

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS 2018

"I never could believe that people are so kind. I must be living right. Every one of them were such a joy! One by one our neighbors came over and said, 'Who did this for you? It looks like you have a new house!' I cried last night; I couldn't help myself, I was so emotional. I felt such joy that people would take time to help us. God is good! He is good every day and I thank Him."

-A homeowner commenting on her Rebuilding Day Volunteer Team

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago in partnership with social service providers, community leaders, donors and volunteers, helps our neighbors who need essential home repairs they cannot afford to live in dignity and to remain in their homes, safe, warm and dry. In addition to the tangible impact of our home repair work, we want the homeowners we help to feel cared for, respected and proud of our work. We consider it a privilege to serve.

GENERAL REPORT ON ALL PROJECTS

In 2018, we:

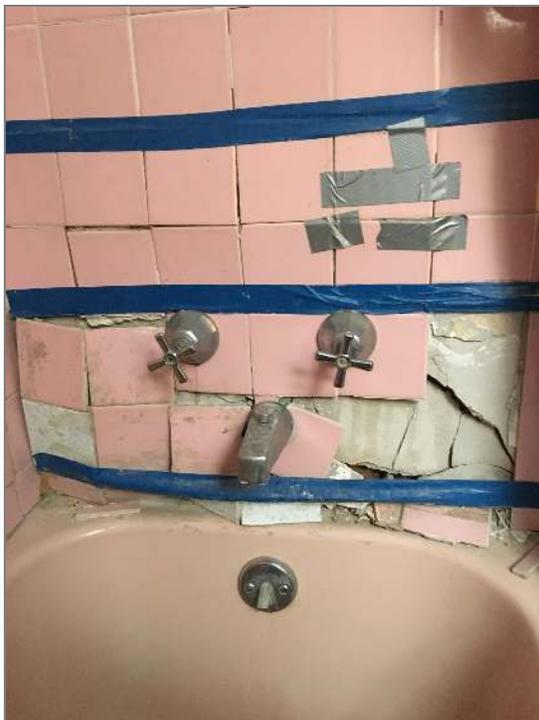
- Processed over 100 applications for free home repairs from Evanston to Zion
- Worked on 42 single family homes and one not-for-profit organization in 11 communities
- Served our neighbors in need, many of whom are seniors or Veterans, have disabilities, or care for a child with disabilities at home, as well as needy not for profits
- Worked with 30 groups which included 500 volunteers, and many donors

WE HAVE MANY STORIES FROM 2018 AND HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

A Home Transformed

A wonderful senior on dialysis lived in his home for 53 years, and his twin brother, a Veteran, lived with him. The brothers love and care for their home, but were unable to afford repairs and improvements. Talented volunteer Teams worked wonders! They rehabbed the only bathroom, installed a basement shower, painted much of the interior, provided new blinds and living room and hallway carpeting.

Before....



After...



Before...



After...



Accessibility Improvement for a Special Family

An outstanding young man was seriously injured in an accident which required that he use a wheelchair and receive round-the-clock care. We built a magnificent accessibility ramp thanks to generous support from Northwestern University and Power Construction, to benefit this fine young man and his inspiring family who lovingly cares for him.

During...



After...



The young man's mom said, *"People do not realize the freedom a ramp can bring...The ramp helps [our son] engage in life!"*

Helping and Honoring Veterans

We feel privileged to help local Veterans! **We performed the following tasks and more for 15 local heroes, including a paratrooper who has a 40% disability from his Korean War service and a 22 year Veteran of the Navy.** In addition, we were honored to provide substantial help to the daughter of a Tuskegee Airman who served as a pilot in WWII. Our Veterans projects included the following:

- **Installed three new roofs**
- Major repairs of drywall, fascia, stairs and porches
- **Tore down a garage and removed 180 feet of damaged and rotted stockade fence**
- Removed six hazardous trees from the properties of two Veterans (including a 60' dead elm)
- **Major plumbing, including installing new toilets, sinks, faucets and two new walk-in tubs**
- Built an accessibility ramp
- **Provided two new furnaces and two new hot water heaters**
- Painted the exterior of one home and the interiors of many others
- **Tore down and rehabbed the porch pictured here:**



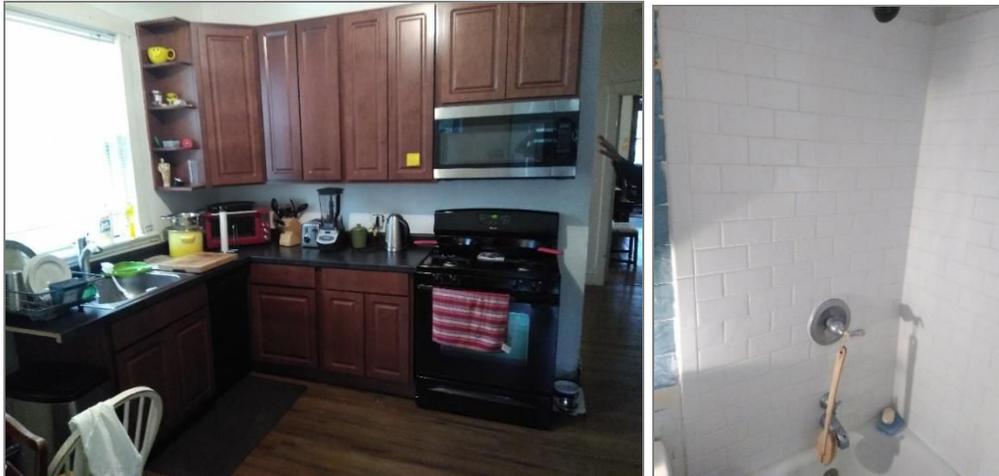
Major Rehab to Help another Fine Family

A senior couple with many health challenges care for their adult daughter who has a cognitive disability resulting from an essential medical treatment many years ago. This good family loves their home where they have lived for more than 40 years. Their kitchen and bathroom shower were in bad shape with broken cabinets, damaged flooring fallen-down tile and more. A skilled Team rehabbed the kitchen and shower, and high school volunteers stripped wallpaper, painted, cleaned and organized!

Before...



After....



Big Trouble!

This fallen-down fascia caused this home to lose electricity! We were thankful to perform the repair and restore electricity to this family in need with three minor children.

Before...

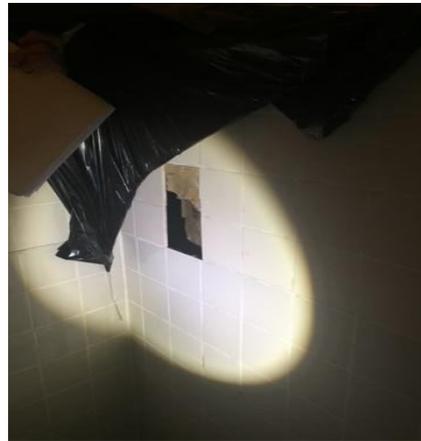
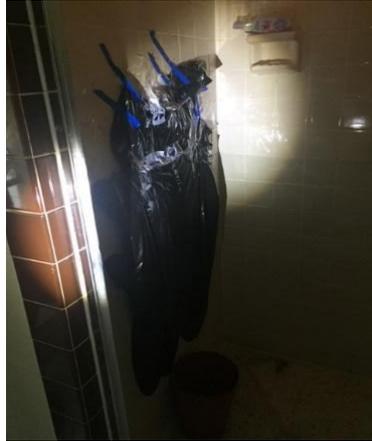


After....



A senior couple's shower had mold and fallen-down tile...

Before...



...After

Life-changing Help for a Family

A senior couple share their home with their daughter and five-year-old grandson. We detected and repaired five serious gas leaks and installed new duct-work. We provided a new boiler when theirs gave out on the year's coldest day. Volunteers tore down a falling-down garage, built a new play area, rebuilt a problem porch, rebuilt the front walkway, did many interior repairs, painted, organized and more!

Before...



After...



The family was elated and the gracious Mom said, ***“Thank you so much for giving myself and my family a new beginning. It was such a wonderful day in our lives that will always be with us. The energy of that day was amazing! I will always remember your smiles and enthusiasm in reaching out and helping us with our home and yard. My grandson said that it was the best day ever as he rode on his swing set for the first time. Thank you so much for picking my family!!!”***



Roof Desperately Needed A senior had worked all her life and lived in her home 37 years. Her leaking roof caused structural damage, including a collapsed kitchen ceiling and damaged walls. We provided a new roof and repaired all the damage, enabling this good neighbor to remain in her home.

IMPACT OF OUR WORK:

Thanks to our donors and volunteers, in 2018 we accomplished the following and more:

- 7 new roofs and gutter systems
- Many new appliances
- Gutted and rehabbed one kitchen and 4 partial or total bathrooms and installed 2 walk-in tubs
- Tuckpointing and chimney repairs
- 4 new furnaces
- Constructed two wheelchair ramps including a large and very complex one
- Many windows repaired or replaced
- Multiple floor replacements/installed new carpeting in MANY homes
- Many interior and exterior painting and wall repair projects
- Many plumbing projects-repairs plus installed new toilets, sinks, faucets and hot water heaters
- Installation of many grab bars and railings
- Major clutter remediation and reorganizing at many homes
- Tore down 2 garages
- Rebuilt substantial porch steps and more for a not for profit organization, benefiting 8 minors
- Many handyman-type repairs, electrical improvements and landscaping projects

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago loves to help our neighbors!

Painting and organizing...



Taking down garages and replacing roofs...



Landscaping and so much more!



*The Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago network is comprised of donors, house captains, skilled and unskilled volunteers, tradespeople and contractors who make our work possible. We are grateful to all who support our mission. **Donations are greatly appreciated.***

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