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Project Spotlight: Quincy Senior Residences



On May 6th and 7th, Rebuilding Together NYC partnered with volunteers from Deutsche Bank and LISC New York City to provide renovations to the Quincy Senior Residences in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. During this two-day event, the volunteers installed new durable hard wood flooring, provided painting renovations, and planted flowers in the center's gardens. Quincy Senior Residences' Director, Michele Grimes, says that she is overwhelmed with gratitude for the work Rebuilding Together NYC has done, and feels that the renovations have made the center look beautiful.

To view photos from this event, [click here!](#)

Homeowner Spotlight: Herbert B.



Herbert's home was severely damaged during Hurricane Sandy. Two and a half years after the storm, Herbert is still recovering from the storm's devastation. Rebuilding Together NYC has provided Herbert with a number of critical repairs to make his home safe and healthy. Such repairs include demolition of the kitchen, living area, and bathroom; installation of new flooring and subflooring; roof replacement; and the installation of a new bathroom and kitchen. According to Herbert, he had given up hope that his home would ever be repaired. After the work Rebuilding Together NYC has done, Herbert feels that he can now have a fresh start in life.

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

Volunteer Spotlight: Turner Construction

Turner Construction has earned recognition for undertaking large, complex projects, fostering innovation, embracing emerging technologies and making a difference for their clients, employees and community. Turner volunteered with Rebuilding Together NYC in May. According to their employees, they chose to volunteer with Rebuilding Together NYC because of our reputation and excellent mission. What Turner enjoyed most about their volunteer experience was seeing the look of gratitude on the homeowner's face when he stopped by for a visit at the end of the day. When asked why she thinks others should volunteer with Rebuilding Together NYC, Stephanie Burns, Director of Community Affairs, replied: "We believe individuals or companies should volunteer because we are not building a generic building or fictitious project. The problems are being fixed immediately, real person, real project, with an immediate solution. Everyone should have the opportunity to understand what it feels like to give unconditionally."



To view photos from Turner's volunteer day, click [here](#)!

To read more about Turner Construction, click [here](#).

Staff Update: New Program Manager



Brianna McKinney joined Rebuilding Together NYC in May 2015 as Program Manager, responsible for implementing and overseeing the organization's various housing and community revitalization initiatives. Previously, Brianna worked for LISC New York City and the Brooklyn Community Foundation. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, with a focus in community organizing. Brianna is thrilled to join the RT NYC team and looks forward to continuing to work with storm-impacted communities.

Staff Update: Director of Construction

We are pleased to announce that Terry Scott has been named Director of Construction at Rebuilding Together NYC. Terry has worked tirelessly as a staff member of Rebuilding Together NYC since 2013 and this promotion is evident of his hard work and dedication.



To read more about the rest of our staff members, click [here](#)!

AmeriCorps Service Project Fundraiser

As part of their service project, the AmeriCorps members of Rebuilding Together NYC will host a fundraiser to finance the accessibility modifications needed to make Butler D.'s home safe and healthy. The event will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 5:30-8:30 at Tavern on Third in Manhattan. The event will offer food and drink specials as well as a raffle to auction off exciting prizes. All proceeds raised during the event will go directly toward Butler's project.



To register for this event, click [here](#).

To donate to Butler's GoFund Me page, click [here](#).

Open AmeriCorps Positions



Rebuilding Together NYC is currently looking for three hardworking and dedicated AmeriCorps members to join our staff! We are looking for a Project Coordinator and two Client Services Coordinators who will assist the RT NYC staff in providing low-income homeowners with critical repairs.

To apply for any of the open AmeriCorps positions, click [here](#).

To learn more about CapacityCorps, click [here](#).

Marathon Runner Spotlight: Austin Chu

Austin, from California, is currently on the East Coast on what he calls the adventure of a lifetime. Besides finding a way to do some good in this world, all he really wants to do is seek out new food experiences, read a good book while listening to the blues, and spend time with friends and family. He has been involved in the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts since 2012. Seeing so many people whose homes and livelihoods were upended by the storm, he would like to do his part to help his fellow New Yorkers on the path to recovery. According to Austin, in the Big City it is easy to become jaded and to see other people as obstacles or competitors, whether for the promotion at work or for the seat on the subway. He tries to remind himself that we are all connected, and each human being has their own dignity and inherent value in the world. He believes the true meaning of life is to make a contribution to society, to live in a way as to bring joy and hope to those around us, and to do what we can to ease the suffering of others. Running a marathon is one of his life goals, and after witnessing the impermanence of life after a natural disaster, he has decided to just do it!



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

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

Build It Back "Choose Your Own Contractor" Program

The New York City Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations' Build it Back Program assists NYC residents with homes that were 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](#).

2015 Golf Tournament

Rebuilding Together NYC is proud to announce our 5th Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 16 at the Brynwood Golf and Country Club. Gather your friends, family, and coworkers, and join us for a fun day of golf and leisure to support low-income homeowners in New York City! Awards will be given for the tournament winners, longest drive, closest to the pin, and hole-in-one.

For more information on the Golf Tournament, click [here](#)!



RT NYC Wins Softball Challenge!



On Saturday May 9th, Rebuilding Together NYC faced off against Friends of Rockaway for a friendly softball game in Broad Channel, Queens. The RT NYC team was comprised of staff members, former House Captains, and some AmeriCorps members from Friends of Rockaway. The game was a close one but RT NYC emerged victorious, defeating Friends of Rockaway 19-17.

Red Hook Homeowners: Be a part of Light it Up!



On Thursday, June 11th, Rebuilding Together NYC will install 25 motion-activated security lights in Red Hook, Brooklyn with the help of volunteers from Forest City Ratner Corporation. To qualify for this free service, you must own your home and be present during the installation on June 11th.

If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving a solar light, click [here](#) to register!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- June 6, 2015- AmeriCorps Service Project fundraiser
- June 11, 2015 - Forest City Ratner Companies Red Hook Neighborhood Revitalization Project
- June 21, 2015- Father's Day
- June 26, 2015- BNY Mellon volunteer day
- June 27, 2015 - Bike and Build volunteer day
- July 15, 2015- DTCC volunteer day
- July 16, 2015- 5th Annual Golf Tournament
- October 24, 2015 - Fall Rebuilding Day
- November 1, 2015 - TCS New York City Marathon

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