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# Rebuilding Together New York City



September 2016 Newsletter

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## Exciting News & Updates: Fall Rebuilding Day 2016 Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn



### New Board Member

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sean Connery to the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together NYC. Sean is a partner at Perkins Coie with the firm's Corporate practice. He represents corporate trust companies and departments of major banking institutions. We are honored to add his legal experience to our team!

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



In honor of the fourth anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, Rebuilding Together NYC will be returning to Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn on Saturday, October 29th for our Fall Rebuilding Day to provide much needed repairs for homeowners and community members. With support from over 150 volunteers and partners, Rebuilding Together NYC will rebuild up to 10 homes and renovate a local community space. In addition, Rebuilding Together NYC will install 100 solar-powered lights on the exterior of homes throughout the neighborhood.



**Seeking ADA Contractors!**

We are looking for additional sponsors and volunteer photographers for this project. If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, click [here](#) for more information on partnership opportunities.

If you are an amateur or professional photographer looking for volunteer projects, please contact Alyssa Moya at [alyssa.moya@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:alyssa.moya@rebuildingtogethernyc.org).

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## RT NYC Welcomes 2 New Team Members

### AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, Amanda Champion



Amanda Champion studied architecture and urban planning at Pratt Institute and earned a bachelor's in Urban Community Planning and Design from SUNY Empire State. During her undergraduate

studies, Amanda became interested in the ways design and urban planning can be used to serve, learn from, and work alongside struggling communities. She was a team member at Architecture for Humanity-New York City for 6 years and worked on several humanitarian design projects, including Under the BQE, which was awarded the second place international Community Design Award in 2013. Amanda continues to serve communities through organizations such as the Brooklyn Anti-Gentrification Network, City-wide Alliance Against Displacement, Chinatown Working Group, Metropolitan Council on Housing, and Right to the City-New York. She is excited for the opportunity to join Rebuilding Together NYC and meet and work with growing numbers of low-income community members to realize their vision of a stable place to call home.

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).**



### Register Today and Chip In To Rebuild!

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

It's not too late to gather your friends, family, and coworkers, to join us for a fun day of golf to support a great cause. Individuals and teams are welcome!

Get a jumpstart on our auction by bidding on an array of select Rebuilding Together NYC golf [auction items](#).

**Click [here](#) to register today!**

## AmeriCorps Project Coordinator, Alyssa Moya



Alyssa Moya joined the Rebuilding Together NYC team this August as the AmeriCorps Project Coordinator. While pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from SUNY Binghamton, Alyssa developed

a passion for giving back to her community. Having been raised in Queens, Alyssa became interested in revitalization and community development after Hurricane Sandy. She volunteered towards the effort to rebuild homes that were destroyed by the storm and found that not only did she love seeing the community reawaken but also that she enjoyed construction. In addition, Alyssa loves photography and can often be seen walking around the city with her camera. Now that she has graduated, Alyssa is excited to join the Rebuilding Together NYC Team. She aspires to continue to make an impact in the future by pursuing her Masters degree in Social Work.

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## Community Partner Spotlight: Women's Prison Association



## 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](#).**



## 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

Rebuilding Together NYC is proud to partner with the Women's Prison Association (WPA) on our upcoming She Builds project at the Sarah Powell Huntington House (SPHH) on October 1, 2016.

WPA works with women at all stages of criminal justice involvement. The association promotes alternatives to incarceration and helps women living in the community to avoid arrest or incarceration by making positive changes in their lives. Inside prison and jail, they are a source of support to women and a resource to them as they plan for release. After incarceration, women come to WPA for help to build the lives they want for themselves and their families in the community.

WPA helps women achieve what is most important to them. Women come to the association to: find safe and affordable housing, prepare for job interviews and obtain employment, reunify with their children, comply with criminal justice mandates and live safe and law-abiding lives, access addiction, health, and mental health services, gain peer support from other women, and learn household budgeting and skills for daily life.

WPA assists more than 1,500 women and 500 children per year from three community sites in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

**Help support the WPA women and their children living at the Sarah Powell Huntington House, click [here](#) to donate today.**

**To learn more about Women Prison Association click [here](#).**

**Click [here](#) for more information on She Builds, and the [SPHH project](#).**

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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## Volunteer Spotlight: Angelo Sylvester



During the month of August, Angelo Sylvester, a New Jersey native, volunteered with Rebuilding Together NYC on multiple home and community center repair projects. Angelo helped with landscaping, installing flooring, sanding, and painting.

When asked how he felt about his volunteer experience with Rebuilding Together NYC, Angelo said, "I had an amazing experience volunteering with Rebuilding Together NYC. After seeing the work that you do, I cannot wait to come back out to volunteer again to help make a difference in the community."

**To volunteer with Rebuilding Together NYC, click [here](#).**

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## Upcoming Events:

September 8, 2016 - 6th Annual Golf Tournament

September 19, 2016 - Volunteer day with KPF Architects

September 27, 2016 - Volunteer day with JRM Construction

September 30, 2016 - Volunteer day with HGTV

October 1, 2016 - She Builds: Women Rebuilding Communities

October 6, 2016 - Volunteer day with BNY Mellon

October 22, 2016 - Volunteer day with Open Architecture NY

October 29, 2016 - Fall Rebuilding Day

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.

**Donate Today**

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