

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

**RTLb NEWS & EVENTS**  
**January 2013**



**Celebrating**  
**20 Years!**

**Calling all**  
**Sponsors for**  
**2013!**

While we are still tallying the numbers of homeowners helped this year through the generous efforts of so many sponsors, it is not too soon to begin thinking about the many folks we will need to help in 2013. We already have a hearty queue of applications that we are in the process of vetting right now. People like Marie whose mobility needs have changed and she is dependent on her wheelchair now most of the time. A ramp will ensure that she is not housebound. Or, George, a WWII veteran who is caring for his wife who has cancer now and needs his support. Their bathroom is inaccessible as he tries to help her with a shower. Providing a tub cut, grab bars, a handheld shower and other safety modifications will make a huge difference. Flooring for Hildago, electrical work for Sandy, and some energy upgrades for

**Apply Now - FREE**  
**Home Improvements and**  
**Repairs Application Deadline is**  
**January 31st.**

To qualify for consideration as a Rebuilding Together recipient, you must OWN and OCCUPY the home, and it must need repairs or modifications to make the home accessible, safe, and/or healthy. You must be unable to do the work yourself. Applications can be mailed to you or obtained on line at [www.rtlb.org](http://www.rtlb.org).

Things to consider when filling out the application:

- Are smoke alarms needed?
- Do any faucets need to be fixed or replaced?
- Does the toilet need to be fixed or replaced?
- Are grab-bars needed in the bathroom?
- Are handrails needed at the entry or stairs?
- Is there unsafe electrical wiring that need to be repaired?
- Are there any electrical outlets that need repair?
- Should lighting be improved or repaired?
- Is interior painting needed?
- Is exterior painting needed?
- Do any stairs or railings need to be fixed?
- Does the screen door need to be fixed or replaced?
- Do any window or screens need to be fixed?
- Does the yard fencing or gate need to be repaired?
- Is there yard cleanup that would be helpful?
- Are there trees and shrubs that should be trimmed?

**RTLb Receives National Recognition**

At the Annual National Conference in November, RTLb was recognized for our efforts in achieving higher and exemplary levels of management using strategies that have been implemented based on "Practice Areas" from the Standards of Excellence.

Only three affiliates received a monetary grant along with a certificate from Booz Allen Hamilton Corporation. The recognition is intended to encourage innovation and highlight effective best practices management that has enhanced an affiliate's quality of operations. Board member, Anthony Formoso, received this award on our behalf.

Mark and Joan are just the beginning. As soon as we have commitment of your funds we can begin work! Our intent in 2013 is to deliver even more year-round services, and to respond as the needs come in. We expect to have more information soon about our sponsorship packages. In the meantime, however, please contact us if you are interested in being among the first to raise your hand for homeowners' in 2013. We believe that everyone deserves a safe and healthy home! And we know you do, too. Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers and community members who supported this important work in 2012! We cannot do this without you.

## Rebuilding Together Supports S.1630, the Disaster Recovery Act of 2011

Rebuilding Together joined with other members of the Stafford Act Reform Group in signing and sending a letter to the Senate calling for action on reforms to the Stafford Act, reforms that will better serve low-income homeowners struggling to recover from disaster. Read the full text of the letter at [S1630-support-letter](#)

## Congratulations RTLB!



## Fall Rebuilding Day Projects a Success

We successfully completed 21 Fall Rebuilding Day projects. The repairs our volunteers made helped 20 families and 1 non-profit agency assisting in mobility and safety improvements. Significant electrical repairs were completed at 11 locations, 9 mobility and accessibility improvements were complete and several clean up projects assisted the elderly, disabled and low-income recipients. With the support of Glaeser Builders, Masterworks Construction Co., Pella Doors, DBO Accounting Services, Honeywell Foundation, CSULB, LBCC, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Alberstons, Trader Joes and so many other sponsors and contributors, these homeowners had their bathrooms repaired, yards cleaned up, gutters and roofs repaired, electrical work completed, and windows and doors replaced. Thank you to our supporters, our volunteers, and our friends for helping us to complete these projects!



RTLB volunteer Ramon upgrades wiring in mobile home.

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