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## Hartford

### Looking Forward, Looking Back...

As the leaves start to change and the weather gets a little colder, we begin to reflect on the year that will soon come to a close. At **Rebuilding Together Hartford (RTH)**, the changing season reminds us of all the change we have been able to accomplish **with your help** ... and also all the work that remains to be done to ensure our Hartford neighbors are living with **warmth, safety and independence** this winter.

We have much to celebrate. Your commitment to our organization allowed us to rebuild more neighborhoods and improve more lives on National Rebuilding Day than ever before. **Thanks to your help:**

- More than eight homes have had windows repaired or brand new, energy-efficient windows installed
- Roofs were replaced or repaired on more than three homes
- More than eight homes received bathroom upgrades
- Handrails and grab bars were installed, re-secured or repaired in more than 15 homes
- More than five homes received extensive kitchen repairs and upgrades
- Lights were installed or electrical upgrades were made in more than five homes
- Heating systems were replaced in two homes

These major projects – along with projects such as interior and exterior painting, smoke and CO detector installation, cleaning and repairing gutters, repairing stairs, installing storm doors and repairing ceilings – helped make these homes more **safe, healthy, accessible and energy efficient** for our Hartford neighbors.

But as you know, our work did not stop after April 26<sup>th</sup> – and it doesn't slow down for the winter months. RTH continues our mission all year long with our **Emergency Home Repair Program**, a year-round initiative that assists Hartford's low-income homeowners – particularly the elderly, people living with disabilities, families with children and veterans – with critical home safety issues, such as having no heat or hot water, major roof leaks, safety and/or accessibility problems, and more.

Many of our Hartford neighbors will face another challenging winter this year, and we are preparing to do all that we can to help. If you would like to be involved in RTH's Emergency Home Repair Program, please contact me at 860-757-9428 or [gsecord@rthartford.org](mailto:gsecord@rthartford.org). Visit our Web site at [www.rthartford.org](http://www.rthartford.org) for more information or to make a donation in support of our programs.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Greg Secord  
Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Hartford

*Rebuilding Together Hartford is a volunteer driven, non-profit organization, bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income Hartford homeowners, enabling them to live in warmth, safety and independence.*