



Rebuilding Together Twin Cities 2019 Highlights and Accomplishments

With the support of our many partners and the hard work of volunteers, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities preserves affordable homeownership for low-income families, older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and active and retired members of the armed services in our community. **Together, we are able to provide the repairs and accessibility modifications needed for these homeowners to remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love.**

We helped Marge, who due to several disabilities had become a prisoner in her own home. Marge had not been out of her house for more than two years because her wheelchair could not navigate the steps in and out of her home. Marge's medical needs were taken care of by a monthly visiting nurse and her personal care attendant took care of daily needs, but Marge missed the rest of the world – her neighbors and friends. Marge called us for help, and we partnered with our incredible Ramp Team to design and build a ramp for Marge. As Marge says, "There are really no words except thank you. All the people that have donated their time and money...I am so grateful. The story is freedom for me."



We work year-round to preserve affordable homeownership, build healthy neighborhoods and ensure that homeowners in need can live independently in safe and healthy homes through our programs:

- **Safe at Home:** We provide home safety and fall prevention modifications and ramps for older adults or those living with a disability so that they can continue to live in safety and independence in their own homes.
- **Home Repair:** We provide volunteer-delivered repairs including weatherizing, cleaning, installing flooring, patching and painting, siding, and landscaping, and timely contractor-delivered repair or replacement of essential systems, such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, outer envelope and roofs that are critical to healthy, livable homes.
- **Community Revitalization:** We stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods by providing safe and welcoming spaces for communities to gather, such as community centers, schools, supportive housing facilities and outdoor community spaces.
- **Construction Workforce Training Collaborative:** We are working with Tree Trust, Housing First Minnesota, and Association of Minority Contractors to launch our new Construction Workforce Training Collaborative, an innovative public-private partnership that will provide a unique opportunity to deliver entry-level training in construction to underserved and minority youth, while increasing our capacity to provide low-income homeowners with repairs and accessibility modifications.



We are proud to report that we partnered with 715 volunteers to complete 57 Safe at Home Projects, 43 Home Repair Projects, and seven Community Revitalization Projects in 2019. We assisted 204 residents and 235 clients served by the nonprofit facilities and community spaces. Many of the households we served received comprehensive services through both the Safe at Home and the Home Repair programs. These deeper services will result in long-term stability for the family.

100% of homeowners served last year were at or below 50% of the Area Median Income. 87% of the households we served last year have an individual living with a disability in the home and 90% have a senior living in the home. Of those who self-reported, 25% are African-American, 63% are Caucasian, 5% are Asian/Pacific Islander, 4% are Hispanic/Latino, and 3% are Native American.



We helped Elizabeth, who loves her St. Paul Midway home and neighborhood, but needed some accessibility modifications to ensure her home is safe and she can age-in-place successfully. Her rear entry steps, off an existing deck, posed a serious fall hazard and were the only access route to the garage and yard. We stabilized and reinforced Elizabeth's back deck and built a low-rise, wide-step stair system with heavy duty railings. In her thank you note, Elizabeth wrote, "I am so grateful to the wonderful volunteers! Thank you for my beautiful and safe deck and stairs!"

We are extremely grateful for the support of our partners and volunteers, which has made it possible for us to help homeowners like Marge and Elizabeth, as well as community organizations serving those in need. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help low-income homeowners in the Twin Cities live independently in safe and healthy homes.