

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS 2020

"We would like to convey our sincerest gratitude for our new roof. This spring, after many years of numerous patches, the roof was springing many new leaks and it was critical to tear it off! Water had begun dripping down from heavy duty plaster ceilings onto furniture and floors along with chunks of plaster falling down. It was literally raining in the living room one morning. A section of the front porch roof and ceiling also came crashing down during a rainstorm one night."

"Rebuilding Together saved the house! You are simply an amazing organization...communication and expertise on ALL levels were honestly very impressive...They are fantastic with people and have vast knowledge of home construction." From Homeowner's email of 7/7/2020 (See first 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. 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 DURING OUR 2020 FISCAL YEAR (7/1/2019-6/30/2020):

- Due to Covid, for part of the year we worked on only exterior projects and interior emergency repairs, exclusively using skilled contractors, transforming homes with "high-impact/ big-budget" projects
- We deferred our Volunteer Team projects to the following year
- We processed over 100 applications for free home repairs from Evanston to Zion
- We worked on 38 single family homes and one not-for-profit organization in 11 communities
- We 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 a not for profit in need

WE HAVE MANY STORIES FROM 2020-HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

"It was literally raining in the living room one morning..."

This family of five struggled with medical issues and unemployment and were in desperate need of a new roof they could not afford. **We provided a new roof, performed structural repairs and painted the exterior of this home.** Our dear neighbor sent us a lengthy email, quoted in part above.

Before of porch ceiling...



After of porch ceiling...



Before..



After



Helping our Heroes-We feel privileged to assist local Veterans!

A Veteran had served in active duty in the Army from 1958-1960. An industrious gentleman, he had installed his kitchen floor years ago, but it had not stood the test of time and had to be replaced.

When we pulled up the floor (pre-Covid), **we found significant water which had leaked from a rotted bathtub drain pipe in the adjacent bathroom, and other big problems. We replaced flooring in the kitchen and dining room, did a partial rehab of the kitchen, a full rehab of the bathroom, and major plumbing repairs.** What began as a modest job ended up as a major rehab, preventing further serious issues from this previously unknown, longstanding and ongoing leak.

Before and during the work...



After..



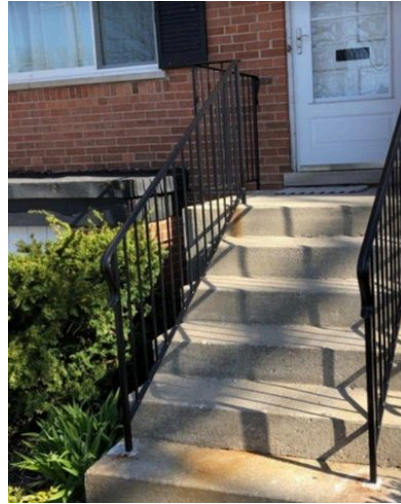
We transform many homes, hearts and lives...these townhome porches needed repairs and new railings

Two seniors were unable to afford repairs essential to their townhomes' safety. We repaired two porches and an overhang, installed new railings and painted. The homeowners were relieved and overjoyed!

Townhome #1- Before...



After...



Townhome #2- Before...



Townhome #2- After...



Helping a Family in Great Need

A family of five, including three seniors with challenging health issues, and a teen, live in a 23 year old mobile home. **Their mobile home had no heat for a long time due to damaged and deteriorated ductwork and insulation underneath the home.** The family was unable to afford the electric bills from their sparing use of space heaters, which were inadequate and unsafe. Plumbing repairs and new skirting for the home also were needed. The Application stated, ***"I am cold in my home which is not healthy for my heart or my arthritis."*** We removed a large volume of unwanted materials outside of the home, blocking our access to do the work, removed and replaced all the ductwork under the home, performed plumbing repairs, replaced all the skirting surrounding the home, serviced the furnace, and replaced heating vents inside. (Project was done in November, 2020)



The homeowner told us afterwards, ***"It's so comfortable here now. You do not mind going out into the kitchen...You never know what you have until you don't have it anymore. What you all have done is tremendous. When you have worked all your life, it is hard to take from someone else. You think someone else could use the help more than you. I do not expect this kind of generosity. But it means so much to me...I couldn't believe how nice it looks too with all the new skirting. They were all so nice and did a wonderful job. I just keep smiling...."***

Big trouble! Keeping our neighbors safe, warm and dry, living in independence and dignity is our priority. **We replaced a leaking roof, repaired structural damage and painted** for this fine working homeowner with a very low income who was unable to afford a new roof and other essential repairs.

Before...



After...



Before...



After...



Before...



After..



Before...



After...



IMPACT OF OUR WORK:

Thanks to our donors and skilled tradespersons, in our 2020 fiscal year (7/1/2019-6/30/2020)* we accomplished the following and more:

- New roofs at 5 homes(3 entire roofs, 1 garage and 1 large porch) and roof repairs at 3 homes
- Gutted and rehabbed 1 kitchen and 4 bathrooms (2 partial)
- Replaced flooring or installed new carpeting at 2 homes
- 2 new furnaces, 1 new hot water heater and 2 furnace repairs
- 2 new appliances
- Plumbing repairs at 4 homes
- Installation of an interior chair lift
- Installation of new sinks and faucets at 2 homes plus one vanity at 1 of these homes
- Installation of exterior railings at 6 homes
- Tuck-pointing at 3 homes
- Critter removal from under roofs at 2 homes
- Painted 5 classrooms plus a teachers' lounge in a Chicago school in a low-income neighborhood
- Replacement of several windows and a skylight
- Repairs of exterior stairs and walkways
- Painting outside and inside at several homes
- Electrical repairs and improvements at 2 homes
- Major mobile home rehab, replacing all ductwork and insulation under home, restoring heat and more (Note-this project was done in November, 2020)*

Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago loves to help our neighbors!



The Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago network is composed of donors, house captains, skilled and unskilled volunteers, tradespersons and contractors who make our work possible.

We are grateful to all who support our mission. Donations are greatly appreciated.

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