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### Project Spotlight: Ifedola O., Rockaway Queens



Over the course of a year, Rebuilding Together NYC helped Ifedola O. and her family with significant repairs to their Hurricane Sandy-damaged home. In the fall of 2014 with the support of the American Red Cross, RT NYC installed windows, storm doors, closet shelving and rods, a ceiling light, kitchen faucet and sink, as well as rebuilt the front and back stairways. During this time, the family took in Rebuilding Together NYC staff and volunteers as their own, always engaging in conversation and going out of their way to make all feel welcome. In particular, the family raved about volunteers from RT NYC partner Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW).

In the spring of 2015, RT NYC returned to Ifedola's home to complete additional repairs with funding from New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC). This project was a significant undertaking that required the work of contractors and involved the demolition of approximately 700 square feet of torn up concrete surrounding

the house. Once demolition was complete, we replaced 64 yards of concrete for over 1,000 square feet in and around the house, which included the first floor, sidewalk, and driveway. We are proud to announce that over the course of a year with the help of 49 volunteers, RT NYC was able to complete Ifedola's home on July 29, 2015 and once again provide a family with a safe and healthy home. During the closing meeting, Ifedola mentioned that she looks forward to working with RT NYC again soon - next time, as a volunteer.

To help support our projects, donate [here](#).

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## Homeowner Spotlight: Sylvia P.



Sylvia P. has called the Rockaways home since she and her husband purchased her current residence in 1946 and subsequently raised 6 children there. Sylvia, now 103 years old, resides alone in the home with the assistance of her home attendant who helps her move up and down the stairs, and outside the home. Over the years, many of the homes on her street have been remodeled and new families have moved in, but Sylvia has not had the funds to repair her home.

Sylvia's home was hit particularly hard by Hurricane Sandy, as her home is on the ocean. Following the storm, Sylvia and her children pooled together over \$200,000 to fix the interior so that Sylvia could remain living in her home of over 65 years. However, her insurance company is requiring that she complete additional repairs on the exterior of the home in order for her policy to be maintained.

Rebuilding Together NYC is helping to fund repairs to her front steps and back porch, which continues to remain unsafe, as well as the side of the home leading down to the basement. These repairs will allow Sylvia to continue to be insured by her insurance policy, and to safely enter and exit her home.

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

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Brad Ferguson



Brad Ferguson is spending his summer volunteering with Rebuilding Together NYC, assisting with data management integration and implementing a new inventory management system. He is a recent business graduate of Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. A Canadian and American citizen, Brad was born in California to Canadian parents but spent most of his life in Bergen County, New Jersey.

The devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy is what attracted Brad to reach out and offer his time. Brad aspires to work in finance and in his free time enjoys playing tennis and rugby. When asked what he enjoys most about volunteering with RT NYC he responded, "Definitely the people that make it all come together. I have never worked with a more dedicated group of individuals that care so much about what they do. I am very thankful to be able to contribute to a team this motivated and hardworking."

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

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## Announcement: We're Hiring a Workforce Training Instructor!

We are excited to announce that Rebuilding Together NYC is hiring a Workforce Training Instructor for our Disaster Recovery Workforce Training Program.

The DR Workforce Training Program is a six-week training course that uses the Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (HBI PACT) curriculum. The program is wholly funded under the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. Program participants are limited to low and very low income residents of Gravesend and Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, including Brooklyn Community Boards 11, 13 and 15, and Staten Island.



If you enjoy working in a dynamic environment, are interested in construction/deconstruction, and are looking for an opportunity to become part of a stellar team, we encourage you to apply today!

To view the full job description, click [here](#).

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## Announcement: Application Open for Workforce Training Participants



Do you live in Bensonhurst or Gravesend, Brooklyn or on Staten Island? Are you unemployed, underemployed, low/moderate income and looking to gain job-site experience and certifications in the construction industry?

Apply to participate in Rebuilding Together NYC's Disaster Recovery (DR) Workforce Training Program. This program includes two weeks of full time in-class education followed by four weeks of full time on-site work experience. The skills covered in this training includes:

- Basic building principles
- Safe and healthy housing
- Property inspections and scopes of work
- General carpentry and trades
- Identifying mold and asbestos
- Rebuilding after natural disasters
- Deconstruction
- Salvaging and repurposing

**Safety gear, steel-toed boots, and a \$1,000 stipend will be provided. Successful participants will obtain OSHA10 and Home Builders Institute certifications.** For more information, click [here](#).

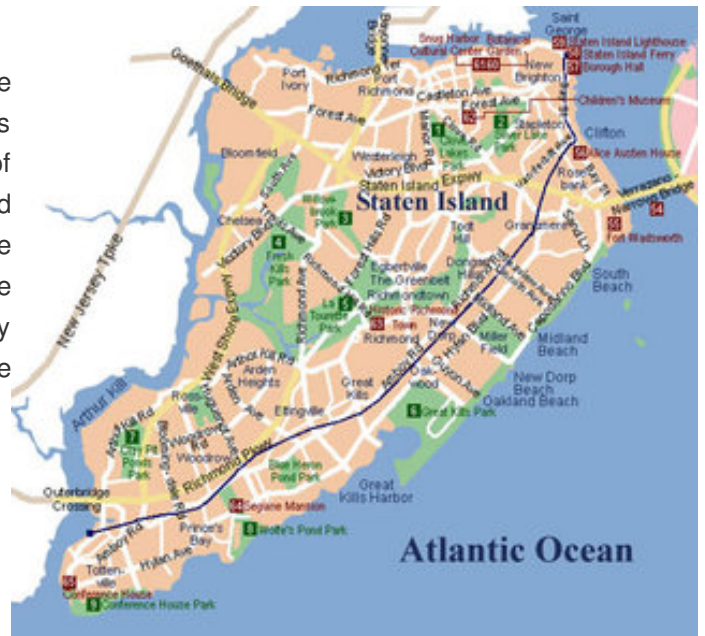
To apply for the Workforce Training Program, click [here](#) or call (718) 488-8840.

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## Project Announcement: Call for Homeowners and Community Centers on Staten Island

Rebuilding Together NYC will host its Fall Rebuilding Day in commemoration of the 3rd anniversary of Hurricane Sandy on Staten Island on October 24, 2015. We are currently accepting applications from Staten Island homeowners and community centers that were impacted by the storm and remain in need of repairs.

Low-income (below 80% AMI) homeowners whose primary residence is located on Staten Island, was flooded during Hurricane Sandy, and is still in need of storm-related repairs, should click [here](#) to download and complete our application. Please also submit the required supportive documents listed on the last page of the application. Applications can be completed by homeowners or disaster case managers, and should be delivered via one of the following methods:



Email: [info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org)

Fax: (718) 488-8847

Post:

Rebuilding Together NYC  
285 Van Brunt Street, Floor 1  
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If you are a representative of a nonprofit organization or community space and are interested in cost-free repairs and refurbishments, please fill out a brief survey [here](#). Feel free to share this survey with contacts who have community spaces that might be in need of repairs on Staten Island.

We are also looking for sponsors, volunteer photographers and videographers to participate in Fall Rebuilding Day. If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, click [here](#) for information on opportunities. If you are an amateur or professional photographer or videographer looking for volunteer projects, please contact Emma Ter-Saakova at [emma.tersaakova@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:emma.tersaakova@rebuildingtogethernyc.org).

If you have any questions, please contact us at (718) 488-8840 or [info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogethernyc.org).

## Funding Announcement: Access to Home for Medicaid Grant Award

We are happy to announce that New York State Homes and Community Renewal awarded Rebuilding Together NYC a grant of \$150,000 under the Access to Home for Medicaid Program. Rebuilding Together NYC will use these funds to provide free accessibility modifications to low-income homeowners and renters throughout the 5 boroughs.

To qualify for this program, applicants must be physically disabled or have substantial difficulty with an activity of daily living because of aging, meet our income requirements, and have Medicaid. Past modifications include door widening, ramps, stair lifts, chair lifts, creating fully accessible bathrooms, and installing grab bars.



The application for this program can be found on our [website](#) or by calling the office at (718) 488-8840.

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## 5th Annual Golf Tournament Raised \$48,500!



This year's Golf Tournament held on Thursday, July 16 at the Brynwood Golf and Country Club raised a record level of funds to support low-income New Yorkers with a fun day of golf and leisure activities. We want to thank our Golf Tournament guests and [sponsors](#) for their contributions and helping us make this such a successful event!

To view more pictures from the Golf Tournament, click [here](#).

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## 2015 TCS New York City Marathon Entries Available



Calling all runners - Rebuilding Together NYC has a few charity runner spots left for guaranteed entry into this year's marathon! The premier event of the New York Road Runners, the TCS New York City Marathon is one of the world's great road races, drawing more than 10,000 applicants annually. This year, the 26.2 mile race will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

Are you interested in running in the TCS New York City Marathon? To learn more about our marathon spots, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events Calendar

- August 5, 2015 - Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) volunteer day
- August 15, 2015 - FEMA Corp volunteer day
- August 18, 2015 - CapacityCorp service term begins
- August 24, 2015 - Hofstra volunteer day
- September 8, 2015 - Credit Suisse volunteer day

- October 24, 2015 - Fall Rebuilding Day
- November 1, 2015 - TCS New York City Marathon
- March TBD, 2016 - Lowe's Rebuild-a-Block



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