



*January 2015 Newsletter*

## Making 2015 The Year of Giving!

Why give to help Long Beach residents in need?

- Over 10% of Long Beach residents are 65 or older - almost 40% of whom are disabled.
- Nearly 15% of the elderly in Long Beach live in poverty.
- More than 1/3 of all households in Long Beach that are headed by single women live in poverty.



**Rebuilding Together Long Beach provides FREE home repairs and modifications for some of the city's most at need residents. Countless Long Beach residents are in need of our services and we need your help!**

*\$20.00 Helps provide over \$100 in home repairs to individuals in need  
\$50.00 Helps provide over \$200 in home repairs to individuals in need  
\$100.00 Helps provide over \$400 in home repairs to individuals in need*

***Donate now!***

***<http://www.rebuildingtogetherlongbeach.org/donations.php>***

## The Kelley Project

**Ultimate Software employees volunteer in large numbers to help a Long Beach resident in need!**

After 23 years of marriage, Ms. Kelley unexpectedly found herself living alone in her home, following the passing of both her husband and her son. To exacerbate her situation, 3 1/2 years ago, Ms. Kelley was permanently disabled and is now confined to a wheelchair with a paralyzed right leg. She currently sleeps on a hospital bed in the living room of the home and requires a caregiver. She will never walk again.

To make matters even worse, Ms. Kelly was recently cited by code enforcement for various health and safety related concerns including: roof repair, fence repair, exterior paint and yard debris. If left unchecked, these violations could result in her losing the home which has been in her family since it was built in the 1930s. While living on a fixed income that barely meets her expenses, she was in desperate need of our services.



Thanks to the hard work and generous financial support provided by Ultimate Software, on January 14th we were able to address the code enforcement issues for Ms. Kelley at no cost to her. In doing so, we improved the health and safety of the home, while also providing Ms. Kelley with a sense of dignity and security and the knowledge that the community truly does care about her.

## A Big Welcome to our Newest Board Member: Ozzie Gomez!



Ozzie is a Certified Financial Planner with Pillar Investment Strategies. A graduate of CSULB, Ozzie brings to us not only a great deal of financial expertise, but also an intimate knowledge of Long Beach. And he's bilingual to boot! An amazing combination that will make him a terrific addition to

our Board!

## A BIG Thank You & Farewell to Anne...

Anne Thorp, a long-time volunteer for RTLB, is moving on. And we will miss her greatly!



Anne has brought her warmth, her charm, her easy-going manner, her wit, and her intelligence to RTLB over these last several years. She's been a stalwart of the Site Selection Committee, the Volunteer Coordination Committee, and the Hospitality Committee. She has brought happy faces to scores of volunteers, dozens of homeowners, and even a doodly

number of in-kind vendors! All of us at RTLB greatly appreciate her many excellent contributions, and we wish her the very best for the future!

## RTLB 2014 Holiday Party!

A special thanks to all who came out to the RTLB Christmas party, it was a wonderful evening of food, friends, and fun.

And a very special thanks to the Leisys, Bill and Debbie, for hosting at Masterworks and to Tanya Bermudez for decorating.



Bringing Volunteers & Communities Together to Improve  
the Lives of Homeowners in Need since 1992!

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