

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Rebuilding Together! Since our inception in 1989, we have relied heavily on the work of volunteers to carry out our mission. Without our volunteers we would not have been able to repair and renovate over 1,300 homes in 35 communities and carry out dozens of community revitalization projects.

Rebuilding Day is our biggest volunteer day. It is held annually on the last Saturday in April and is scheduled for April 30, 2016. However, many of our volunteer opportunities are available at different times of the year and/or involve volunteering for more than one day.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities:

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Our Mission

Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners in Baltimore City and Baltimore County

Our Vision

A safe and healthy home for every person

Below is a short list of the different types of volunteer opportunities we have available. The opportunities vary in both skill and time commitment required. Each opportunity is explained in more detail below.

- 1) "Adopt" a house with a group of volunteers
- 2) Serve as a Volunteer Leader
- 3) Work on one of our Community Beautification Projects
- 4) Volunteer at a Neighborhood Headquarters on Rebuilding Day
- 5) Volunteer your professional skills

Details on Volunteer Opportunities

1) "Adopt" a house with a group of volunteers

Summary of Activities/Responsibilities:

- Provide minimum of \$5,000 sponsorship (this can be waived under special circumstances)
- Provide a team of 10 to 20 volunteers to volunteer on Rebuilding Day providing repairs and improvements in one home or more.
- Provide a House Captain and Skill Captain to plan and manage the work that will be done on Rebuilding Day.
 - 3-month commitment that begins with attending House Captain and Skill Captain Orientation in February and ends with providing Rebuilding Together with project wrap-up information in May.
 - House Captain and Skill Captain do the following:
 - Visit the homeowner in their home and review the work that is needed.
 - Develop the scope of work for Rebuilding Day (based on recommendations from Rebuilding Together), plus any prep work.
 - Purchase all materials needed for the project (all costs are covered by Rebuilding Together).
 - Communicate regularly with Rebuilding Together staff regarding the progress of planning and any needs or problems that arise during project planning.
 - Coordinate any prep work that is needed in the house prior to Rebuilding Day.
 - Oversee project and coordinate volunteers on Rebuilding Day
- Rebuilding Together screens homeowners and homes, carefully matches your team with a home that is a "good fit", and provides support to the House Captain and Skill Captain throughout the process.
- Rebuilding Together provides lunch for all volunteers on Rebuilding Day.
- Go to our website, www.RTBaltimore.org, for more information and click on "Programs", "National Rebuilding Day", "Adopt a Home for Rebuilding Day".

2) Serve as a Volunteer Leader

Because we are a volunteer driven organization, Volunteer Leaders are critical to our success.

Opportunities include:

- **House Captain for a group of volunteers**—involves planning and coordinating the skilled and unskilled work to be done on a house. The House Captain is the overall project manager. They work with the homeowner of the assigned home and with Rebuilding Together staff to ensure that there is a plan for a realistic and meaningful project. This is a two to three month commitment from February through April. Most of the planning work can be accomplished on evenings and weekends.
- **Skill Captain working with a House Captain**—Assist a House Captain with developing the scope of work and determining the level of skill that will be needed for each project and task. Instruct volunteers on semi-skilled tasks. This is a two to three month commitment from February through April. Most of the planning work can be accomplished on evenings and weekends.
- **Community Beautification Project Leader**—Work with community members, other volunteers, and Rebuilding Together staff to plan and carry out Beautification projects in our target neighborhoods. This is a one to two month commitment. Most of the planning work can be accomplished on evenings and weekends.

3) Work on one of our Community Beautification Projects

Summary of Activities/Responsibilities:

- One full day of work on Rebuilding Day
- No planning required, just sign up and show up
- Be prepared to be outside all day
- Projects include restoring empty lots, landscaping, painting or improving community centers, and community clean-ups
- Rebuilding Together provides lunch for all volunteers on Rebuilding Day

4) Volunteer at a Neighborhood Headquarters on Rebuilding Day

Summary of Activities/Responsibilities:

- One full day of work on Rebuilding Day
- Assist Headquarters chief with managing the logistics of Rebuilding Day
- Be part of a team providing support to hundreds of volunteers working on projects in the community
- Must be willing and able to juggle several tasks at once
- Rebuilding Together provides lunch for all volunteers on Rebuilding Day

5) Volunteer your professional skills

We need:

- **Plumbers, electricians, carpenters and general contractors** to assist us with home repairs all year round
- **Occupational Therapists** to assist with Home Safety Assessments for our clients with disabilities
- **Engineers and Architects** to help with the planning of large projects and to review structural deficiencies in homes
- For all of the above, Rebuilding Together asks that you donate only your time and skill. We will pay for materials
- Jobs range from minor to MAJOR