

Rebuilding Together Accepting Applications for No-Cost Home Repair Services

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) is accepting applications for their home repair and accessibility modification programs. These services are provided at no-cost to qualified homeowners and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in safe, warm, dry and healthy homes.

The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2020 Rebuilding Day program is September 30, 2019. Income qualified Dutchess County homeowners, especially seniors, persons living with a disability, military veterans or parents with school aged children are encouraged to apply.

The staff at Rebuilding Together walk homeowners through every step of the application and project development process. Program Manager Wyeth Drummond gets to know each homeowner personally, working with them to assess the needs of their home and develop a plan to make the best use of the volunteers and resources available. "We form relationships with our homeowners. We may start out as strangers,



but we're family in the end," says Drummond.

Homeowners also reiterate that sentiment. A Poughkeepsie homeowner Rebuilding Together Dutchess County helped this past April said the whole experience was "extremely remarkable." She said everyone was so nice and accommodating, and that staff and volunteers laid out all the ground work for the project. Wappingers Falls homeowner Ann Marie Baker was impressed with everyone involved and had high praise for Drummond: "His energy is really terrific; it's such a positive, joyous energy that he has, that he brings to his work."

Not an applicant for the Rebuilding Day program? Help your neighbors in need by spreading the word!

- **Encourage people you know to apply:** The program qualifications and application can be found at www.RTDutchess.org or by calling 845-454-7310.
- **Use RTDC as a resource:** If you think your workplace, church, or club might enjoy learning about RTDC's services and how they can help assist members of their community, contact info@RTDutchess.org.
- **Make a Donation:** Donations may be made online at www.RTDutchess.org or mailed to P.O. Box 3695, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.
- **Volunteer!** at www.RTDutchess.org or email info@RTDutchess.org.

Since RTDC's founding in 1992, over 13,800 volunteers have been engaged assisting over 750 Dutchess County homeowners with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications and energy-efficiency upgrades valued at over \$6.6 million in market value. To receive an application or to find out how you can help support RTDC's home repair program visit www.RTDutchess.org or call 845-454-7310.