



**\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

## **REBUILDING TOGETHER DUTCHESS COUNTY TO PROVIDE CRITICAL REPAIRS & HEALTHY HOME TIPS 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, military veterans and families. This National Rebuilding Day, five Dutchess County homeowners will receive cost-free repairs by Rebuilding Together Dutchess County.
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 28, 2018  
Media invited from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** 38 Ohland Rd, Stanfordville, NY 12581  
211 Whalesback Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571  
24 On the Green, Verbank, NY 12585  
41 May St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
43 Cardinal Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538
- VISUALS:** It will be a day filled of volunteers in action at each project. Volunteers will be completing critical home repairs, including: flooring replacement, weatherization improvements, roof and handrail replacements, accessibility modifications, painting, landscaping, and other major home rehabilitation work. 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 teams of approximately 150 community volunteers and elected officials. From Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, Christina Boryk, Executive Director, 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, Poughquag United Methodist Church, Walden Savings Bank, and Wells Fargo.
- Rebuilding Together Dutchess County will complete five critical home repairs this April. The local recipients to be served on National Rebuilding Day include:
- A 97-year-old widow who lives alone in her Stanfordville home. The repair efforts on the home are focused on replacing all of the homes windows and repairing the front porch, including replacing the handrails and painting the porch.
  - A 56-year-old disabled Red Hook resident who will be receiving renovations to the existing master bath to transform it into a handicap accessible bathroom as well as a guard rail for the house's front ramp, allowing for a safer home environment and increased independence.
  - A 71-year-old widow, who lives with her 48-year-old daughter in their Verbank home will be served by Rebuilding Together Dutchess County to create a more safe and healthy environment for both her and her daughter in their aging home. Some of the major repairs include patching the exterior siding of the home and removing the moldy sections of sheetrock from the basement walls.
  - A 69-year-old widow of a military veteran who lives alone in her home in the City of Poughkeepsie. The homeowner is in need of several critical repairs including the replacement of the basement door and stair case as well as remedying exposed electrical wire within the bathroom.
  - A 93-year-old widowed WWII veteran who has owned his Hyde Park home for the past 40 years. The repairs on the home are focused on major safety modifications including installing handrails, stair repair/replacement and grab bars in the bathroom.



**QUICK FACTS:**

Rebuilding Together is a 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. Learn more and get involved at [rebuildingtogether.org](http://rebuildingtogether.org).

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 33,000 volunteers are serving in more than 1,350 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 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 13,000 volunteers to complete more than 600 home repair projects, investing a market value of \$6.2 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](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org).