coffee, BabyCakes Bakery, DTS, Inc and Wilson Home Improvement Specialists.

- Rebuilding Together Long Beach is part of the national organization, Rebuilding Together, the nation's leading nonprofit working to preserve affordable home ownership and revitalize neighborhoods by bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners.
- Rebuilding Together has over 200 affiliates nationwide and is celebrating its 20th year as a national organization, recently completing over 100,000 projects. In 2008, Rebuilding Together's Affiliate Network has a goal of 10,000 projects (homes and non-profit facilities) with a market value over \$100 million.
- Rebuilding Together's web site is www.rebuildingtogether.org. National media contact is Becky Carter at bcarter@rebuildingtogether.org
- Get involved with Rebuilding Together Long Beach by becoming a sponsor or volunteer. Contact us at www.rebuildingtogetherlongbeach.org or www.RTLB.org