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Carol's Story

HOMEOWNER

Carol is a 74-year-old widow in Wixom, MI whose husband passed away after battling cancer. Carol herself struggles from several health issues. She is a strong independent woman who, like many older adults, was in need of repairs she simply could not provide for herself. As part of National Rebuilding Day, a team of volunteers installed handrails to her basement steps, installed grab bars for her bathtub, installed a bathtub door for increased accessibility, repairs stairs and replaced vinyl flooring throughout her house, repaired her wooden deck, installed a security light in front of her garage and painted the exterior of the home, and removed five trees from her backyard—ensuring that Carol's home would remain a safe and healthy place for her.

"Thank you for the wonderful repairs to my home and everything the volunteers did. It was amazing... Thank you for taking my 68 year old house and making it look great again."



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The volunteer team that committed to assisting Carol with her home repairs came from Novi St. James Catholic Church. St. James has been a continued partner with Rebuilding Together for over ten years now. Each year they sponsor the cost of materials for the home they assist with and provide a team of 30 skilled and unskilled volunteers to provide eight hours of service.

Team Captains, Bob Harmer and Brent Ashby work with the Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan Program Manager and staff to visit the home before the project, put together the scope of work for their volunteer team and meet the RTSEM team at Home Depot or Lowes to pick out the materials.

Having partners in the community who take the time to pay it forward to a neighbor in need makes a world of difference for our homeowners. We appreciate the work Novi St. James completes each year but more than that, we appreciate the care they provide to our homeowners.

They are a prime example of a team helping us fulfill our mission to repair homes, revitalize communities and rebuild lives.



Russell's Story

HOMEOWNER

Russell is a 66-year-old veteran who lives in Southfield, MI. He is a double amputee who was paralyzed from the waist down while serving in Vietnam and now uses a motorized wheelchair. Because he and his wife are both disabled and could not perform the repairs their home needed, they were chosen to be recipients of the "Heroes at Home" program: a partnership between Sears and Rebuilding Together that provides critical repairs and accessibility services to veterans in need. Local Sears employees completed numerous repairs on Russell's homes including power-washing his houses, repairing his wheelchair ramp, painting his kitchen, cleaning his yard, installing a brand new stove, repairing his garage roof and adding grab bars to his bathroom; all at no cost to Russel or his family.





Oakland County and Jefferson-Chalmers. Our goal for the upcoming year is to serve 65 homeowners by bringing in new teams, new partners and new volunteers.

Please remember to tell your friends, family and neighbors about our organization. We accept applications on a year-round basis and are continuing to move our program from a Spring time program to a year-round program. Our qualifications for service are that applicants must be low-income by HUD standards, must

own their home, be up-to-date on their mortgage and property taxes and have homeowner’s insurance.

If your company, faith-based organization, or civic group is interested in volunteering with us to help an individual or family in need in 2019, please contact our office today so that we can get you registered as a [re]builder!

Our mission is impossible without the support of our partners, individual donors, skilled tradespeople and our regiment of dedicated

volunteers all across the country. Your support has truly changed the lives of the individuals and communities that we serve, and for that we thank you.

We look forward to you all being a part of the future of Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan!

Frank Reid
Board Chair

Halie Black
Executive Director
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Dear friends and supporters,

This past year has been marked with transition as well as new opportunities for Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan as we embark on our 27th year as an organization. This year we expanded our service area and officially changed our name to Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan to include all of Oakland County and the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood in Detroit. As an organization, we are called to respond to

the affordable housing crisis facing our community today. Our staff and volunteers are making a difference in the neighborhoods of Southeast Michigan as we respond to the critical home repair needs of our neighbors living on fixed-incomes who wish to age in place or stay in their long-term homes and communities.

Thank you for your tremendous support and the shared vision of a safe and healthy home for every person. Our services touched the lives of 96 individuals in 2017.

As we begin our 2018-2019 fiscal year, we are excited about the progress we have made towards expansion. In August 2018, we completed our first three home repair projects for homeowners in Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood with help from HOPE Community Church volunteers. We would not be where we are today as an organization without the dedicated volunteers and donors that have supported us by donating their time, dollars, and talents to this community. This year we were able to serve 51 low-income homeowners in



Kirt's Story

BOARD MEMBER & TEAM CAPTAIN

Kirt Rushlow has been an extraordinary asset for Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan and affiliates all over the country. He first heard about Rebuilding Together while involved in the Boy Scouts of America when he was a young man. A friend showed him a local newspaper article with information about a nonprofit doing critical repair work for those who could not afford to have the work done on their own. The article piqued his interest and Kirt went to check out a meeting at his local affiliate.

Recognizing the need for the organization's work and a great opportunity, he began volunteering and was made a house captain his first year, coordinating groups of volunteers on project sites. He and his friend continued to volunteer together for 12 years before his friend moved away.

Kirt grew up in Oakland County, Michigan, and still lives in



Oakland County to this day. However, he hasn't just worked with his local Rebuilding Together affiliate Southeast Michigan. Kirt has traveled across the country to lend a hand with Rebuilding Together, and more importantly, to help people who need safe and healthy housing.

Kirt has volunteered in Oakland County, Louisiana, Detroit and Philadelphia over his long involvement with Rebuilding Together. A self-employed carpenter, his multi-talented skill set has been invaluable on many project sites as well as a member of the Board.

As a member of the Board, Kirt has helped to plan and execute major rebuild projects and connect the organization with local reliable professional contractors as well as companies that provide in-kind donations to help us leverage our funds further.

"One lady we helped had MS, and she did data entry work for Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan because she was so grateful."

When you talk to Kirt, you get the feeling that he'd much rather be helping someone right now than just talking about doing it. His enthusiasm for his volunteer work shines through when is talking about the homeowners that he is proud to have served over the decades.

There is one volunteer moment in particular

"I like how rewarding it is. I like helping people who can't help themselves."

that Kirt will never forget; one year he helped install a wheelchair ramp for a homeowner who was having difficulty navigating their home, due to its lack of accessibility. "...A mother and her son came down this ramp for the first time. The son had a real big smile on his face."

Over the years, Kirt has also encouraged others to give back to their communities by volunteering with Rebuilding Together. He recruits and leads a team of his personal family and friends every year on Rebuild day. One year his team had 100 volunteers at the project kick-off.

"My friend's husband wanted to go with me because I had been talking about volunteering in Louisiana. I told him it's rewarding. If you do it once, you'll get addicted."

His friend's husband now makes an effort to volunteer with Rebuilding Together every year.

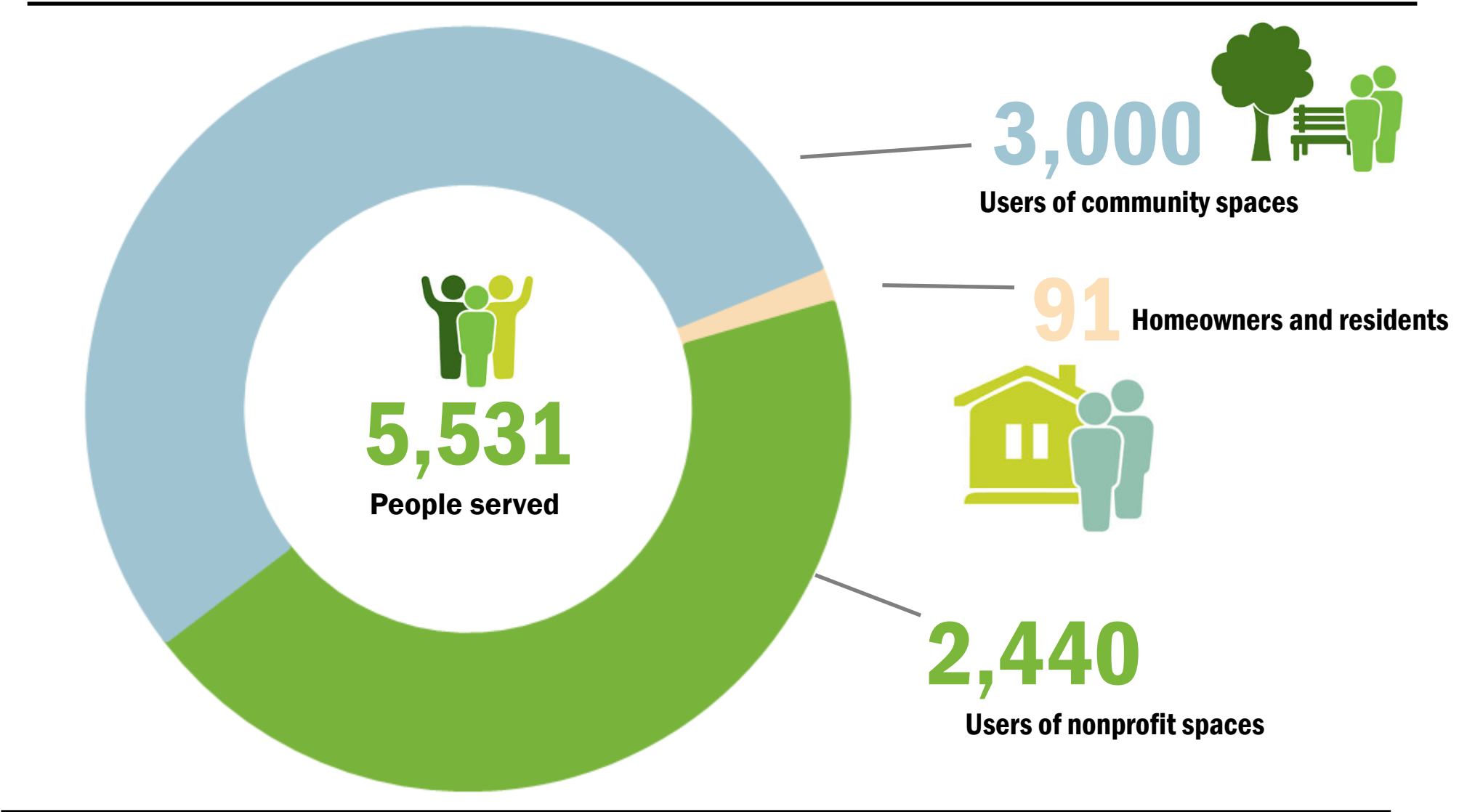
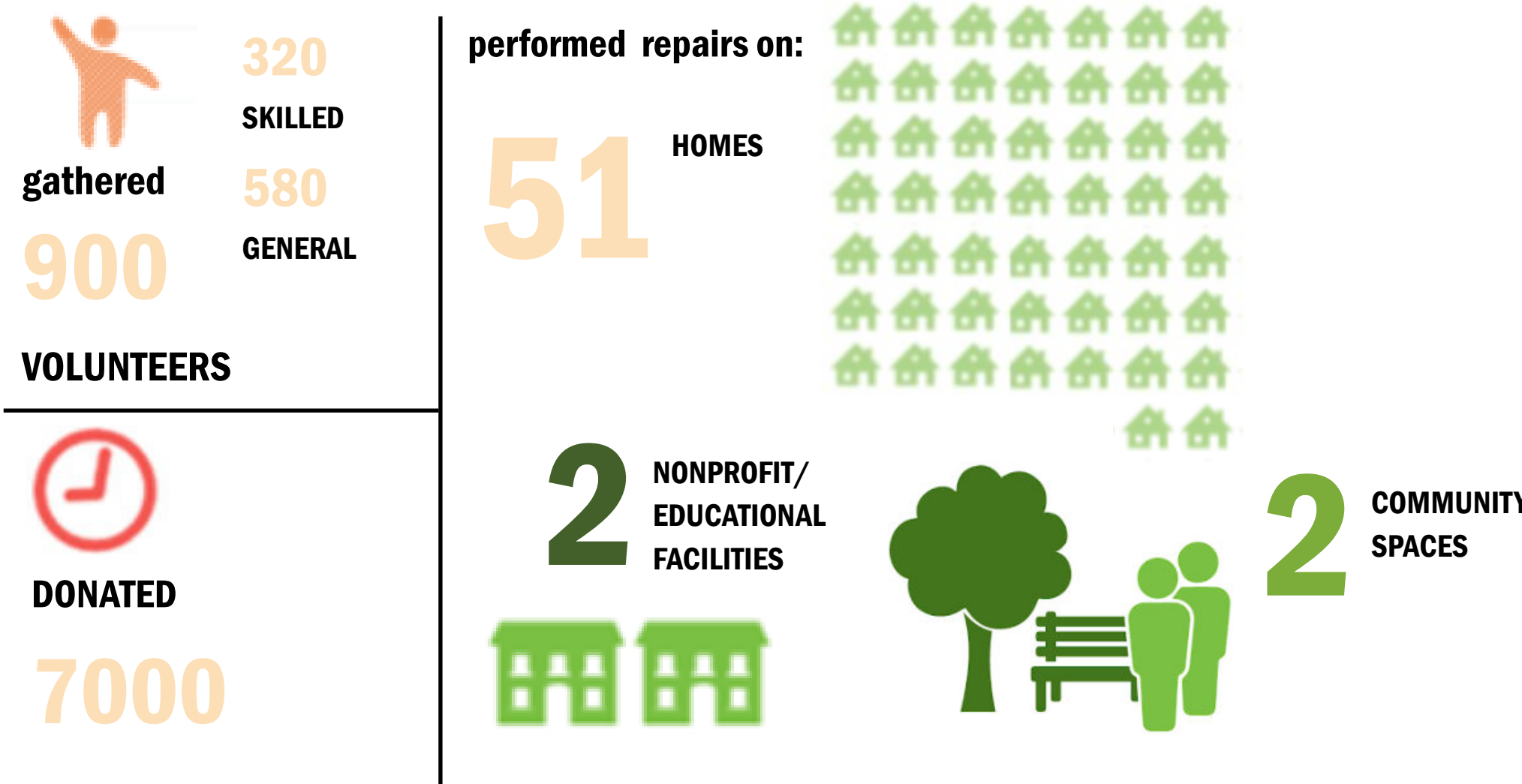
RTSEM is always looking for skilled contractors to partner with our organization and assist in our mission of repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference for homeowners in need in Southeast Michigan, please call our office at 248-482-8061 or visit our website at rebuildingtogethersem.org.



Who Are We?

Rebuilding Together is the leading national nonprofit in safe and healthy housing. We are committed to transforming the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities. Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan is invested in making a greater impact and empowering individuals, families and communities.

In 2017 REBUILDING TOGETHER SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN:





JANUARY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEK/DAY OF SERVICE

Our AmeriCorps members observed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 20 through 22 by rebuilding homes and revitalizing communities in Pittsburgh. Chris Perkins and Naomi Coleman provided a full week of service to the Hazelwood neighborhood in Pittsburgh.



FEBRUARY

TEAM CAPTAIN TRAINING

During two team-captain training sessions held at Orchard United Methodist Church we had 20 Team Captains show up to help prepare for our 2017 Projects.



APRIL

NATIONAL REBUILDING MONTH

National Rebuilding Month is a call to service during the entire month of April each year. On National Rebuild Day 2018, we served 36 homeowners in Oakland County.

MAY

PROJECTS

May was a busy month of projects with our corporate partners. During Eaton's Day of Care 80 volunteers assisted us in revitalizing Bedford Woods Park in Southfield on May 10th and 11th. We partnered with Delphi volunteers to assist two homeowners on Thurs. May 10th and Friday May 18th. Sears corporation volunteers assisted a Vietnam Army Veteran on May 19th with 20 volunteers.



JUNE

PROJECTS

Greenfield Presbyterian Church assisted a Southfield homeowner with a major repair and renovation including a roof replacement, providing a team of 30 volunteers on June 2nd. On Saturday June 9th, Spectrum Services assisted a Farmington Hills homeowner in need with major repair project and distributed 168 Safe and Healthy Housing kits to residents in Farmington Hills. Thursday June 14th and Friday June 15th we partnered with a new volunteer team from Huntington Technology Finance to complete a two day project for a Senior Homeowner in Pontiac. Saturday June 16th Novi St. James church finished off our June project month with a large interior and exterior project for a widow in Wixom.

AUGUST

NEW AMERICORPS MEMBERS JOINED

We began our second year of hosting AmeriCorps members in August and welcomed Andrew Larkin as our Client Coordinator and Ryan Haas as our Outreach Coordinator. The two members traveled to D.C. for training with the 80 other AmeriCorps members serving at Rebuilding Together affiliates and came back for a week of training in the RTSEM office. .



AUGUST

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Our Board and staff held a strategic planning session at Orchard United Methodist Church to review our goals for the past year and set goals for the upcoming year.



AUGUST

PROJECTS

On Saturday Aug 10th Barton Malow volunteers joined us for a project assisting a Southfield homeowner. August 24th and 25th marked the completion of our first 3 projects in Detroit. We partnered with HOPE Community Church volunteers to assist 3 homeowners in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood. .



Our Board & Our Staff

As of September 2018

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*AmeriCorps Outreach
Coordinator*

ANDREW LARKIN
AmeriCorps Client Coordinator

Our Supporters

Our partners and supporters are invested in the lives of the low-income homeowners that our organization serves every day. We work together to build collaborative partnerships that help improve the lives of the homeowners who live in deteriorating, physically inadequate homes that threaten their health and safety. We build meaningful and lasting relationships with our network of corporate, government and community partners.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, our organization moves the needle on addressing the 2.6 million low-income homeowners living in unsafe and unhealthy homes across the country. Our efforts to transform lives and communities would not be possible without your continued support.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets (as of August 31, 2017)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 103,224	Accrued expenses	\$ 5,131
Prepaid expenses	12,540		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	115,764	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,131
Investments	-	Net Assets	
Property and equipment, net	-	Unrestricted	29,384
		Unrestricted—Board-Designated Operating Reserve	15,001
		Unrestricted—Board-Designated Development Reserve	5,001
		Total Unrestricted	49,386
		Temporarily Restricted	61,247
		Permanently restricted	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 115,764	TOTAL NET ASSETS	110,633
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 115,764

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue, Support and Expenses(year ended August 31, 2017)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Donations	\$ 147,058	\$ 79,866	\$ -	\$ 226,924
Service Fees	69,604	-	-	69,604
Interest and Dividend Income	4	-	-	4
In Kind Donations	124,237	-	-	124,237
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	37,238	(37,238)	-	-
Special Event Revenue	5,616	-	-	5,616
Less: Cost of Direct Benefits to Donors	(1,743)	-	-	(1,743)
NET REVENUE AND SUPPORT	382,014	42,628	-	424,642
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES				
Program services	227,197	-	-	227,197
Supporting services:				
Management and General	120,964	-	-	120,964
Fundraising	31,218	-	-	31,218
Total Functional Expenses	379,379	-	-	379,379
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,635	-	-	45,263
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	46,751	18,619		65,370
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 49,386	\$ 61,247	\$ -	\$ 110,633



The Need

THE NEED FOR OUR SERVICES ARE GROWING

RAPIDLY. More than 2.6 million homeowners across the country live in deteriorating, physically inadequate homes that threaten their health and safety. An aging population, veterans with disabilities returning home and a lack of equity in low-income communities are creating a housing atmosphere where our services are greatly needed.

Our work preserves critical affordable housing opportunities, and stabilizes and revitalizes distressed neighborhoods. By collaborating with other mission-driven nonprofits, local and federal government

agencies, skilled trades associations, faith-based organizations and community advocacy groups, we can become a stronger community revitalization partner and increase the impact of our work. By investing in communities, partnering with volunteers, we assist low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities.

Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan relies upon the generosity of donors to carry out our work, and we can't do it without you. By joining our cause, you can become an investment partner in our community.

Partner With Us

CONSUMER OUTREACH

Increase your social impact and build your corporate social responsibility by working with Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan to repair homes, revitalize communities and rebuild the lives of low-income homeowners.

Engage with new consumer audiences through social media, attract consumers with in-store and online case marketing campaigns and educate your customers on how they can get involved in their local communities and help their neighbors.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

From hands on rebuilding projects, to employee-driven fundraising campaigns, partnering with Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan offers dynamic ways to engage your employees while assisting low-income homeowners and communities. We give your employees the opportunity to become more involved and build stronger relationships within Oakland County and Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood in Detroit.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Work with Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan to help improve the lives of homeowners across Southeast Michigan who live in deteriorating, physically inadequate homes that threaten their health and safety.

Build meaningful and lasting relationships with our network of corporate, government and community partners that are working to provide educational resources and trainings to low-income homeowners and communities.

Become a partner and join us in our mission to repair homes, revitalize communities and rebuild lives.

[CONTACT US](#)

Volunteer With Us

Rebuilding Together is really about hard-working, compassionate people helping other people.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our everyday work. The investment of your time and resources will make a difference! We want to empower you. We want to provide you with gratifying opportunities to have a long-lasting impact on the lives of low-income homeowners in Southeast Michigan by repairing their homes and revitalizing their communities.

Our organization relies on skilled trade professional volunteers to serve as leaders in our rebuilding efforts, providing materials and technical know-how with everything from roofing to plumbing, assessment to planning.

Volunteer and become a partner in your community.

As we rebuild homes, community spaces and nonprofit facilities, our lasting impact helps to stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods across Southeast Michigan. There are many ways that you can help!



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SUPPORT RTSEM VIA AMAZONSMILE

Customers can now elect to donate 0.5 percent of any Amazon purchase to Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan.

SUPPORT RTSEM VIA KROGER REWARDS

Customers can now elect to donate 0.5 percent of their Kroger purchases to Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan.

DONATE THROUGH WORKPLACE GIVING

By asking your employer to match your donation to Rebuilding Together, you can double the value of your gift.

DONATE ONLINE

Make a donation through our secure donation page.

DONATE TOOLS

Engaging 900 volunteers in repairs requires tools, we are always looking for extra tools for projects.

Please contact us at edrtsem@gmail.com if you have questions about major gifts, planned giving and other giving options such as project sponsorship.





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