



****Media Advisory****

REBUILDING TOGETHER DUTCHESS COUNTY TO PROVIDE CRITICAL REPAIRS & HEALTHY HOME TIPS AS PART OF NATIONAL REBUILDING MONTH

WHAT: Rebuilding Together Dutchess County will hold their 25th National Rebuilding Day on April 29, 2017 as part of National Rebuilding Month. Rebuilding Together Dutchess County will join Rebuilding Together affiliates nationwide, bringing together thousands of community volunteers, to provide critical home repairs and modifications for low-income homeowners – seniors, persons with disabilities, military veterans, and families. Rebuilding Together will additionally be providing repairs and modifications to a community non-profit.

WHO: Rebuilding Together Dutchess County along with teams of approximately 150 community volunteers and elected officials. Representatives from the following organizations will be supporting the event: Arlington Teachers Association, Central Hudson, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Poughquag United Methodist Church, TD Bank, United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, and Walden Savings Bank. Other program supporters include Administration of Aging, New York State Office for the Aging, Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Dutchess County, Affordable Housing Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, NYS Homes and Community Renewal Access to Home Program.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County will complete five home repair projects, one non-profit repair project and multiple home safety modifications. The local recipients to be served on National Rebuilding Day include:

- An 88 year old Poughkeepsie resident who is in need of exterior porch repairs, electrical updates, and aging in place modifications to keep her home safe and healthy.
- A 73 year old mother who lives in her Holmes residence with her disabled adult son. The repairs on the home are focused on emergency egress and safety concerns such as entry landings, stairs and handrails at multiple locations around the home.
- A 91 year old Army widow who will be receiving stair repairs, foundation work and bathroom modifications to allow for a safer environment and continued independence in her Poughkeepsie home.
- A Hyde Park homeowner, her nephew, and grandniece who are in need of a roof replacement, foundation work, and electrical repairs to ensure a safe and healthy home.
- An 80 year old Beacon homeowner who is in need of window replacements, plumbing repairs, and additional handrails throughout the home to keep her home safe and healthy in the years to come.
- A historic Poughkeepsie non-profit in need of basic maintenance repairs to ensure the preservation of the site and the safety of visitors.
- Safety installations on the Northside of the City of Poughkeepsie including fire and carbon monoxide detectors to improve fire preparedness and safety as well as motion-activated exterior lights for safety and crime reduction.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2017
Media invited from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: 25 Roundtree Ct, Beacon
16 Arnold Rd, Poughkeepsie
333 Rt 292, Holmes
26 Bahret Ave, Poughkeepsie
2683 South Rd, Poughkeepsie (Locust Grove)

INTERVIEWS: Mayor Rob Rolison – Time TBD, Arnold Rd
Senator Sue Serino – Times TBD, Locations TBD

QUICK FACTS: Rebuilding Together is a leading national nonprofit in safe and healthy housing that provides low-income homeowners with critical home repairs and revitalizes the communities in which they live.

Rebuilding Together’s National Rebuilding Month is an annual month-long call to service during April, culminating with National Rebuilding Day, the last Saturday of the month. This year, nearly 40,000 volunteers are serving in more than 1,600 affiliate-led rebuild projects across the country throughout April for National Rebuilding Month.

National Rebuilding Month originated in 1973 in Midland, TX with volunteers helping neighbors rebuild their homes. The group founded Rebuilding Together, at the time “Christmas in April,” and gathered around a month of service each year in April. The mission then grew beyond the idea of providing service one month per year to bringing volunteers together to provide low-income homeowners with critical repairs year-round.

Together, with our corporate and community partners, Rebuilding Together Dutchess County transforms the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing our communities. Since our founding in 1992, we have partnered with over 13,000 volunteers to complete more than 500 cost-free home repair and non-profit facility projects, investing a market value of \$5.8 million into communities throughout Dutchess County.

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