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Dear Mike Lawson,

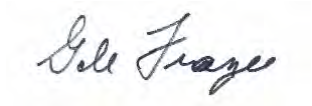
What a difference a day makes! In one day your volunteer efforts helped over 48 homeowners and two non-profit organizations, by providing repairs, updates and modifications. Thanks to your generosity and kindhearted spirit, approximately$600,000 in market value services labor and materials were provided to the recipients.

We are sincerely thankful to each sponsor and all 1,300 volunteers who partnered with us to provide free home repairs and maintenance services to those in need. When large corporations, local businesses, municipalities, faith-based organizations and individuals reach out to their neighbors, magic happens!

Jack Schertel, RTOC House Commander has everything under control.

As one homeowner wrote, "The changes that I now see both inside and outside my home have lifted my outlook on life and given me new hope for a happier future, what a difference a day makes"

Sincerely,



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SOUTHFIELD

This is one of 13 projects completed in Southfield.

Homeowner Wilbert and his mother pictured here with four of the 29 City of Southfield employees that volunteered on the May 3rd Rebuild Day.

In Southfield, volunteers made major improvements at Wilbert's home. Wilbert lives at his home with his wife and three children. Wilbert's home is located in a neighborhood that was part of our Southfield "Neighborhood Rebuild Project". These projects focus on multiple homes in one

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Plus many additional

neighborhood in order to improve the Safety, health and appearance of the community as a whole.

Volunteers replaced kitchen cabinets, fixed drywall in the dining room, painted the dining room and living room and did general yard clean up for the Wilburt. Wilbert and his family were overwhelmed by the volunteers' genuine care and hard work. They wrote, " The outpouring of empathy, support, professionalism, teamwork & pride in workmanship is amazing! We truly appreciate everyone's assistance in turning our house into a home. Thank you!!!"

Volunteers smiling while helping paint interior rooms.

To learn even more about the work done in Southfield on May 3, click here to see a video from Southfield Channel 15.

To see other projects in this community, click on www.rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org

Huron Valley

This is one of four projects completed in Huron Valley

A young volunteer happy to be doing yard clean-up for a deserving homeowner, Claire

"Thank you for the work you did on my house. I am still overwhelmed at everything that was done! I am so fortunate to have met you all, " wrote Claire after volunteers did work on

individual donations

Calendar Of Events

Coming this Fall:
~ RTOC Bowl-a-thon!
(Be on the lookout for more information)

About RTOC

Our mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, and families with children, live in warmth, safety and independence.

Our goal is to make a sustainable impact in partnership with the community.

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her home on the 2014 Rebuild Day.

Claire is 69 years old and has lived in her home for 30 years. It needed some tender love and care and that is what happened on April 26. Volunteers came out and helped with some yard work, replaced flooring, and gave her new kitchen cabinets.

A volunteer installing new flooring.

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View our videos on YouTube

West Bloomfield

This is the only project completed in West Bloomfield.

Volunteers helped build a main level bathroom to help young Molly.

Scott and Kristen bought their home thinking that their daughter would eventually be able to walk, so they did not give it much thought when it did not have a main level bedroom or bathroom. Their daughter, Molly has cerebral palsy and despite what doctors first thought when she was born, she is wheelchair bound. As she has grown, it has become dangerous for Kristen and Scott to carry her upstairs to bath her. So, they contacted Rebuilding Together Oakland County for help.

RTOC took on the challenge and with some great volunteers, from Highland Congressional Church Molly now has a wheelchair accessible bathroom on the main level. The family was overwhelmed with the help. Here is what Scott said on the first day "They start showing up (with) material, dumpster.

It's like, oh my gosh, this is real. This is cool."

Click on this link to see the Scott, Kristen and Molly's story highlighted on Channel 4, Detroit News.

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CW3

(COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, WALLED LAKE, WIXOM, WOLVERINE VILLAGE)

This is one of four projects completed by CW3.

Freda, her sister Katy, and her brother Samuel live in their childhood home. They all battle health problems that make it not only physically hard to do repairs themselves, but also very financially difficult, so they applied to Rebuilding Together Oakland County and were accepted to receive help.

The work on Rebuild Day helped create a better home for Freda and her siblings. Volunteers from Orchard Grove Community church did a great job on Freda's home. By the time the day was over they had made eight trips to the dump hauling away Freda's dilapidated garage, and had finished dry walling and painting an interior room.

Roving Landscapers from CW3 helped low-income families in with yard clean-up.

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FARMINGTON HILLS

This is one of 10 projects completed in Farmington Hills.

Volunteers made a number of improvements inside and outside of the Lynette and Mason's home.

Lynette and Mason are caring and deserving individuals as foster parents. They knew they needed some repairs done on their home to keep it a safe place to raise their children, but did not have enough income to pay a professional. They found out about Rebuilding Together Oakland County and applied for assistance. They were selected and as two of RTOC's house captains wrote on their application, the Gills "deserve help."

With the donation of new kitchen cabinets from MASCO, the volunteers from Our Lady of Sorrows were able to make the Gills' dream of home repairs a reality. The volunteers demolished Lynette and Mason's old kitchen cabinets and brought in the new ones. They also built a wall in the basement that created a playroom for the kids. They painted

and carpeted the new playroom as well. The playroom was necessary for Lynette to keep her license for foster care.

"The fact that people from the community came out to help our family like this...it's absolutely amazing. We're in awe," said Lynette about everything RTOC, our volunteers, and sponsors did for their family.

The team of volunteers

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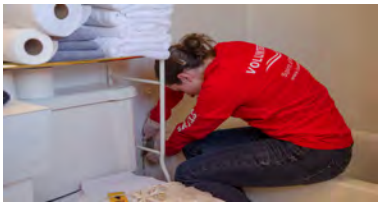
PONTIAC

This is one of six projects completed in Pontiac.

Jessie pictured with one of our younger volunteers.

Jessie was truly blessed by the volunteer teams from Booz Allen Hamilton,
and St. Luke's UMC.

Volunteers from Booz Allen Hamilton accomplished jobs inside and St. Luke's worked outside of Jessie's home. Many projects were completed, including: repaired soffits, fascia and shutters, and painted the homes exterior. They also replaced her broken garage door, replaced a broken front window and basement window. The BA team fixed the hot water heater and painted several interior rooms. Lastly they addressed safety issues by replacing grab in the bathroom and fixed handrails going to her upstairs.



A Booz Allen Hamilton employee caulking Jessie's bathroom

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Novi

We completed two projects in the Novi area.

Both homeowners were extremely pleased and excited to participate in the program. Volunteers from St. James Catholic church undertook both projects.

Arlene had work done on the inside and outside of her home. Volunteers painted, replaced some flooring, landscaped, and made her home more energy efficient and safer. "It is heart-warming to know that organizations like RTOC are dedicated to providing service to the community while respecting the dignity of the recipient. I am deeply grateful to the volunteers...that were able to transform my home as well as my spirit, "states Arlene in a thank you note to RTOC.

Volunteers laying sod in Ann's yard. What a great and positive impact this was for Ann and her neighbors as well, thanks crew!

Ann also had volunteers at her home. The volunteers helped mostly with outside work--sodded the yard, planted bushes, trees, and flowers and did general yard clean-up. They also helped remove a hornets nest--what dedicated volunteers! Ann wrote a thank you note and in it she says " I asked for help in my yard and I got so much more than I expected. I am so grateful for all the people who helped."

To see more pictures of the work done in Novi click here.

The Roving Landscapers

We completed 10 projects total in CW3 and Huron Valley

Not only did RTOC volunteers participate in major interior and exterior home repairs on Rebuild Day, there were also many youth called the Roving Landscapers that volunteered. They came out to help with yard clean up and landscaping throughout the CW3 and Huron Valley areas. These efforts were organized by Cheryl Gosselin, a RTOC board member.

Yard Clean-up helps make a positive and visible impact on the community.

The Roving Landscapers make a large and visible community impact in the CW3 and Huron Valley areas. Thank you from RTOC!

Roving Landscapers posing with a homeowner that they helped.

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Welcome to RTOC,

Julie Phillips

Julie Phillips joined the Rebuilding Together Oakland Family in April of 2014. Julie comes to RTOC from Rebuilding Together Detroit. She has worked in the non-profit industry for 8 years, 5 of those years were with organizations that focused on low income housing. Julie has her Master's in Social Work and has a passion for working with and helping those in need.

Julie will be working as the Administrative Support Coordinator at the Farmington Hills office. Our office hours will be Monday and Thursday 9:30am to 3:30pm.

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