HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS 2019

“Oh my God. What can I do or say? I can only pray daily for the group. I know that the Good Lord will reward each and everyone that made a change in my life and home. You have done amazing, wonderful and awesome things for me. May God bless and prosper you. You are a life changer. The letter cannot express my heart. God bless you.”

-From a Homeowner’s thank you letter (See “Polar Vortex” Story below)

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 2019, we:

- Processed over 90 applications for free home repairs from Evanston to Zion
- Worked on 44 single family homes and one not-for-profit organization in 14 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 2019-HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

The “Polar Vortex” causes trouble

The Polar Vortex of 2019 caused the pipes in this senior’s bathroom to burst! She was reluctant to make a claim against her homeowner’s insurance, fearing that the premiums may become unaffordable, insofar as it had paid for a new roof the year before. We provided a beautiful new shower. On Rebuilding Day we also disposed of unwanted possessions, reorganized the basement, painted several rooms and did yard work. Our dear neighbor sent us a three-page thank you, quoted in part above.

Before... After...
Accessibility improvements can be life-changing
A gentleman age 49 is paralyzed from the waist down, and did not have a safe way in and out of his home. We built a spacious new porch and an ADA-compliant ramp. The Applicant’s smile says 1,000 words!

Before...

After..
Helping and Honoring Veterans
We feel privileged to assist local Veterans! In one of our four Veterans projects, we helped a fine Veteran who had served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. His wife had serious health issues, and had recently passed away. He also supported their adult son with a disability in their home for many years. With substantial grants from Home Depot, we replaced his 30-year-old furnace and hot water heater, which were both precarious. We also rehabbed his very needy bathroom. We are so happy we could help!

Before...

After..

We performed the following additional tasks and more for three more local heroes:
- Installed a chair lift to enable a Veteran who uses a wheelchair to access his bedroom upstairs
- Major basement mold remediation
- Removed a fence subject to City citations, and replaced and stained a new 180 foot/6 foot fence
We transform many homes, hearts and lives...

**Bathroom, Chimney, Carpeting, Painting and More**-A gentleman has lived in his family home for 73 years. We rehabbed the tub, tuck-pointed his crumbling chimney, painted most of the interior, replaced worn carpeting and also his inoperable range. He and his partner were relieved and overjoyed!

**A senior works as a caregiver and raises a foster son, and dreamed of a new kitchen. She told us...**

*Before...*

*After...*

“I am overwhelmed with thankfulness, happiness and joy. My new kitchen is beyond my dreams!”
Big Trouble!
Floor and Wall, In. replaced a damaged floor for a senior supporting her adult son with a disability.

**Before...**

**After...**

We replace many windows every year. Here our remarkable and vivacious 97 year-old homeowner had a damaged window which did not open. Her kitchen was hot in the summer...

**Before...**

**After...**

A family had not had hot water in 7 years!
We provided a hot water heater, new roof and re-graded to address leaks...
IMPACT OF OUR WORK:
Thanks to our donors and volunteers, in 2019 we accomplished the following and more:

- 3 new roofs and gutter systems and 2 roof repairs
- Gutted and rehabbed 1 kitchen and 5 partial or total bathrooms
- 4 new furnaces and 4 new hot water heaters
- Constructed a new porch and wheelchair ramp
- Replaced flooring and/or installed new carpeting at 9 homes
- Tore down 2 garages for seniors subject to ongoing citations, referred by local Code Enforcement
- Many new appliances
- Many interior and exterior painting and wall repair projects
- Many plumbing repairs, including installation of new toilets, sinks and, faucets
- Installation of many grab bars and railings
- Major clutter remediation and reorganizing at many homes
- Extensive tuck-pointing and chimney repairs at 1 home
- Major mold remediation at 2 homes
- Addressed a serious pest infestation at 1 home
- Provided a “like-new” rehabbed mobile home to a family whose mobile home was beyond repair thanks to a one-time special grant
- Landscaped at a not-for-profit organization, benefiting 8 adults with developmental disabilities
- Many handyman-type repairs, hand-rail installations, electrical improvements and landscaping

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago loves to help our neighbors!
Painting, carpentry, and landscaping...

Taking down garages with Team Rubicon and Advanced Disposal...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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