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Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria Receives \$2 Million to Make Low-Income Families Homes Safer and Healthier in the District

Washington, D.C. – Rebuilding Together DC-Alexandria (RTDCA) today announced receiving two grants totaling approximately \$2 million to help advance their work in underserved communities in the DC region to reduce housing related hazards.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded nearly \$104.7 million to 60 non-profit organizations, and state and local government agencies located in 29 states to protect children and families from home health hazards.

HUD provided these grants through its Healthy Homes Production Grant Program which will help grantees identify health and safety hazards in low-income families' homes. The grants will protect children and families with incomes at or below eighty percent of the area median income level by targeting significant lead and health hazards in over 7,400 low-income homes for which other resources are not available.

Rebuilding Together DC-Alexandria was awarded \$1.6 million in funding and was the only non-profit in the DC region to receive the HUD grant. The funding will be used to make significant repairs to 120 homes in order to reduce housing-related hazards.

RTDCA also was awarded an additional \$450,000 from the DC's Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) to expand RTDCA's Safe at Home efforts. DACL's Safe at Home program provides services for DC seniors and adults with disabilities. The funding will allow RTDCA to provide additional safety adaptations in the home of qualifying seniors and adults with disabilities to make it easier to age and stay in place.

"We are beyond grateful for this generous support that will help us have advance our mission of revitalizing neighborhoods, repairs homes, and rebuild lives within underserved areas of the District of Columbia," said Katharine Dixon, President & CEO of Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria. There is so much need to create healthy communities for low-income homeowners throughout the city and this funding will help us with our mission to help seniors and adults safely age in place in the comforts of their homes."

In 2019 Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria expanded their reach and services into the District of Columbia with a focus on revitalizing low-income areas in Wards 4, 5, 7, and 8. Since 2019, RTDCA has provided services to over 400 businesses and residents households in the District. Through their home and community repair services with the mission of making neighborhoods a more connected and active place to live, RTDCA is actively keeping residents engaged with their community while supporting surrounding parks and community spaces.

ABOUT REBUILDING TOGETHER DC ALEXANDRIA

Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria is an award-winning, mission-driven organization that creates healthy neighborhoods for residents by maintaining housing for low-income homeowners, revitalizing community spaces, and creating homeownership opportunities. Since 1986, more than 30,000 volunteers have worked on 3,000 projects, leveraging \$10 million worth of in-kind value.

www.RebuildingTogetherDCA.org.