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Building on 25 years of transforming lives and communities one home at a time.



Providing Confidence for Safe Living

Katie, age 84, lay on the floor of her home for two days before concerned family members found her. She had fallen - again. While Katie was in rehab, her family contacted Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV) for help making her home safe so that she could return back to the house she had called home for more than 50 years.

Every 13 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 20 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall.

A team of staff and volunteers from RTSV installed grab bars and a raised toilet seat in the bathroom, handrails at the front and back doors, and ensured working smoking and carbon monoxide detectors had been installed. Katie returned home with more confidence for independent living.

Like Katie, many homeowners and their families call for assistance with wheelchair ramps, lifts, grab bars, fire safety, plumbing, heating and roof repairs.

Your support has enabled RTSV to assist 648 low-income homeowners confidence for secure aging-in-place modifications and repairs in the past year.

Adults aged 70 and over will increase 91 percent in the next two decades.

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Save the Date - Paint The Town, Annual Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser, Paint the Town, will be held on Friday September 23, 2016, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Save the date and plan to join us for an evening of great music, food and refreshments while bidding on auction items to raise funds for our critical home repair programs. Last year's event was a sell out, so buy your tickets early! You can buy your tickets at: <http://rtsv.ptt.org>



Please join us for this fun event
Date: Friday, September 23
Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Location: 1701 S. 7th Street, Suite #10
San Jose

Upcoming Events



- Paint the Town Fundraiser: September 23, 2016
- Fall Rebuilding Day: October 22, 2016
- Fall Supporter Appreciation Event: November 3, 2016

A Message From Our Chair:

Two Big Challenges for 2016 and Beyond

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV) has served over 4700 low-income, typically elderly or disabled, homeowners over the past 25 years. As we continue to provide critical repairs that keep our homeowners safe in their homes for the next 25 years, we face two significant challenges:

- Meeting the ever-growing need for enhanced safety modifications
- Securing sufficient funds to meet critical major repairs

Safety Modifications

People 85 and older are the fastest-growing age group. There will be 6.6 million people in that age bracket by 2020. One slip and fall can require costly medical attention and result in a weakened physical condition that forces the elderly person out of their home. RTSV is the only local organization focused on meeting accessibility needs at no cost to low-income homeowners. We provide grab bars, half steps, raised toilet seats, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and improved lighting to allow homeowners to continue to live in their homes safely. It is critical that RTSV continues to focus on meeting this need.

Critical Major Repairs

RTSV's funding mix includes nearly 60 percent government funds. We are fortunate to have this support, however there are limitations as to how these funds can be used. We are limited in our ability to make critical, major repairs that our low-income elderly homeowners often need, such as a roof replacement or bathroom remodel. Individual and corporate donations provide us with unrestricted funds that give us the flexibility to make major critical repairs and safety modifications to keep homeowners safe. Your generous support has enabled us to accomplish much in our first 25 years, and we ask for your continued support to enable us to meet the growing need.

Dawn Hogh, Board Chair

Sponsor Spotlight: Alliance

Alliance Credit Union sponsored and volunteered at the LifeMoves project during the April Rebuilding Day with a volunteer crew of 50 employees and family members. LifeMoves, formerly InnVision Shelter Network, is a nonprofit serving homeless families and individuals for more than 40 years in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

The volunteers painted the exterior, repaired stucco cracks, spruced up the landscaping and sorted through clothes for the residents. As part of ongoing support, Alliance Credit Union offered to conduct financial workshops for the residents at LifeMoves.

Alliance Credit Union was created by a small group of visionary General Electric employees based on the idea of "people helping people." Established in 1952, Alliance Credit Union is a member-owned, financial cooperative that serves more than 40,000 members in six counties in California and North Carolina.

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley salutes Alliance and its ongoing partnership and commitment to our community.



Homeowner Spotlight: Marlene Carr

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley would like to thank the San Jose Mercury News 2015 Wish Book for their generous community donations benefiting our client, Marlene Carr and her adult son, Brian. Marlene, a Bay Area-native, was laid off from her job at an accounting firm and is still looking for work. Brian suffered a debilitating back injury that forced him to give up work as an electrician.

The dedicated volunteer crew included employees and friends from Seagate who worked diligently weeks before and on Spring Rebuilding Day to complete various projects: Brian's bathroom got a new shower, floor and toilet. The kitchen received a new oven and gas cook top, electrical repairs, new floor and updated lighting. The front deck and railings were repaired due to extensive water damage.

The Carrs' project was one of 26 April Rebuilding Day projects where hundreds of volunteers and dozens of sponsors came together to repair and rehabilitate homes and nonprofit facilities. Marlene shared her gratitude:

"We could say thank you a million times and it would not be enough time to tell you how thankful we truly are from the bottom of our hearts. As I go from room to room the memory of enjoying each and every unique person volunteering their time is etched in my memory forever and I am eternally grateful for making my home a happier place to be. This experience has been truly an amazing dream come true that I only hear happens to other people and now has happened to my family."



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley is thrilled to receive the highest rating from Charity Navigator, four stars! The rating is based on strong financial health, commitment to accountability and transparency.

Charity Navigator is the largest evaluator of charities, only awarding the distinction of 4-stars to a quarter of nonprofits evaluated.

Give with Confidence

Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations to Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity. Donate today to help keep homeowners living safely and independently in their homes.