



Repairing Homes & Rebuilding Lives:

Key findings about our work with older adults in 2014-2017



Repairing homes, rebuilding lives.

Rebuilding Together is a national nonprofit organization that redevelops communities and improves the safety of our neighbors in need by providing them with critical home repairs at no cost to them.



Each year, Rebuilding Together's network of local affiliates completes around 10,000 rebuild projects nationwide. **Around two-thirds of these projects are completed for older adults seeking to age in place in their homes.**

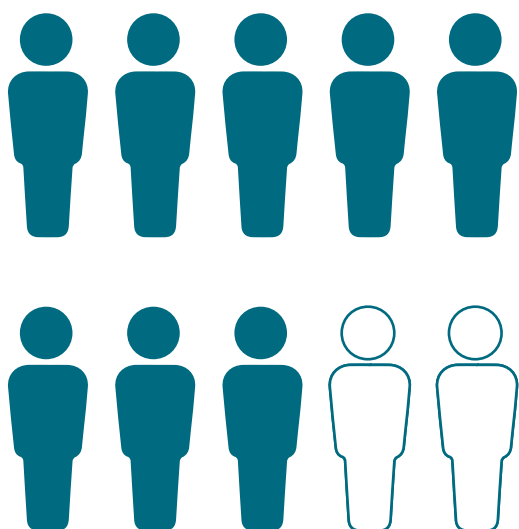
In 2017, we completed an evaluation of our national AmeriCorps program. We sought to determine **the impact of our home repairs on older adults' quality of life** immediately, over time, and as compared to a group of people in need of the repairs themselves.

Led by McMahon Consulting and Kelley Research Associates, the evaluation compared survey outcomes for homeowners that received repairs – and homeowners on the waitlist to receive repairs – across six Rebuilding Together affiliates.

This report shares key findings from this evaluation.

Rebuilding Together
provides **peace of mind**
for our older neighbors
in need.

Eight in ten homeowners shared that
the home repairs **made a positive**
difference in their lives and **kept**
their problems from getting worse.





Rebuilding Together helps our older neighbors **age in place**.

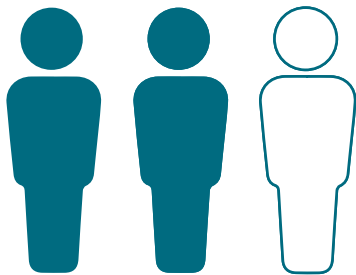
Nine in ten homeowners that received repairs anticipate they **can safely live in their homes over the next decade** and beyond.



Rebuilding Together's critical home repairs promote **mobility** and **reduce how often older adults fall** at home.

Around **two-thirds** of the homeowners who received repairs report they **always feel safe at home** and **can move around at home without difficulty**.

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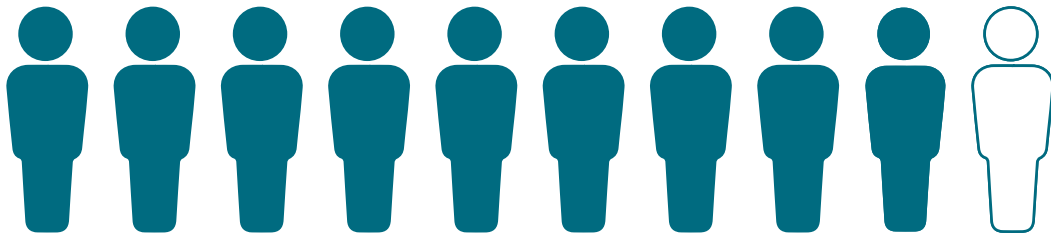


Homeowners on the waitlist were **nearly twice as likely to fall three or more times** in the course of a year, compared to the homeowners that received repairs.



The critical home repairs that Rebuilding Together provides have **lasting impact over time.**

Homeowner safety, mobility and affordability outcomes remained consistent over a four year period, with around **nine in ten homeowners reporting positive outcomes** year over year.



Homeowners that received repairs are also **nearly three times more likely** to be able to comfortably afford to age in place, compared to homeowners on the waitlist.



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