

REBUILDING TOGETHER LONG BEACH
Bringing volunteers together to repair homes and improve lives.

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Join us in
providing services
to those in need



Celebrating
20 Years!

REBUILDING
LONG
BEACH ONE
DAY
AT A TIME

- 16 Locations
- 144 Volunteers
- 813 Hours
- \$76,220.00 in donated labor and materials

Event Day
4/27/13

STOMP ON THE
ROOF
WELLNESS
FESTIVAL

Community Hospital
Long Beach "Stomp
on the Roof" Mental
Health and
Disabilities Wellness
Festival

WHO WE HELP.

Rebuilding Together Long Beach focuses on home modifications and community-centric programs which serve a variety of populations: low-income homeowners, elderly-at-risk, veterans and military families, families with children, and people living with disabilities. To get involved more, contact us at info@rtlb.org or call 562-490-3802.



HEROES
at Homesm

RTLB assists Veterans with Home
Repairs and Remodels

On July 7, 2007 Pat was on a supply run for his men, enemy fire was close, a bullet snuck under his helmet and exploded as it came in contact with his skull, right above his left ear. The quick and deliberate action of the men in his unit saved him. That night, the military medical team performed lifesaving surgery. They removed his left temporal lobe and half his skull to allow the brain to swell without causing secondary injury. Within 72 hours, Pat was back in the States in critical condition. He had made it home!

In the beginning, Pat was completely debilitated. Within an hour, the bullet had destroyed his ability to walk, the coordination of his body and mouth and his vestibular system. He lost all sensation on the right side of his body. He lost the ability to read, write, speak, and even understand the English language. If that wasn't enough, the bullet severed his right optic nerve leaving a visual field deficit in both eyes.

The Captain began rehabilitation five weeks after the injury with his wife at his side. Initially,

Join us on Saturday, May

4 for Community Hospital Long Beach's "Stomp on the Roof" Mental Health and Disabilities Wellness Festival. The Festival will showcase various local mental health resources specifically for individuals and their families, managing mental health and mental disabilities. RTLB will be available to provide information on the services we provide. Participants will enjoy art and music workshops, drum circles, food and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Location:

Community Hospital Long Beach Rooftop of the Parking Structure 1720 Termino Ave. Long Beach, 90804

Who Should Attend: All

Parking:

Parking at Community Hospital Long Beach is free. Follow signs from Termino Avenue to the access road north of the hospital (Community Way).

Contact Us.

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Lets Party!

RTLB is celebrating our 20th anniversary.

SAVE THE DATE

June 19th (Wednesday)

La Lune Palace (2801 E Spring Street LB)

Additional details will be added to our website soon.

clinicians gave them a discouraging prognosis. In the early days of rehab, Pat and his family were overwhelmed because the injury was so debilitating. They just couldn't imagine how he could possibly recover. Thankfully, Pat began to make progress. Early on, he and his wife decided to stay the course as long as they had access to care. There has been a long road to recovery and it is not over yet. His family knew he could not return to the home he left. The bedroom was up 13 stairs, the front door was up 4 stairs, 3 bathrooms with 3 bathtubs, the thought of how Pat would function in a the home he knew was overwhelming to his wife and kids.

Millions of U.S. veterans are in desperate need of repairs and adaptations to their homes.

Rebuilding Together's Veterans Housing was created to meet the growing needs of veterans from past and present wars. Rebuilding Together fills the gaps in modifications and repair services that retired and active service men and women struggle to meet. In partnership with corporate sponsors like Sears, Rebuilding Together's Veterans Housing strives to provide safe and accessible housing for all low-income veterans.

The need is great. For veterans returning from service in the Global War on Terror with severe injuries, readjustment and reintegration into their families and communities can be difficult.

- Of the nearly 200,000 service members currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan more than 33,000 have been wounded.
- In tough economic times the more than two million troops who served after 9/11 will also eventually return home to face difficult financial hardships and mounting bills.
- In addition, the majority of the 23 million veterans living in the U.S. will soon be forced to deal with how to pay for necessary home repairs on fixed incomes.
- It is estimated that more than 4.3 million veterans have a combined family income of less than \$20,000, making it difficult to provide for the necessary repairs to a family home.

RTLB is providing home repairs to Service men and women throughout the months of April and May.

You can help - to volunteer or contribute please click here www.rtlb.org