

Rebuilding Together New York City

July 2016 Newsletter



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Exciting News & Updates:

Chip In To Rebuild: Sept. 8

Rebuilding Together NYC is proud to announce our 6th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 8th at the Centennial Golf Club. All proceeds will go to helping low-income New Yorkers improve their housing, health, and economic stability.

Gather your friends, family, and coworkers, and join us for a fun day of golf to support a great cause. Individuals and teams are welcome!

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets and sponsorship today!

RT NYC Welcomes 3 New Staff Members

Operations Manager, Kayleigh Marshall

Kayleigh Marshall joins the Rebuilding Together NYC team as the Operations Manager this July. She holds a BA in Law & Society from American University, a MPA from the University of San Francisco, and published her capstone on



communication access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in prison. Her passion for volunteerism was ignited through her work with HEARD, an allvolunteer nonprofit which

RT NYC In the News!

Read about the great work that Bike & Build volunteers did with Rebuilding Together NYC at a community garden owned by Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association in the Bronx.

[Fox News 5](#)

[New York Daily News](#)

[News 12 The Bronx](#)

Huge thanks to The Hyde & Watson Foundation

We are excited to announce that The Hyde and Watson Foundation has awarded Rebuilding Together NYC a grant of \$10,000 to purchase a vehicle! This vehicle will increase our organizational capacity and the efficiency with which we deliver our programs and services. The vehicle will allow Rebuilding Together NYC to engage a much larger volume of volunteers, and increase the number of families we help in 2016 and for years to come.

Stay tuned as we choose a new vehicle to add to our fleet!

Program Spotlight: Workforce Training Program

Cohort 6 of the Workforce Training Program began on Wednesday, July 22nd. This cohort has 10 hard-

advocates for deaf, hardofhearing, and people with disabilities who are detained or in prison. Prior to joining Rebuilding Together, Kayleigh served as the Operations Associate for HandsOn Bay Area, a nonprofit which provides volunteer opportunities for individuals and corporations.

Construction Coordinator, Sabene Similien



Sabene Similien joined Rebuilding Together NYC in July 2016 as the Construction Coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from New York City College of Technology. In 2014, Sabene committed 11 months of service to RTNYC as the AmeriCorps Project Coordinator. While serving, Sabene developed a passion for construction and community. She is excited to

be rejoining the team, continuing the efforts to rebuild healthy communities across New York City.

Workforce Training Program Coordinator, Laura Christensen-Garcia

Laura Christensen-Garcia served with Rebuilding Together NYC as the AmeriCorps Program Coordinator from August 2015-June 2016. She starts as the Workforce Training Program Coordinator in July. Having graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a degree in Political Science, Laura is especially interested in the political and economic nuances of workforce development in New York City. She is incredibly excited to continue on as a full time staff member with Rebuilding Together NYC.



working participants--all from Coney Island.

To learn more about the Workforce Training Program, click [here](#).

Salvage Store: Summer Picnic Items!

RT NYC recently received an extensive [donation](#) from World Kitchen. Included in this large donation are bamboo cutting boards, Pyrex storage containers, baking dishes, dutch ovens, and much, much more. Please e-mail info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org or call [\(718\) 488-8840](tel:(718)488-8840) for more information.

To visit 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.

[Learn More](#)

Marathon Runner Spotlight: Rodney Umble

Rodney is excited to be running for Rebuilding Together NYC to further strengthen the communities of New York. Some areas/families are still recovering from Sandy. Some homes have been hit with pests that will go



unmentioned. Rodney believes that whatever the cause or reason, people deserve a place to proudly call home.

To support Rodney's campaign, please click [here](#).

Marathon Runner Spotlight: Heather-Lynne Vaughan

Heather moved to New York in August 2015 from California. Heather had never been to New York prior to moving here. Heather believes that New York City is full of some of the nicest,



most compassionate humans she has ever met, both the natives and transplants living here. She immediately fell in love with this city and its people. She can't think of a better way to contribute to my new home and community other than by supporting Rebuilding Together NYC - a nonprofit organization that directly helps low income home owners and nonprofit facilities by providing home repairs and home modifications.

To donate to Heather's campaign, please click [here](#).

Homeowner Spotlight: Yolanda and Tyree W.



Yolanda and Tyree W. live in their Queens home with their two children, one in elementary school and the other just graduating from high school. They took on several feet of flood water during Hurricane Sandy and have since been unable to gather the resources needed to fully repair their home. When Rebuilding Together NYC first visited the home in April 2016, drywall in the lower level had been cut up several feet where flood waters stood, and damages to the kitchen cabinets and appliances left the family with limited options for cooking and preparing meals. Now, the home is under construction and the W. family looks forward to resuming life in their fully-repaired home in just a couple of weeks.

To learn more about the Disaster Rebuild program, please click [here](#).

Project Spotlight: Gotham Professional Arts Academy



On Friday June 17, we were proud to work with Forest City Ratner Companies volunteers for the second year in a row! The volunteers worked hard painting and landscaping at the [Gotham Professional Arts Academy](#). We are also in the process of installing new exercise equipment, and stage curtains as part of this project. We would also like to extend a huge thanks to the Gotham Professional Arts Academy students and staff for lending a helping hand.

To see more photos from the Volunteer Day with Forest City Ratner Companies, please click [here](#).

Read about the event in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

September 8, 2016 - 6th Annual Golf Tournament
October 1, 2016 - Women Rebuilding Communities Event
October 6, 2016 - Volunteer Day with BNY Mellon
October 29, 2016 - Fall Rebuilding Day
November 6, 2016 - TCS New York City Marathon

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

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