

THE TOOLBOX



SUMMER 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair, Ryan Touhill
Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Immediate Past-Chairman,

Joseph F. Collum

Burke and Herbert Bank

Treasurer, Presley Nelson Jr.

Wells Fargo

Secretary, Christine Friedberg

Griswold Home Care

Director, William Barrow

Mayer Brown LLP

Director, Tim Clewell

Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh

Director, Mike Dawson

Freddie Mac

Director, Diaa Elbashir

EMA Architecture + Interiors

Director, Tony Harney

Director, Jane Hughes

Silverado Alexandria Memory Care

Director, Don Kent

The Nickles Group

Director, Mark Mahar

Ernst & Young

Director, John Ray

Total Environmental Concepts

Director, Gina West

Fannie Mae

IN THE OFFICE

President and CEO, Katharine Dixon

Director of Programs, Haig Paul

Director of Development,

Maggie Klefstad

Office Manager, Ann Nguyen

Project Manager, John Baudassi

Project Manager, Anne Holic

Project Manager, Chris Moore

Program Assistant, Karen Peña

Development and Communications

Coordinator, Riley Conrad

AmeriCorps Project Coordinator,

Emily Scheinberg

AmeriCorps Project Coordinator,

Gemia Price

AmeriCorps Outreach Coordinator,

Michael Christian Woods

Accountant, JoAnna Woodard

Urban Alliance Intern, Mahir Beneberu

Urban Alliance Intern, Angel Cruz

FROM THE DESK OF Katharine

I'd be remiss if I didn't start this note with the deepest, most heartfelt thank you. Thank you for supporting **Rebuilding Together DC • Alexandria**. Thank you for giving hundreds of neighbors a safer, healthier home this past year. Now more than ever, we are collectively experiencing the importance of a healthy, safe home.

It was with a heavy heart that our staff and Board of Directors postponed National Rebuilding Day in April, delaying over 50 households receiving home repairs. We so missed seeing the community come together to serve our clients and neighbors, but we are looking forward to the day when our volunteer activities can resume.

Meanwhile, in the age of social distancing, we are working with licensed contractors to provide emergency home repairs for residents at high risk. Your support of our work ensures neighbors in our community have access to hot water, working appliances, and water-tight roofs. Thanks for staying home, and for helping your neighbors stay safely at home, too.




Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to our incredible project day volunteers who have contributed over 7,000+ hours to provide home repairs to keep those in need—including the elderly, veterans, families with children, and those with disabilities—living in safe and healthy homes.

Volunteers
have contributed over
7,000+ hours
for those in need.

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

WELLS
FARGO

Freddie Mac
We make home possible®

Fannie Mae

AGNC
INVESTMENT CORP.

Jen Walker Team
SPREAD KINDNESS BUILD COMMUNITY



See the awe-inspiring impact that YOU made this year:

Safe & Healthy Homes

Our primary program provides free home repairs for low-income homeowners in an effort to stabilize 25 items that the National Center for Healthy Housing found to drastically improve living conditions for a home's residents.

Because of you...

- **81%** of clients report their home is safe or completely safe after the repairs were completed.
- **66%** of clients report their home is healthier after the repairs were made.
- As a result of the repairs, **85%** of homeowners are more likely to stay in their home for the foreseeable future.

You were there for Yvonne

Yvonne went for months without heat this past winter. On really cold days, she would be forced to stay with relatives in order to keep warm. With your generosity and support, we were able to replace Yvonne's furnace. **"I am glad there are caring people still around** and organizations like yours that work on behalf of the seniors and the limited income residents," she said in a thank you note.



Community Revitalization

Our Community Strong program improves community spaces used by thousands of residents living in limited income neighborhoods. Because of our work, children now have safe areas to play, neighbors have gardens to grow their own food, seniors have safe facilities to attend, and entire neighborhoods have been revitalized!



Improving Community Spaces and Food Access

In the summer of 2018, our volunteers built the Dale Street Community Garden to help alleviate food insecurity. A major factor that contributes to food insecurity in Alexandria is the lack of grocery stores in the immediate neighborhood. We look forward to the continued growth of the Dale Street Garden and the impact it has on its surrounding community.

Because of you...

- **97%** of community members feel safer in the parks after the renovations.
- **71%** of community members feel that the park renovations we made improved the neighborhood overall.
- **59%** of community members indicate that they are more likely to use the parks to socialize with family/friends.

➔ VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.RebuildingTogetherDCA.org





Homeownership opportunities

Home of Your Own provides affordable homeownership opportunities through acquiring properties, renovating them with the help of volunteers and skilled tradespeople, and selling the units to low-income, first-time Alexandrian homebuyers with greatly subsidized funding.

With your support and the partnership with Alexandria Office of Housing...

- We have provided affordable homes to more than **34 families!**
- Previous buyers were able to decrease their housing costs by upwards of **\$496/month.**
- **90%** of the homeowners noted that their monthly mortgage payment is less than the cost of their previous rent.



We Support **AFFORDABLE HOMES!**

Affordable Homes for our Neighbors

Rebuilding Together is proud to promote our *Home of Your Own* Program to first time buyers. In fact, one of our beautifully renovated and affordable homes was listed in the Washington Post. Among all of the home prices listed, we were able to sell our home for the lowest price, passing on savings to our buyers! We are so grateful that this partnership provides affordable homes for hardworking Alexandrians.

Get Involved

Although our volunteer projects have been postponed, including our National Rebuilding Day that will now take place September 26, 2020, there are still ways you can support us from home:

- 1. Make cards for our senior and veteran residents!** *“You’re the only person who has called me in days,”* said one client when we were making our check-in calls. Ease the burden of loneliness and make cards! For more info, contact Maggie Klefstad at mk@rebuildingtogetherdca.org.
- 2. Support small businesses by purchasing hardware store gift cards!** We’re still purchasing materials for emergency repairs. Do double good by purchasing gift cards from local businesses (Lowe’s, Home Depot, or any local hardware store!) and sending them to our 700 Princess Street office.
- 3. Donate to support our emergency repairs!** All funds raised right now will directly support our most vulnerable clients—those most at risk for COVID-19 and in dire need of repairs that simply can’t wait until the pandemic is over. A gift of any size will make an impact.

We’re all in this together!



National Rebuilding Day

will now take place on

September 26, 2020

“I am glad there are caring people still around” —Yvonne



Rebuilding Together.

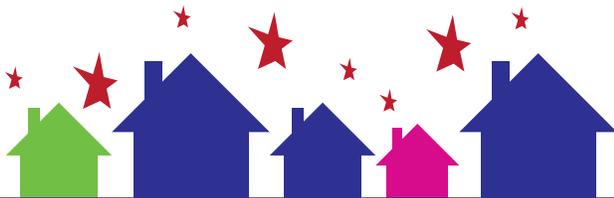
DC · Alexandria

700 Princess Street, Suite 206
Alexandria, VA 22314



REPAIRING HOMES.
REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES.
REBUILDING LIVES.

*" Together,
you repaired homes.
You rebuilt lives. And you
revitalized communities.
Thank you!"*



www.RebuildingTogetherDCA.org

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE HAPPEN!



1,100+ volunteers



237 projects served



Dale Street
Community Garden



Chick Armstrong
Recreation Center



Brentwood
Recreation Center

