



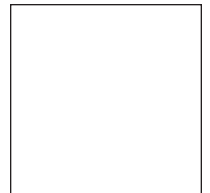
## *Did you know...?*



*Long Beach residents and businesses with Verizon landlines will receive telephone emergency announcements through a "Reverse 9-1-1" system that conveys official emergency warnings and updates throughout the City. Reverse 9-1-1 can also reach cell phones, TTYITDD service or Internet phone service, but the numbers must be registered first. To register, log onto [www.ci.long-beach.ca.us](http://www.ci.long-beach.ca.us).*



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*Our Mission*

*Rebuilding Together Long Beach works in partnership with the community to provide home repair services without charge to low-income families, older adults and people with disabilities so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence.*



## Transitions, *Diane Anglin, President*

**C**elebrating its 15 year anniversary RTLB has accomplished great things for Long Beach since it began in 1992. Our organization has provided the Long Beach community over \$2.2 million worth of volunteer labor, in kind donations and services. We have revitalized over 200 homes, providing desperately needed wheelchair ramps, functioning utilities, and safety and comfort. Our successes have taught us that we provide a vital service to the community. Our anniversary reminds us that we have a lot yet to do.

I came to Rebuilding Together as a volunteer in 1992, looking to engage Clark Construction Group, the company I work for, in a hands-on event of giving back to the community. That year, our project involved building a new wheelchair ramp for a lady who hadn't left her home unassisted in years. With her proudly posing for a photo outside on her new ramp, I was hooked and began to attend board meetings. Being a part of this organization for the past 5 years has taught me the value of being flexible, anticipating change and adapting. In order to fulfill the mission of the organization, we must gauge the continually changing needs of the community of homeowners and volunteers in which we serve. These groups have a different face than they did in 1992 and Rebuilding Together Long Beach has done a tremendous job at remaining flexible, nimble and maintaining the mission through all of the changes. Today, we continue this culture. Our Board has gone several changes including 2 new board members, Tom Wilson and Joe Black, a new president (myself), and have transitioned our Executive Director Sherry Diamond into a consultant role (See Porch Talk and Board News, page 2). We look continually for new ideas, while embracing any old ideas that work.

RTLB has been fortunate to receive a capacity building grant from Countrywide! Part of this grant will help us to plan and facilitate new and exciting ways to build upon the successes of the past 15 years with a marketing gameplan. This exercise will help us to ask ourselves tough questions and evaluate what we do and how we do it. Are we reaching those in the greatest need? Who are our volunteers? How do we communicate? How effective are we?

We are ready for change as we've always been. Continually evolving and striving to be the best organization we can be, serving not only Long Beach's needy homeowners but healing neighborhoods and forging lasting bonds between neighbors and communities.

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Make a Difference Day...October 27th

Rebuilding Together Conference in Long Beach...December 6-8

Deadline to apply for Make a Difference Day...January 31

Deadline to register as a Volunteer or Sponsor...March 31

National Rebuilding Day...April 26

Call 562.490.3802 for Sponsorship Pledge or Volunteer Registration Forms





It has been awhile since our last issue, but at last, we are happy to bring you a full update on all the goings-on here at RTLB! It has been a busy year for us. This issue of Porchlight will fill you in on the many changes, challenges and choices we've made and are excited to share.

But first things first: I must first tell you that I have stepped down as Executive Director, although I continue to serve the affiliate in every way I can: as advisor, as consultant, as volunteer and supporter. This was not a decision made lightly or in haste.

As many may already know, I recently graduated from law school. Realizing I would have to direct every bit of energy and attention possible to studying for the Bar

Exam, I knew I could not fairly serve the interests of RTLB were I to remain on as Executive Director.

Over the course of several thoughtful discussions and weighing of options, the Board determined that this was not the right time to consider a new Executive Director—rather it is a time for re-structuring and giving careful consideration to other models that may better suit our affiliate. We began transition my role to that of Consultant last January as the Board gradually absorbed my duties, and we use each member to their strengths.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their unwavering support over the past four years and especially during this last year in transition. In particular, I want to acknowledge the dedication and support of my dear friends Pete and Kris Glaeser, who together, made my work with RTLB so much fun!

## Board News and Views

It is with tremendous appreciation and gratitude that we thank Michele Chapel for her dedicated service as a member our Board of Directors. Michele recently launched her own business and is focusing her time and talent to seeing it successfully off the ground. Michele has been a tireless supporter of several local charities and RTLB is grateful to have been part of her charitable giving family. Thank you Michele for all you do and best of luck!!!

Fond farewells and best wishes are also extended to Christina McKay. Christina, currently serving on the Board of the Rebuilding Together Southern California Council, recently accepted a position as Executive Director of the newly established Rebuilding Together Greater Los Angeles affiliate. Christina oversaw the establishment of the Greater L.A. affiliate on behalf of the So Cal Council and plans three home repair projects by year-end! Congratulations Christina!

RTLB welcomes two new members to the Board of Directors: Joe Black and Tom Wilson! Each elected at our annual meeting in July, both Joe and Tom have been long time volunteers, serving as House Captains on many a Rebuilding Day.

Joe, a Space Segment Engineer for Boeing Company, has been a Rebuilding Together volunteer for the past

several years. Every April, Joe along with two Boeing co-workers, Nathan Beck and Noy



Loeur, coordinate and oversee a home repair project involving 50-100 Boeing employees. Joe also has the distinction of being married to Katy Black, a long-standing member of the RTLB Board.

Tom Wilson is a licensed General Contractor and owner of Wilson's Home Improvement here in Long Beach. Tom began volunteering with us back in 2005 as part of Grace Brethren Church's mission to serve those in need. Tom and his wife Meredith have been instrumental in coordinating home repair projects involving as many as 100+ Grace Brethren members.

Not only do these two men bring a wealth of management and construction experience to our organization, we can now boast a more diverse board of directors—Pete has been the only man on our Board for several years. We think he's especially glad for the company!

# **Countrywide Home Loans Helps Us Grow!**

**R**ebuilding Together Long Beach had the good fortune to be one of several affiliates across the nation to be selected to receive \$25,000 in capacity building funds from Countrywide Home Loans.

Capacity building means taking steps to build an agency's infra-structure enabling it to better meet its mission, by hiring staff, creating new programs or services, expanding existing services and/or increasing sustainability.

RTLB will build its capacity by hiring a Marketing Consultant to help us develop and implement an effective, workable marketing plan aimed at increasing community awareness of our services and broadening our donor base. RTLB has long been one of Long Beach's "best kept secrets." We hope to better serve our community by letting potential recipients, volunteers and funders know who we are and how we can be of service.

Countrywide's support has also enabled us to begin the process of upgrading our website and develop a sophisticated data base for more effective communication and efficient information tracking.

We are especially happy to have a portion of the funds support a major home repair project on October 27th—National Make a Difference Day. Local Countrywide employees will be on hand to volunteer their time and

energy to work alongside several skilled trades people to increase and improve accessibility and comfort for an Army veteran with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Over the past decade, Countrywide has provided funding for home-repair projects in more than 50 U.S. communities. The company's funds are combined with the support of Countrywide employees volunteering to work at the project sites.

"Countrywide's mission of helping borrowers attain and sustain the American Dream of homeownership carries over with our selection of Rebuilding Together as our core charity," said David Sambol, Countrywide's President and Chief Operating Officer. "By improving America's affordable housing stock, Rebuilding Together allows the Dream to continue for thousands of low-income elderly, disabled and families with children each year; and surrounding neighborhoods and communities benefit, as well."

Countrywide is the founding sponsor of Rebuilding Together's "Serving Those Who Serve" initiative and lead sponsor of the Gulf Coast "Rebuild 1000!" program. Read more about support from Countrywide to Rebuilding Together nationally at [www.rebuildingtogether.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether.org)

**THANK YOU COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS!**

## **Long Beach...the place to be...for the National Conference!**



**R**ebuilding Together Long Beach is proud to have been selected as the host city for the RT National Conference 2007. In the last year the Rebuilding Together Network has been working tirelessly to improve the lives and homes of countless families across the United States. In honor of the great work that we do and to encourage looking towards the future of our organization, the 2007 Conference theme is: *Preserving Affordable Homeownership*.

In December, affiliates will gather in Long Beach, California to discuss critical training topics, the direction of Rebuilding Together and the achievements of the

previous year. Sponsored by the Rebuilding Together Southern California Council, the conference will take place December 6-8, 2007 at the spectacular and recently renovated Renaissance Long Beach Hotel at the corner of Ocean Blvd and Pine Ave. With the opening reception to take place at the famous Sky Room atop the historic Breakers Hotel offering a panoramic view of the city, this is a conference you will not want to miss.

Registration is open now!

For more information, contact Kristine Dunn at: 1-800-473-4229 or log onto [www.RebuildingTogether.org](http://www.RebuildingTogether.org).



# Transforming Homes



# Homes - and Lives





THANK YOU to the businesses, groups and individuals who together, with approximately 500 volunteers, helped rehabilitate 18 homes in Long Beach during the 2006 – 2007 Rebuilding Year. Since our inception, our generous volunteers and financial sponsors have renovated 200 homes and nonprofit facilities in the community, creating approximately \$2 million of market value.

Since 1992, Rebuilding Together Long Beach (formerly known as Christmas in April \* Long Beach) has worked in partnership with the community to provide home repair services without charge to low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence.

**TOWN VISIONARIES**

**(\$25000 or more)**

Countrywide Home Loans

**COMMUNITY BUILDERS**

**(\$15,000 or more)**

Archstone Foundation

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in Honor of Bill Cole

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Macy's West

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Cory Ingram

Khryste Langlais

Chris Langlais

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Susannah Lopez

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Elle Pearson

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Tom Wilson

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