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## Rebuilding Together NYC April 2015 Newsletter

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### Project Spotlight: Light Up the Rockaways



On March 28, 2015, Rebuilding Together NYC installed 20 motion-activated, solar paneled security lights for homeowners living in the Rockaways as part our "Light it Up" program. Volunteers from Sustainable South Bronx, FEMA Corps, Brooklyn College American Medical Student Association (BC AMSA), and Tzu Chi Foundation braved the snow and cold winds to provide Rockaway residents with solar lights that help increase overall safety in the communities where they are installed. When asked how he feels about the solar light installation, homeowner Alexander Peguero said, "I want to thank Rebuilding Together NYC for everything they are doing for me today. This solar light will definitely make me feel safe as I come home late at night." Rebuilding Together NYC installed an additional 35 lights in the Rockaway community last Fall and will be installing 50 more on April 25, 2015.

To learn more about the Light It Up program, click [here](#).

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## Homeowner Spotlight: Tracy and Carlos Worrell

Carlos Worrell's life was changed in May 2014 when he fell down at his job and was diagnosed with ALS. Not even one year later, his condition has declined to the point where he can no longer walk and has limited mobility in his arms. Carlos is not able to leave his home without the assistance of several people mobilizing to carry him out in his wheelchair. He applied to Rebuilding Together NYC in order to get a chairlift for the front entrance of the house, but the stairs leading up to the front entrance were greatly damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Rebuilding Together NYC will be assisting the Worrells in fixing damage caused by Hurricane Sandy as well as installing accessibility modifications. Tracy, Carlos's wife, says, "Carlos needs to get out of the house, so he looks out the storm door." With the installation of the chairlift "he will be able to get fresh air and go grocery shopping which he absolutely loves."

To view our application for free home repairs, click [here](#).

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Right Management



On March 7, 2015, volunteers from Right Management helped provide critical home repairs for a homeowner that was affected by Hurricane Sandy. With the help of the Rebuilding Together NYC construction staff, Right Management volunteers installed framing and mold resistant drywall to create walls and a ceiling, then mudded and sanded the drywall. Rebuilding Together NYC relies heavily on corporate volunteer groups like Right Management's in order to complete large rebuilding projects at no cost to low-income homeowners. Right Management came out at the right time for the right project to help us in a significant way. We cannot wait to put them to work on their next project!

To learn more about corporate volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).

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## Project Announcement: National Rebuilding Day in Rockaway, Queens



In honor of National Rebuilding Day, Rebuilding Together NYC will be returning to Rockaway, Queens with the

help of 150 volunteers to provide much needed repairs to homeowners and community members on April 25, 2015. With support from our volunteers as well as local and national partners, Rebuilding Together NYC will rebuild 7 homes, renovate a local community space, and install 0 solar-powered security lights through our "Light it Up" program.

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

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## Staff Update: New Development Manager

We are pleased to welcome Emma Ter-Saakova who joined Rebuilding Together NYC as the Development Manager in March 2015. Prior to joining RT NYC, Emma served as the Development Coordinator with the Children of Armenia Fund, a nonprofit that uses community-led approaches to reduce rural poverty. The cause of promoting local human prosperity has always been a passion for Emma. She holds a Masters of Arts in International Policy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. In her free time, Emma can be found spending time with her fiancé, family, and her two rescue dogs.



To learn more about our staff members, click [here](#)!

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## Marathon Runner Spotlight: Peter Young



We are excited to welcome Peter Young to our 2015 TCS New York City Marathon team. When asked why he is running the marathon to fundraise for Rebuilding Together NYC, Peter said: "I have spent the past year learning about this wonderful organization and the incredible work that they do, and this is my chance to support their mission. Rebuilding Together NYC provides free critical home repairs to low-income New Yorkers to provide them with safe and healthy housing. In New York, much of that work has been Hurricane Sandy-related

where RT NYC takes spaces from studs and joists to fully finished. By running this marathon and fundraising for Rebuilding Together NYC, I feel I am doing my small part in supporting an organization that really changes lives."

To donate to Peter's Crowdrise page, click [here](#).

Rebuilding Together NYC still has marathon runner spots available, for more information click [here](#).

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## Rebuilding Together NYC Becomes a Qualified Contractor in City's



## Build It Back program

The New York City Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations' Build It Back Program is assists NYC residents with homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. To help rebuild even more storm damaged homes, Rebuilding Together NYC has become a qualified home improvement contractor in Build It Back's Choose Your Own Contractor (CYOC) program. If you know someone whose home was damaged by Hurricane Sandy and applied or would like to apply to Build It Back, you can refer them to Rebuilding Together NYC to help them navigate the process and rebuild their home. Homeowners can contact Build It Back's customer service line at [212-615-8329](tel:212-615-8329) and notify the representative that they would like to choose Rebuilding Together NYC.

To learn more about Build it Back, click [here](#).

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## AmeriCorps Service Project



As part of their AmeriCorps service term, our three AmeriCorps members Adrianna, Amy, and Caitlin are required to complete a service project that will impact Rebuilding Together NYC and our local community. Our AmeriCorps members have decided to work together on their service projects to help provide a disabled veteran with a wheelchair accessible bathroom and kitchen.

Butler Dowry is an incredible man that has spent his whole life in service to his country and to his Harlem community. After suffering from a life-altering injury in 2010 that left him wheelchair bound, Butler is no longer able to access his kitchen and bathroom. RT NYC does not have the funds to finance the entire project and our AmeriCorps members are determined to raise \$33,000, the money needed to provide Butler with an ADA compliant bathroom and kitchen. With your financial support, our AmeriCorps members will raise the funds needed to give Butler a safe, healthy, and accessible home.

To donate to Butler's fundraiser, please visit his GoFundMe page [here](#)!

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## Rebuilding Together NYC Coming Home Gala: Tickets Still Available



On Thursday, April 30, 2015, Rebuilding Together NYC will host its annual Gala at the Yale Club in Midtown Manhattan. George Oliphant, host of NBC's hit show "George to the Rescue" will serve as Master of Ceremony for the evening, which will honor Shawmut Design & Construction President, Les Hiscoe, and long-time support from the Meredith Corporation. The Coming Home Gala celebrates the exceptional philanthropic work of its honorees in New York City and throughout the country.

To learn more about this event and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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## In the Press

### Stanford Review: Board Governance

This article from the Stanford Social Innovation Review details the success of the Credit Suisse Americas Foundation, a program at Credit Suisse that helps high-level employees and valued clients master the art of nonprofit board member service. This article references RT NYC Board President Stephen Dundon and the significant impact that his leadership has had on our organization.

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

### NASH Matters Interview

Last month, Executive Director Kimberly George appeared on a radio broadcast with NASH Matters to discuss the recovery work that Rebuilding Together NYC has done following Hurricane Sandy. Kimberly also discussed National Rebuilding Day which will be held on April 25, 2015 in Rockaway, Queens and the annual Home Coming Gala which will take place on April 30, 2015.

To listen to the full interview, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events Calendar

- April 3, 2015 - FEMA Corps volunteer day
- April 6-8 2015 - Hofstra University alternative spring break
- April 14, 2015 - Deutsche Bank volunteer day

- April 15, 2015 - Brooklyn Nets volunteer day
- April 15-16, 2015 - DYCD Out-of-School Youth Program volunteer days
- April 16, 2015 - LISC NYC volunteer day
- April 17, 2015 - Brooklyn Nets ribbon cutting
- April 18, 2015 - Rockaway homeowner orientation
- April 21, 2015- Credit Suisse volunteer day
- April 25, 2015 – National Rebuilding Day in Rockaway, Queens
- April 30, 2015 – *Coming Home: A Gala for Rebuilding Together NYC*
- June 2015 - Forest City Ratner Companies Red Hook Neighborhood Revitalization Project
- June 27, 2015 - Bike and Build volunteer day
- October 24, 2015 - Fall Rebuilding Day
- November 1, 2015 - TCS New York City Marathon

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