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# Rebuilding Together New York City

October 2016 Newsletter



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## Exciting News & Updates:

### She Builds

#### Women Rebuilding Communities



On Saturday, October 1, with the help of volunteers from Charter Communications, the Meredith Corporation, HGTV, Gilbane Building Company, and Redtop Architects, along with HGTV's Masters of Flip Kortney and Dave Wilson, and Catherine Curtin, Lolita Foster, Annie Golden and Alysia Reiner from Orange Is the New Black, we provided critical repairs and renovation to Sarah Powell Huntington House (SPHH). Repairs included mold abatement, upgrades to the child care floor, repainting of rooms and hallways, upgrades to the shared outdoors space, and more.

This residence, managed by the Women's Prison Association (WPA), helps women exiting the criminal



#### New York City Employment & Training Coalition

Rebuilding Together NYC is now a proud member of the New York City Employment & Training Coalition. NYCETC is an association of more than 150 community based organizations, educational institutions, and labor unions that annually provide job training and employment services to over 800,000 New Yorkers, including public assistance recipients, unemployed workers, low-wage workers, opportunity youth, individuals with criminal justice involvement, immigrants, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. Rebuilding Together NYC is thrilled to connect with like-minded organizations that work to promote an accessible and affordable city for all its residents.

To visit NYCETC's website, [click here](#).

justice center to reunite with their children, giving them a safe space to live and helping them rejoin their community. Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors who made She Builds NYC possible. Together we can make a difference.

Click [here](#) to view photos.

To read press coverage surrounding the event, click [here](#) and [here](#)!

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## Project Spotlight: FRD Home Renovation



On Saturday, October 29th, Rebuilding Together NYC will host Fall Rebuilding Day—the annual neighborhood rebuild event that occurs on the last Saturday of every October. This year, we are headed to the Hurricane Sandy-damaged neighborhood of Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, where many residents continue to rebuild four years after the storm.

One of the families that we will be helping is the G. family, which includes three humans and three canines, who have lived in their Gerritsen Beach home for over a decade. The house sustained structural damage during Hurricane Sandy and critical repairs remain outstanding. On Fall Rebuilding Day, Rebuild Together NYC will lay flooring, repair the drop-ceiling, break up and pour a concrete slab, and tile a bathroom.

Click [here](#) to learn how to sponsor a home this FRD.



## Seeking ADA Contractors!

Rebuilding Together NYC is seeking experienced ADA contractors with knowledge of interior and exterior ADA accessibility modifications such as ramps, lifts, and full bathroom and kitchen modifications.

**Please send all inquiries via email to Terry Scott, Director of Construction, at [tscott@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:tscott@rebuildingtogethernyc.org).**



## Salvage Store

Rebuilding Together NYC has gently used and reasonably priced building materials and furniture for sale in our Salvage Store. The store currently contains dozens of bathroom sinks, toilets, kitchen cabinet sets, and doors.

We also still have [kitchen items](#) for sale including bamboo cutting boards, Pyrex storage containers, baking dishes, and much more. Please email [info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org) or call (718) 488-8840 for more information.

**To visit the Salvage Store click [here](#).**

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## Volunteer Spotlight: KPF Architects



On Wednesday, September 21st, Rebuilding Together NYC and Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association were joined by KPF Architects to complete a large-scale community garden rebuild in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the Bronx. The architecture firm, whose projects include some of the world's largest towers and longest spans, sent 25 volunteers to weed, lay sod, build and stain a fence, and lay a lawn border. They brought their design skills and left behind a beautiful space in which residents can relax, harvest vegetables, hold community meetings, and more. A huge thank you to KPF Architects - we can't wait to have you out on a project site again soon. That's a wrap!

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## Community Partner Spotlight: La Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo



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Founded in 1959, La Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo "Cristo Viene" has been serving the Coney Island community for 57 years. In 2013, the church was severely hit by Hurricane Sandy. Although the church itself was in critical condition, it opened its doors to community members to serve hot food, distribute clothing and cleaning supplies, and provide counseling and administrative assistance.

Rebuilding Together NYC joined community members to help rebuild the church in 2013, following Sandy. Now, three years later, the church continues to serve the Coney Island community. Rebuilding Together NYC is grateful to have hosted the classroom portion of the last three cohorts of the Workforce Training Program in the church's upstairs community space. RT NYC is incredibly thankful for the long and illustrious partnership with La Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo "Cristo Viene."

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## 6th Annual Golf Tournament



Rebuilding Together NYC held our 6th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 8th at the Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, NY. The golf tournament raised money to help low-income New Yorkers improve their housing, health, and economic stability. Our tournament winners were Edward Kulic, Alan Kensek, Thomas Contegiacomo, and Damir Penava from Orca Mechanical Inc. The longest drive winner was Darryl Pono from Kenneth Castellucci & Associates. Ben Grandjean from Shawmut Design and Construction was the closest to the pin winner. Congratulations to all of our tournament winners!

We would like to thank our sponsors Shawmut Design and Construction, Spray Force Systems, Eclipse Contracting Corp, Capitol Wood Floors, Long Island Concrete, Midtown Contracting LLC, Raritan Bay Contracting Inc., Orca Mechanical Inc., Willis Towers Watson, Vornado Realty Trust LP, Dal Electric, Knoller Co., Statewide Demolition Corporation, Kenneth Castellucci & Associates, Inc., Saxe Doernberger & Vita, P.C., Long Island Concrete, Inc., Par Plumbing, SSBx, Daniel DeMarco and Associates, Lido Lighting, Tristate Plumbing, TouchTel Electric & Datacom, and Artisan Stoneworks.

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## Upcoming Events:

October 6, 2016 - Volunteer day with BNY Mellon

October 22, 2016 - Volunteer day with Open Architecture NY

October 29, 2016 - Fall Rebuilding Day

November 5, 2016 - Volunteer day with AECOM

November 6, 2016 - TCS New York City Marathon

March 13 - 17, 2017 - Volunteer week with SUNY Geneseo/Livingston Cares

April 29, 2017 - National Rebuilding Day

May 11, 2017 - 2017 Coming Home Gala

May 15 - 19, 2017 - Volunteer week with SUNY Geneseo/Livingston Cares

Together we transform the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities.

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