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## **Some Highlights** **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebuilding Together Day** **April 28, 2007**

### **Mission Statement of Rebuilding Together Broward County, Inc.**

“Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners.”

“Our mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled or families with children, live in comfort, safety, and independence. Our goal is to make a sustainable impact in partnership with communities.”

“Restore safe and sanitary living conditions.”

“Reduce falls and injuries at home.”

“Deliver home improvements that are significant, immediate and long-lasting.”

### **Key Objectives of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebuilding Together Day**

- 1) Improve the quality of life of low-income homeowners by providing urgent home improvements
- 2) Deliver a significant neighborhood improvement project by improving multiple homes and by providing neighborhood beautification
- 3) Engagement of diverse individuals and organizations in community service that will promote the goal that Broward County is a caring and inclusive community.
- 4) Ensure a positive experience for the homeowners, volunteers, sponsors and project partners.

## **Summary of the 13 Projects**

### **12 houses with 39 residents**

- 10 children
- 12 disabled
- 16 elderly

### **1 Church** (Welcome Baptist Church)

## **Approximately 260 participants on April 28**

### **Partial list of home improvements**

- 2 new roofs
- 4 roof repairs
- plumbing repairs at 13 sites
- electrical repairs at 12 sites
- new flooring at 8 homes
- 9 new sets of kitchen cabinets
  - 2 sets of base cabinets
  - 7 sets of base & wall cabinets
- 19 replaced broken window panes
- 28 grab bars
- 9 toilets
- restored 2 tubs
- 3 HW heaters
- 14 new sinks and faucets
- 5 ranges
- 1 refrigerator
- 2 dryers
- 2 washers
- 1 integrated washer/dryer unit
- 1 dishwasher
- 8 range hoods
- 10 exterior pre-hung doors with new hardware
- replacement furniture at 9 homes
- 3 homes painted on exterior
- lots of debris removal
- serviced 7 A/C units (replaced 1 air handler unit)
- 16 flexible shower heads
- lots of misc.: shelves, door repairs, rubber-backed rugs, touch lamps, 4 medicine cabinets, interior painting, towel bars, landscaping, re-sealing of 2 driveways, 2 bathroom exhaust vents, 4 dryer vents....

## **26 Sponsors**

- 4 Star Services
- AMC Liquidators
- Avocent
- Booz|Allen|Hamilton
- Bradco Supply
- Broward Housing & Community Dev. Task Force
- City of Oakland Park
- Countrywide Home Loans
- County Electric
- Doc's Plumbing
- First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale
- Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers
- JM Family Enterprises
- Holland Builders
- Leadership Broward
- Lou Jezdimir Roofing
- Lowe's
- Pinnacle Housing Group
- Nova Southeastern Univ. Student Occupational Therapy Assoc.
- RoofTech
- Rotary Elder Program
- Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale
- Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale South
- Rotary Club of Oakland Park
- Rotary Club of Pompano Beach
- South Florida Glazing
- Wachovia

## **Who benefited from the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebuilding Together Day?**

- 1) homeowners and their families (especially the elderly, disabled and children)
    - a. restore safe & sanitary living conditions (replacement of toilets, sinks, doors, flooring, appliances, broken window panes...)
    - b. reduce probabilities of falls and injuries at home (lighting, grab bars, switches...)
    - c. protection of their principle financial asset (roof repairs, leaking water...)
    - d. protect low-income homeownership and aging-at-home.
  - 2) the Harlem McBride Homeowners Association
    - a. strengthen grass-roots organizations
    - b. empower local leadership
  - 3) neighbors and the community
    - a. community beautification
    - b. improved home value
    - c. improvement of affordable housing
  - 4) volunteers who are looking for meaningful community service
  - 5) civic partners who look for effective delivery of services
  - 6) sponsors who want to partner with efficient non-profit organizations
  - 7) municipal agencies who look for assistance with delivery of needed social services
- The nation's largest volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income houses and communities.