Rebuilding Together Houston restores hope and revitalizes neighborhoods by repairing homes at no cost for low-income elderly homeowners. Through the work of volunteers and with the support of public- and private-sector initiatives, we enhance the quality of life for deserving seniors, strengthen the communities in which they live, and build a brighter future for Houston.
From 1958-1963 a police drama played on network television starring Robert Culp and Jack Klugman. It was set in NYC, and each episode closed with the words I remember from my childhood: “There are eight million stories in the Naked City; this has been one of them.” Over the six years that it ran, “The Naked City” covered some twenty-six stories each year – or a little more than 150 stories. Over the thirty-three years that the Rebuilding Together Houston “show” has been running, there have been over 11,000 stories that we’ve covered. In the last five years we’ve covered one story every calendar day, or 365 families every year. Other numbers have their own story: $100M of value given at no cost to homeowners who need help to remain safely in their homes; over 100,000 volunteers contributing Saturdays in Spring and Fall to make a home warm, safe and dry; and in 2014 alone, 353 family stories were added and over 100,000 volunteer hours of labor were added to the collective Rebuilding Together story here in the Greater Houston area.

The real stories, however, are in the lives you and we have touched: a WWII veteran who came ashore on D-Day in 1944 and later helped liberate a Nazi concentration camp; a blind homeowner, a dancer in his youth who lost his sight, and then took up guitar playing with the a mantra of “it’s never too late”; an elderly, wheelchair-bound diabetes victim who had lost both of her feet to this horrible disease, and who said of the volunteers who repaired her house “I’m proud of these people, proud that these people wanted to help someone...well...like me.”

I, too, am proud; proud to be a part of an organization that strives each year to help make people’s stories a bit better because of what Rebuilding Together is able to do for them, and what their courage in the face of adversity does for each of us. During 2014, you helped us do many things – some for the first time:

- We formed a new warehouse partnership with the Houston Community ToolBank.
- With the help of several of our partners we converted foreclosed homes into new homes for several first-time buyers.
- In a new partnership with Meals on Wheels, and aided by financial and volunteer support from one of our long-term company partners, we repaired homes for several home-bound seniors who also received daily meal support.
- We bested our net income budget and received sizeable construction grants from several of our long-term partners, and a new partner.
- We added five new members to our Board of Directors and were accredited by the Better Business Bureau and Charity Navigator.
- We celebrated our award-winning partners at two separate luncheons, and we added over 50 first-time volunteer crews to our growing list of partners in mission.

But at the heart of it all remains the simple yet complex task of Rebuilding Homes. Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Houston. Together. It’s never about statistics. It’s always about people. Now 2014 is in the books, but 2015 is upon us, and there are stories to be told. Come and be a greater part of the Rebuilding Together story here in Houston. You won’t be sorry, because truly, “There’s No Place Like Home.”

Sincerely,

James E. (Jim) Soller
Executive Director
**OUR FUNDING SOURCES**

- Corporations 45%
- Government 22%
- Foundations 15%
- Individuals 10%
- Faith-Based 8%

**MOST SERVED NEIGHBORHOODS**

- Acres Homes
- Fifth Ward
- Northside
- Sunnyside
- Third Ward

**MATERIALS USED**

- Tubes of Caulk ....................... 1,646
- Pounds of Nails ...................... 695
- Gallons of Paint ..................... 1,956
- Bags of Concrete .................... 148
- Prehung Doors .......................... 169
- 8x8 Siding ................................. 816
- 2x4 Lumber ............................... 765

**CREWS REBUILDING THE MOST HOMES**

- UM Army
- Camden
- BP
- ExxonMobil

National Association of Women in Construction, Houston Chapter.
**OUR IMPACT GROWS**

### 2014 vs 2013

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### PROGRAM EXPENSES

- Youth Education: 4%
- Wheelchair Ramps: 1%
- Roofs Over Houston: 14%
- Interior Repair: 51%
- Volunteer Home Repair: 30%

### VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- Youth Education: 9%
- Community Orgs.: 22%
- Faith-Based: 23%
- Corporate: 46%

**2014 volunteers provided $3,020,000 in value to 353 Houston families in need.**
Leadership gifts provide the greatest level of support for Rebuilding Together Houston. These compassionate, community investment gifts of $20,000 or more have a significant impact on lives, neighborhoods and our great city – they set the standard for support of the RTH mission. We are privileged to recognize the generosity of these vital partners in 2014.

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BHP Billiton: Building on Sustainability
Serving the community in the place they call home.

10,000 hours logged by BHP Billiton volunteers over the past 11 years.
$21,000 committed to RTH in 2014 by BHP Billiton employees.

TEAM LEADERS: Kelly McKenzie and Roger Moliason

It’s sometimes hard to believe that the concerted effort of team of volunteers on a single weekend can make such a difference to those in need – but that commitment of a two-day project, working with like-minded individuals, can make a huge difference and change lives. The BHP Billiton crews have seen it happen in Houston for 11 years in a row.

“The great grandkids have a new basketball goal, new back door, new front door, new look to both front and back of the house, new paint all around, new light fixtures, solid stands for her air conditioners and seven repaired windows.”
-Ms. Billie, homeowner

For information about volunteering with RTH, please contact Terri Drabik-O’Reilley at toreilley@rt-houston.org or call 713 923-1855, ext 15. THANK YOU!