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Rebuilding Together New York City

November 2016 Newsletter



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Exciting News & Updates:

Fall Rebuilding Day in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn



On October 29, 2016, Rebuilding Together NYC hosted Fall Rebuilding Day in commemoration of the 4th anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. With the help of 100 volunteers, we repaired five homes, two community gardens, and installed 50 solar powered lights to increase safety in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn.



Barclays Pro Bono Award

We are excited to announce that Rebuilding Together NYC has been selected to participate in the Barclays Pro Bono Program. The 12 week program will provide evaluation and solutions to improve our organization's financial data reporting.

This opportunity was made possible through [Taproot+](#).



Workforce Training Program Update

The second year of the Workforce Training Program is in full swing with the graduation of the 7th cohort taking place this past week. To date, 66 individuals have graduated from the program and we are thrilled to be training 10 more in our 8th cohort, held at the Miccio Community Center in Red Hook, Brooklyn. We are excited to be working with community residents and leaders in our home neighborhood of Red Hook.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors and volunteers, we installed flooring, secured ceilings, hung drywall, and repaired exterior walls—issues that have gone unaddressed since Hurricane Sandy. Volunteers also provided landscaping work to renovate the local community gardens and installed solar powered lights on the exterior of homes to illuminate the neighborhood and enhance public safety.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and partners on the Gerritsen Beach rebuilding projects, including Shawmut Design and Construction, Dal Electric, BNY Mellon, M&T Plumbing, Gerritsen Beach Bagels, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Open Architecture New York, Columbia Habitat for Humanity, Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department, and Gerritsen Beach Homeowners Association, with a special thanks to Senator Martin Golden, Council Member Mark Treyger, and Assembly Member Alan Maisel for joining us at the event kickoff.

To view photos from Fall Rebuilding Day, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view press coverage from NY1, WNBC, WABC, Fox 5, PIX 11, 1010 WINS, and Daily News. To view videos, click [here](#).

Funding Announcement: \$1 Million Grant to Repair Homes



We are thrilled to announce that the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation has awarded Rebuilding Together NYC a grant of \$1 million under the Affordable Home Ownership Development Program. Rebuilding Together NYC will use the funds to rehabilitate 1-4 unit homes in low-income New York City neighborhoods as part of our Critical Home Repair program.

If you are interested in applying to the Workforce Training Program, please click [here](#).



Seeking ADA Contractors!

Rebuilding Together NYC is seeking experienced contractors with knowledge of interior and exterior Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessibility modifications such as ramps, lifts, and bathroom and kitchen modifications.

Please send all inquiries via email to Terry Scott, Director of Construction, at 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

To learn more about New York State Homes and Community Renewal, click [here](#).

#Giving Tuesday Save the Date: November 29, 2016



Rebuilding Together NYC has a wait list of over 200 low-income applicants living in unsafe and unhealthy conditions. On any given day, these families must choose between paying for food, child care, health care, or their mortgages—necessities that often take priority over critical home repairs. As a result, the homes deteriorate over time and lead to crumbling foundations, dangerously sagging roofs, and failed mechanical systems. YOUR support can help rebuild homes and renew hope for low-income families throughout New York City.

What is #GivingTuesday?

We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity worldwide.

Don't miss out on being a part of the day for global giving. Click [here](#) to sign up to

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 or call [\(718\) 488-8840](tel:(718)488-8840) for more information.

To learn more about the Salvage Store, click [here](#).

**Giving Spotlight:
Amazon Smile**



Do your shopping at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Rebuilding Together NYC.

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**Giving Spotlight:
Goodshop**



Before you place your online orders, check us out on Goodshop! When you order from participating stores (Best Buy, Macy's, Sephora, Bed Bath & Beyond, Staples, Home Depot & hundreds more!) a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Rebuilding Together NYC. Check out [goodshop](#), select the store you wish to purchase from, and choose Rebuilding Together NYC as your nonprofit of choice.

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learn how YOU can make a change in our community!

Announcement: New Board Member



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Annie Block to the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together NYC. Annie is the deputy editor of *Interior*

Design magazine. She previously worked as an editor at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Miami Herald*, and *Travel + Leisure*. Based in New York City, Annie is a frequent design juror, moderator, and lecturer, and serves on the planning committees of the Design Trust for Public Space and Openhousenewyork.

See our full Board of Directors list [here](#).

Staff Update: New Intern



We would like to welcome to the team our new Grant Writing and Research Intern, Christopher DiFlorio. Chris is currently a Junior Business Management major at Hofstra University. He was born and raised in Rochester, NY, and his introduction to

community service came when he first enrolled at Hofstra in the Fall of 2014. Through their

Discovery Program, 15 Hofstra students and Chris collaborated with Rebuilding Together NYC on clearing debris from a flooded home in Brooklyn that was devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Since then, his passion for rebuilding has taken off and now he finds himself interning as a Grant Writer with Rebuilding Together NYC. In addition to volunteering as a side hobby, he also enjoys traveling (he studied abroad in Europe last semester) as well as taking trips into Manhattan when he can to see live music, grab a bite to eat, or just explore the city.

Click [here](#) to learn how you can get involved.

In the Press: Staten Island Advance

Nonprofit fills gap in Sandy recovery for desperate homeowners



This article from the Staten Island Advance details the success of Rebuilding Together NYC in helping to fill gaps in Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts for Staten Island homeowners who the city could not help. Charlie Syvertsen said that he was grateful to get the help when he did. Last year, Rebuilding Together NYC resided the house, replaced the roof, and performed renovations throughout the first floor, putting a total of \$70,643 in construction costs into the home.

To read the article, click [here](#).

Salvaged goods from most Sandy buyout homes go to contractors



This article from the Staten Island Advance details the importance of salvaging materials from Hurricane Sandy buyout homes before demolition in order to divert waste from landfills. As part of its contract with New York State, Rebuilding Together NYC salvages, recycles, and reuses materials from the buyout homes.

To read the article, click [here](#).

In the Press: New York Nonprofit Media Podcast

Dollars and Disasters: Nonprofit Contracts And Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts



City Councilwoman Helen Rosenthal and our Executive Director Kimberly George joined Nonprofit Media recently in the studio to talk about nonprofit contracts and Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Councilwoman Rosenthal

discussed what should be done to improve city and state contracts with nonprofits. With the fourth anniversary of Hurricane Sandy this week, Kimberly talked about the state of repairs and how residents are living in an invisible crisis.

Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast (RT NYC feature starts at minute 22:11).

Upcoming Events:

November 5, 2016 - Volunteer day
with AECOM

November 6, 2016 - TCS New York City
Marathon

November 29, 2016 - #GivingTuesday

February 25, 2017 - Volunteer day
with Colombia Habitat for Humanity

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

March 25, 2017 - Volunteer day with Colombia
Habitat for Humanity

April 29, 2017 - National Rebuilding Day

May 11, 2017 - 3rd Annual 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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