

## **REBUILDING TOGETHER LONG BEACH**

**Bringing volunteers together to repair homes and improve lives.**

**RTLB News and Events  
November 2013**



### **SU CASA & RTLB Inspiring Hope**

On Saturday, April 27, over 30 RTLB volunteers and skilled laborers arrived at Su Casa Shelter, under the direction of Pete Glaeser, RTLB Construction Chair. Not only did they replace the padding beneath the play equipment, they also installed new flooring in the front house living room and kitchen, replaced damaged beams above the patio, and cleaned up and re-planted the front yard. All labor and materials for these

## **Giving Thanks!**

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

--Erma Bombeck



projects were provided  
at no cost to Su Casa.



Accepting a token of  
appreciation from  
Su Casa is Deborah  
Slaney, Secretary of the  
Executive Board of  
RTLB.

## MADD A HUGE SUCCESS

Make a Difference  
Day is the national  
day of services  
sponsored by USA  
Weekend Magazine.  
It is a national day of  
neighbors helping  
neighbors. Over 3  
million volunteers  
across the country  
made difference in  
their communities on  
OCT 26, 2013.

Read about our  
success and the  
amazing RTLB  
volunteers that made  
Saturday OCT 26 a

## Meet Kathy

### An amazing RTLB Volunteer and Recipient

Kathy approached RTLB with some specific home rehabilitation requests. Her 60-year old home needed some plumbing improvements and mobility access upgrades.

SiteSol, a Sponsoring Partner of RTLB, donated both the skilled labor and the equipment needed to excavate the front yard and replace some 20 feet of the main sewer line, and then to re-fill the yard and replace part of the concrete walkway from the sidewalk to the front door. While all this heavy construction work was going on outside the house, volunteers painted the living room and dining room.

In early 2013, Kathy became involved with RTLB, attending meetings and working as a volunteer coordinator on National Rebuilding Day. In July, Kathy became the proud foster parent of Alfonso, a 19 year old with some very special needs. He does not speak and is confined to a wheelchair much of the time. The interior work was required to rid the house of left-over odors from tobacco smoke, which proved detrimental to Alfonso's health. The exterior landscaping improvements provided easier accessibility for Alfonso and Kathy to come and go from their home.

We are thankful for Kathy's passion for RTLB and her commitment to others.



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