



Rebuilding  
Together.®

*Howard County*

# Annual Report 2010



# Mission Vision Goals

Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners in Howard County, Maryland.

A safe and healthy home for every person

Volunteers delivering free services on National Rebuilding Day is our core initiative, along with the cost-effective leveraging of donated materials, supplies and labor to ensure a warm, safe and dry home for low-income homeowners, families, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, and veterans in Howard County.



## Fiscal Year 2010 Board of Directors

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Ann Heavner

## Message from the Board President

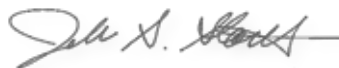
This year has been an exciting one for Rebuilding Together Howard County. We nearly doubled the number of homeowners served between 2009 and 2010 – repairing 21 homes and two nonprofit centers in Howard County on National Rebuilding Day (held April 24, 2010). Our work also attracted Senator Benjamin Cardin, County Executive Ken Ulman, the Howard County Delegation, and members of the County Council - who not only came out to kick-off our Rebuilding Day efforts and thank volunteers, but even to roll up their sleeves, grab a paintbrush and get to work! Countless families were also served through a referral system we set up with congregations doing smaller repairs throughout the year and through relationships with the Office on Aging and Department of Citizen Services.

Economic conditions and weather conditions were the biggest factor in our homeowner's needs this year. For the first time, we saw a large amount of applications from families that had lost jobs and income for much of the year, leaving them with significant needs around the house. Many people may also remember the Blizzards of 2009-2010 (and how it took us weeks to dig out). For most of us the storms were just a big hassle, but for our homeowners, the weight of the snow was the breaking point for already weakened and old roofs. More homeowners than we've seen since our founding in 1992 were living without heat through those storms. Plumbing froze and pipes also burst. In fact, we had so many heating systems and roofs to repair that for the first time we sent out a donation request in the summer to help us raise the money for these expensive repairs and replacements. The community response was overwhelming – Individuals provided donations in the amount of over \$6,000 and the Department of Citizen Services provided Rebuilding Together Howard County with a \$10,000 grant to complete many of the projects.

This year, Rebuilding Together Howard County also focused on reaching out to many more business partners to let them know about our work and encourage their employees to volunteer. We've been very excited to see the spirit with which these companies have embraced our work, keeping homes safe, warm and dry. For example, Hamel Builders gave us two donations totaling \$15,000 and TD AMERITRADE donated \$10,000 and did a massive project for Humanim with more than 60 volunteers.

This summer also marks another turning point for Rebuilding Together Howard County as we welcome our new Executive Director, Ann Heavner. Ann has been a board member with Rebuilding Together for several years and so knows and cares about our mission. She is excited to work with our new partners in the nonprofit and business sectors and to continue to serve more families. This August, we said goodbye to Courtney Workman, our Executive Director for the last two and a half years, and thanked her for the work that she has done to improve Rebuilding Together Howard County's services and resources.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in the coming years.



John Startt  
Board President





## Partnership with Bon Secours Spiritual Center

Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC) is proud to announce an exciting partnership with Bon Secours Spiritual Center. Bon Secours Spiritual Center is a ministry of the Sisters of Bon Secours. Founded in 1824 the Sisters' mission is to be "good help" to those in need of physical and spiritual healing, and to provide compassionate care and concern for all people.

Dr. Thomas Little, Executive Director of Bon Secours Spiritual Center met with RTHC Board President, John Startt and Executive Director, Ann Heavner to discuss how the two organizations could support each other. Towards that end, both organizations agreed to supply an icon and link on their web sites to the other organization. Bon Secours offered to assist Rebuilding Together in its outreach program by running an article describing Rebuilding Together in the Spring/Summer 2010 edition of Bridges magazine. In addition, Rebuilding Together posters are now prominently displayed in the Bon Secours Spiritual Center. Finally, the two organizations agreed to work on a joint outreach program to the faith-based community of Howard County to educate them on the services provided by the two organizations. Rebuilding Together is fortunate to have forged such a strong partnership with Bon Secours Spiritual Center.



## Thanks to the 2010 House Captains!

The key leaders in the Rebuilding Together Howard County's National Rebuilding Day are our House Captains! Their primary job on Rebuilding Day is to supervise the repairs of the home by the volunteers. We give the 2010 House Captains a special note of gratitude for their gift of time and expertise.

Michele Bruggeman  
Jason Chamberlain  
George Clifford  
Miles Coffman  
Leo Emond  
Carl Hood  
Steve Jaczun  
Paul Klink  
Godfrey Logan  
Craig Maheu  
Gary Metz

Tom Moser  
Jim Moxley  
George Olsen  
Jay Parekh  
Jim Potts  
Wayne Sagal  
Bob Schurter  
Tim Seelaus  
Mark Sellers  
Guy Silas  
Jim Walsh



# Rebuilding Together Howard County Celebrates National Rebuilding Day

## The Powell Home

Jeanette Powell lives in a single family home in Columbia, Maryland with her daughter Marva and two grandchildren (ages 15 and 12). Ms. Powell has occupied the rancher-style home for over 45 years. Upon first sight of the home and surrounding community, it is apparent that the neighborhood has outgrown the Powell residence. New town homes and neighboring brick single family units cascade over the rancher, making the home hard to go unnoticed by passersby. The home is a fraction of the size of the newer dwellings in the neighborhood. The yard lends ample space for family gatherings, however, the dwelling itself shows signs of its age – exhibiting an unlevel wooden handicap access ramp, cracked paint, worn gutters, and an unstable roof. Although most would consider the Powell residence to be the root of diminishing property value in the neighborhood, Ms. Powell considers her residence as “home” and wants nothing more than to make it “livable.”

Ms. Powell suffered a debilitating stroke which left her partially blind, and limited in her mobility. Her daughter assists her with her day-to-day care. Due to her mobility issues, her home currently limits her safe access through doorways, and poses hazards with bathing and walking about because of lack of handrails. As a result of her disability and fixed income, Ms. Powell was in need of some home repairs to improve her living conditions. As the outside wheelchair access ramp was not level and had a hole in it, it made it almost impossible for Ms. Powell to enter and exit her home. Ms. Powell and her daughter submitted a request for home repairs to RTHC. Our affiliate repaired the roof, provided exterior painting, carpentry repairs, repaired the wheelchair ramp, installed grab bars, and repaired the interior door frames.

RTHC chose the Powell residence as the kick off location for Rebuilding Day 2010. Ms. Powell expressed her excitement stating “I’m nervous, but excited. I don’t know what I will say to the crowd, but I am grateful for the assistance from Rebuilding Together Howard County.” Although the older Powell home is overshadowed by the sprawling new homes encompassing the changing neighborhood, Ms. Powell and her family have peace of mind that their home is safe and will meet their day-to-day needs thanks to RTHC. “I think [RTHC] is good because so

many older residents in Howard County have been here for many years and need a little help and not have to give up what they have because someone says its unfit,” states Ms. Powell.



# Financials

## Rebuilding Together Howard County Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Statement

Fiscal Year Ending

	June 30, 2010
<b>Revenue</b>	
Sponsorships Revenue	55,850
Other Revenue	36,960
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>92,810</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Personnel Expenses	37,771
Meetings and Conferences	1,396
Operating Expenses	13,648
Rebuilding Day Expenses	30,079
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>82,894</b>
<b>Excess (deficit)</b>	<b>9,916</b>
<b>Balance Forward</b>	
<b>Investments/Reserves</b>	<b>12,761</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>61,727</b>



Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) was a challenging year for RTHC as it was for all charitable based organizations. However, additional corporate contributions and aggressive expense management resulted in RTHC ending in a strong financial position. Key financial accomplishments included:

- Achieving additional revenue streams from corporate grants and other contributions. Approximately 55% of revenue came from corporate sponsorship or contributions.
- Aggressive expense management resulting in operating expenses not including Rebuilding Day expenses being approximately 38% or \$9,000 below budget.



**Rebuilding Together Howard County**



# Donors and Supporters



## Community Builder (\$10,000 +)

Hamel Family Fund  
Howard County Family Stabilization Program  
TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation  
The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation

## Neighborhood Builder (\$5000-\$9,999)

BJ's Charitable Foundation

## Homebuilders (\$2500 - \$4999)

Columbia Jewish Congregation  
Columbia Ski Club  
Communication Partners Intl  
First Potomac Realty Trust  
First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
Gea Process Engineering, Inc.  
Glenelg Country School  
Harkins Builders, Inc.  
Linden Linthicum United Methodist Church  
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
M&T Bank  
Rotary Club of Columbia  
Sandy Spring Bank  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

## Friends of RTHC (\$500 - \$2499)

AscendOne Corporation  
Mary Becker-Omvig  
Bet Aviv  
Beth Shalom of Columbia  
Clarksville Rotary Club  
Columbia Church of Christ  
Corporate Office Properties Trust  
Dar-Al Taqwa  
Ellicott City Rotary  
Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary  
Karen Gentle

Honeywell Hometown Solutions  
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*a Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine*  
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Kol Shalom  
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Rebuilding Together  
Lee Seifert  
The Columbia Bank  
The Wal-Mart Foundation

## Supporter (\$5 - \$499)

Roy Appletree  
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Annette Miller  
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Vision Realty Management, LLC  
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Lisa Webb

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Courtney Workman  
Wanda Young

## Donations of Materials and Professional Labor

BDK Floors  
Columbia Roofing  
Comfort Temp HVAC  
Design House Kitchens & Baths  
Design Tops  
Edison Electric  
Hamel Builders  
Fireside Hearth & Home  
JST Builders  
Kendall Hardware Inc.  
Gary Metz  
Penguin Mechanical Contractors  
Rule 4 Building Group  
R.V. Carey's Plumbing and Heating  
Schwayners Plumbing  
Snyder Electric  
Specified Electrical Systems  
Swift Flooring

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*... ensuring a warm, safe and dry home for low-income homeowners, families, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, and veterans in Howard County.*

*Howard County Government is pleased to support Rebuilding Together. It is a wonderful organization that provides a much needed service in our community. The elderly, low income and disadvantaged look to Rebuilding Together when their homes need repair and they cannot afford the expense. I am proud to say that I am a volunteer on Rebuilding Day and that Howard County Government workers have sponsored a home for the last several years. Rebuilding Together is an organization that gives back to the community and I strongly support their efforts.*

*Ken Ulman  
Howard County Executive*

*Thank you for everything, during my time of sorrow and pain. You guys are great. Thanks again for the stove. I'll be much warmer this winter. You will always be in my prayers. May God watch over you all.*

*Sincerely,  
Connor and Brenda Hawkins*



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