Rebuilding Together joins teamwork with community improvement

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Volunteers are needed to work on repairs at some 50 homes in the county in the annual Rebuilding Together event on Saturday, April 28.

The mission of the nonprofit is to "help create a safe and healthy home for every person," said Teri Coleman of Highland Township.

"It's really rewarding and there's so much need," said Coleman. "I am going to be at about five houses in my area of Highland, White Lake and Milford townships."

Selected sponsors include Bank of America, Eaton, Masco Corp., Charter One Foundation, Continental, Honeywell, Lowe's, Talmer Bank and Trust, Ameriprise Financial, Booz, Allen, Hamilton; Sears and the cities of Southfield and Farmington Hills, the nonprofit's website said.

Coleman is Chairman of the Huron Valley Steering Committee, and Jerry McKay is the president of the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together in Oakland County.

Jobs that will be done include repair roofs, fixing a ceiling leak at a White Lake home, replacing drywall and doors, both back and front, at several homes.

"There are some 50 projects we will be working on that day," said Coleman.

Rebuilding Together began with a small group of founding affiliates more than 30 years ago and continued to grow when the national headquarters opened its doors in 1988, due to its immense growth and critical services the organization was delivering to homeowners across the country, she said in an email.

Some 1,500 volunteers are expected throughout Oakland County will be helping to repair homes on the same day. With the help of 2.5 million volunteers nationally, Rebuilding Together has delivered over $1 billion in market value since its founding.

To be eligible for help, an individual or family must own the home, be current on homeowners insurance and property taxes, she said.

Those being helped also must meet Housing and Urban Development poverty guidelines.

Volunteers were to start work at 8 a.m. and "work until the job is done," said Coleman.

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