

****Media Advisory****

**REBUILDING TOGETHER DUTCHESS COUNTY TO PROVIDE SAFE & HEALTHY HOME
REPAIRS AS PART OF NATIONAL REBUILDING MONTH**

- WHO/WHAT:** For 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: senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and families in need. This National Rebuilding Day, six Dutchess County homeowners will receive no-cost repairs by Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (with two more projects taking place later in June).
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 27, 2019
Media invited from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** 863 N. Hillside Rd. Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
2588 South Ave. Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
86 Overocker Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
40 Thompson St. Red Hook, NY 12571
334 Dover Furnace Rd. Dover Plains, NY 12522
13 Merrick Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
- VISUALS:** It will be a day filled with volunteers in action at each project. Volunteers will be completing critical home repairs, including flooring and ceiling replacement, weatherization improvements, roof, door and handrail replacements, plumbing, painting, electrical repairs, and other major home rehabilitations. The homeowners as well as Rebuilding Together staff and members of the Board of Directors will interact with volunteers throughout the day.
- INTERVIEWS:** Rebuilding Together Dutchess County along with approximately 150 community volunteers and elected officials. Christina Boryk, Executive Director of RTDC, will be present as well as members of the Rebuilding Together Dutchess County Board of Directors.
- Representatives from the following local organizations will be supporting the event: Arlington Teacher's Association, Central Hudson, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Rotary Club of Fishkill, Walden Savings Bank, Wells Fargo, and the United Methodist Churches of Hyde Park, Poughquag, and Pawling. Other supporters include: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Dutchess County, Meyer Contracting, Poughkeepsie South Rotary, TD Charitable Foundation, and Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation.
- Rebuilding Together Dutchess County will provide critical home repairs at 6 projects this April. The local recipients to be served on National Rebuilding Day include:
- A 79-year-old widow of an Army veteran and her 55-year-old daughter, who have lived in their Wappingers Falls home since 1974. Repairs include, but are not limited to, electrical and walkway repairs, replacing doors and flooring, stair repairs, and general painting.
 - A 55-year-old widow, who has lived in her Wappingers Falls home for 16 years, now with 3 generations of family members. When her husband passed away last year, he left the home in various states of renovation. Repairs include window replacements, interior wall repair, general painting, and electrical and porch repairs.
 - A 54-year-old mother living with her 15-year-old daughter in Poughkeepsie. She has lived in the home since 2001. Repairs include front walkway/entry stair repairs, handrail installation, window repairs, and plumbing and electrical repairs.
 - A 92-year-old woman who still takes great pride in her home. She has lived in her Red Hook home since 1991. Repairs include general painting, grab bar installation, and handrail and deck repairs.

- A 57-year-old Dover resident, currently living alone. She has been in the home since 2010. Repairs include electrical service upgrade, general weatherization and caulking, and plumbing repairs.
- A 41-year-old single mother, living in her Poughkeepsie home with her 10- and 8-year-old sons. The family has been in the home since 2007. Repairs include handrail replacement, general painting and property cleanup, plumbing and electrical repairs, and roof and window replacement.

QUICK FACTS:

Rebuilding Together is the leading national nonprofit organization with a mission to repair the homes of people in need and revitalize our communities. Each year, Rebuilding Together affiliates and nearly 100,000 volunteers complete about 10,000 rebuild projects.

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. Last year, over 30,000 volunteers donated 230,000 hours of service to residents in need across the country.

National Rebuilding Month originated in 1973 in Midland, Texas 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 people in need with critical home repairs and revitalize communities year-round.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County was founded in 1992 with the mission of bringing volunteers and communities together to revitalize homes and neighborhoods in Dutchess County. The local nonprofit provides critical repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficiency improvements for low-income homeowners, including those who are older adults, persons living with a disability, families with children or active or retired members of the armed services. These services are provided at no cost to the homeowner. The impact of the efforts extends beyond the individuals served as Rebuilding Together works to revitalize and stabilize vulnerable neighborhoods and communities across Dutchess County. Since the organization's founding in 1992, Rebuilding Together Dutchess County has partnered with approximately 13,800 volunteers to complete more than 750 home repair projects, investing a market value of \$6.6 million into communities throughout Dutchess County.

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Rebuilding Together is the leading national nonprofit in repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives with more than 40 years of experience. Together, with our corporate and community partners, we transform the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety of their homes and revitalizing our communities. **Rebuilding Together Dutchess County** and nearly 350 volunteers complete about 20 rebuild projects county-wide each year. Learn more and get involved at www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org.