



## 2013 Funder Report from Rebuilding Together Twin Cities

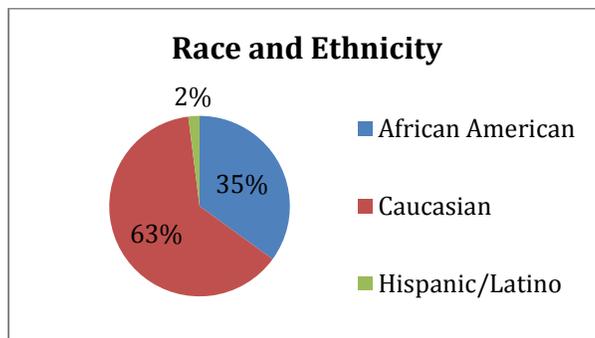
In 2013, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities advanced towards our goal of preserving affordable homeownership for low-income families, older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and active and retired members of the armed services.

*Cheryl is a hard-working single mother of three, including one who is severely autistic. Cheryl works for the local postal service and has lived in her home for 27 years. Unfortunately, in the last few years Cheryl has been divorced by her husband, diagnosed with cancer, and underwent brain surgery last winter. Due to these circumstances, her home has fallen into disrepair. This past spring, 34 volunteers dedicated nearly 250 hours of their time to help Cheryl and her kids. The volunteers renovated her kitchen; made energy efficiency improvements; painted and repaired walls; addressed safety issues; and made plumbing and electrical repairs. This project also resulted in several renewed and new partnerships with other nonprofit organizations serving similar groups, including Project for Pride in Living and Habitat for Humanity. Through these partnerships, we were able to stretch our respective limited resources further and leverage additional services to help Cheryl. We anticipate these collaborations will go beyond individual projects like Cheryl's and grow into long-term and sustainable partnerships.*

During our most recent fiscal year, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities renovated and repaired a total of 61 homes through our Home Repair program. We also made home safety and accessibility modifications to 42 homes through our Safe at Home program and established a new Ramp Accessibility program through which we designed, built and installed elongated steps or wheelchair ramps for six homeowners in need. In addition, we worked on six nonprofit community spaces.

We served 151 residents and nearly 35,000 nonprofit center visitors during our most recent fiscal year.

- 100% of the people were low-income, with household income at or below 50% of area median income.
- 50% of the homeowners were older adults and 44% were individuals living with a disability.
- 6% of these homeowners were veterans, and nearly 10% of the homes were those of families with children.
- On average, the homeowners we served have lived in their home for 24 years.





Last year, we worked with 1,176 volunteers who dedicated more than 10,000 hours of their time. We could not do what we do without the hard work of our volunteers. We successfully nominated one of our outstanding volunteers, Jared Broghamer, for KARE 11's Eleven Who Care, and he was recognized by them this past year for his work with us.

*Michael and Lori moved to their St. Paul home 15 years ago. They share their home with their three adopted sons. Their kitchen posed significant health and safety risks for the family. The facelift to the kitchen completed as part of this project has made that room the heart of the home, as Lori has always imagined, allowing her family to more easily cook and eat together.*

*“Thank you doesn't even begin to reflect all that we feel! We have been so impressed with everyone we have met from Rebuilding Together. I have bragged about how everyone has been while interacting with my family...including my dog! It says a lot about who you are as individuals. You really care about the families you help!”*



We continue to increase our funding base and welcomed Maxwell House and The Opus Group as new corporate sponsors this past year. We also welcomed several new corporate in-kind donors, including:

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| Appoloosa Tile          | Linders               | St. Paul Bagelry         |
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| Davanni's               | Stouts/Chianti Grille |                          |

We continue to expand and strengthen our partnerships with social service agencies and neighborhood councils and partner with other nonprofits who have similar missions in order to stretch our resources further. Most recently, we collaborated with Habitat for Humanity, Project for Pride in Living and the East Side Development Corporation to rehabilitate a home for a single mother in need. We have also formalized and expanded our partnerships with educational institutions including Dunwoody College of Technology and St. Catherine University.

We received extensive media coverage and support from elected officials and celebrities for the larger projects we completed, including:

- American Indian Family Center Renovation Sponsored by Maxwell House – We hosted Former Minnesota Twins player and Minnesota Hall of Famer Brad Radke, U.S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Mayor Chris Coleman, and several local elected officials.
- Community Build in St. Paul Sponsored by Lowe's and Carter's Kids – We hosted HGTV's Carter Oosterhouse, U.S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius and Minnesota Housing Commissioner Mary Tingherthal.



- We were honored to have U.S. Senator Al Franken make a special trip to come back to a home he visited the previous year that had been damaged by the tornado.
- We hosted State Senators Jeff Hayden and Kari Dziedzic and State Representative Susan Allen, as well as many local council members, at projects throughout the year.

*With your support, we were able to help homeowners in need like **Joyce**, an 83 year old woman who has lived in her St. Paul home for more than 50 years. Joyce has a heart condition and recently underwent shoulder-replacement surgery. She needed help with fixing a few things around her home, including weatherizing her windows and doors and installing outdoor security lights. After the work was completed, Joyce sent a thank you note saying that because of the work of our volunteers, she “can now face yet another Minnesota winter feeling comfortable and secure.”*

**We are extremely grateful for the support of our community, sponsors, partners and volunteers, who have made it possible for us to help homeowners like Cheryl, Michael and Lori, and Joyce live independently in safe and healthy homes.**