



Baton Rouge

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Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge 2011 Build Day • April 29, 2011

PRESS RELEASE

- When?** Friday, April 29, 2011
- What?** Remodeling 8 homes in 1 day for veterans, senior citizens & low-income Baton Rouge residents. The average age of the homeowners RTBR is helping this year is 74.
- Where?** See individual addresses below. These homes are scattered around our city, where elderly and senior citizen adults are caring for their adult disabled children, and low-income residents have inherited homes they cannot afford to repair themselves.
- Why?** **Rebuilding Together** is committed to allowing volunteers and corporations the opportunity to be personally involved in helping low-income, elderly and disabled residents see their own homes repaired and improved, and in increasing the pride of inner-city communities and residents in traditional Baton Rouge neighborhoods.
- How?** Local corporations provide **teams of 25 or more volunteers per house**. After a pre-Build Day assessment of what the home needs (painting, structural work, siding, heating/air conditioning work, etc.), and after some pre-Build Day set-up work, volunteer teams will show up Friday morning, April 29, 2011 at the 8 homes to work until 5:00 pm, and will largely finish the remodeling that day. Volunteers' skills range from heating/air conditioning/plumbing/carpentry skills, to simple help painting, or using a hammer and saw, working under the leadership of the Team Leader for each house.
- History:** **Rebuilding Together** has remodeled and improved more than 100,000 homes nationwide. Over the past five years, **Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge** has remodeled an average of 10 homes a year, as well as the Youth Oasis facility for teenagers. **Rebuilding Together** sent teams into New Orleans after Katrina, and is rebuilding 1,000 homes along the Gulf Coast area devastated by Katrina and Rita,
- Partners:** **Honeywell International; JP Morgan Chase; State Farm; Turner Industries; Rhodia; Brock Services, Ltd.; Brand; Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation; The Shaw Group; Lowes; Sears; and in-kind contributors: Wooster Brush Company and the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Community Development.**
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LIST OF HOMES RTBR WILL REMODEL FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011

HOMEOWNER

**Edna London,
4057 Topeka St**

SPONSORING COMPANY

**Turner Industries Group, LLC
House Contact: Daniel Truxillo – 225.329.7314**

Ms. London is 87 years old and lives with her sister, who is also in her eighties. Ms. London's neighborhood has seen recent crimes, and so a big part of this project was to repair and secure the burglar bars on her home. Windows are also being replaced, rotten siding was replaced, the exterior of the home was painted, the kitchen cabinets were repaired and the electrical system was repaired and updated. THIS PROJECT IS ALREADY COMPLETE.

**George and Annie Harrison
10201 Ave. C**

**Honeywell International
House Contact: Randall Jones – 225.235.6260**

Mr. Harrison is 88 years old, and a World War II veteran who was drafted and served three years as an engineer in Guam and Saipan. He is currently disabled. His wife, Annie, is 79 years old. Both are still able to live in their home, but need some help with maintenance issues. The home has several exterior issues that need to be corrected to prevent wood rot and termites on the home. The home is also not very energy efficient. This project will install attic insulation; replace a faulty stove; repair several windows; replace rotten wood; replace vinyl siding on the additions and seal up numerous holes around the home. These repairs will make the home more energy efficient and will prevent the mold and rot on the exterior of the home.

**Mable Doss
2884 Wyandotte St.**

**Rhodia
House Contact: Leroy McKeever – 225.359.3795**

Ms. Doss lives with her daughter in a modest home. They both suffer health problems and take care of each other. As both have limited income, repairs to the house have been neglected. Since Ms. Doss uses a walker to get around, access is an issue. The front porch and rear stairs currently present a difficult access to the home. Repairs to her home will include exterior repairs; some flooring repair; and upgrades to Ms. Doss' steps and front porch.

**Shelia Hill
2729 Indiana St.**

**Shaw Group
Contact: Dwayne Davis – 225.987.7152**

Ms. Hill is 58. She has a very limited income and lives alone. She has hearing problems and other health issues which prevent her from making the necessary repairs to her home. This project will replace kitchen and bathroom cabinets; add insulation to the attic; install a storm door; replace steps; and paint the exterior of the home.

**Evelyn Anderson/Mary Wilson
837 W. McKinley St.**

**Shaw Group
House Contact: Al Devaux – 225.387.1952**

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Wilson are mother and daughter, and live together on a limited income. Ms. Anderson is disabled and does not have able-bodied family members available to help with the upkeep of her home. Exterior repairs will include: replacing some siding; adding a step railing; replacing door screens and raising a door overhang. On the interior, this project will install grab bars in the bathtubs; repair light fixtures and install a floor transition between the kitchen and living rooms.

**William and Kathaleene Krauth
4778 Sunnybrook Dr.**

**Brock Services, Ltd.
House Contact: Chase Munn – 225.925.9264**

Both Mr. and Mrs. Krauth are United States Marine Corps veterans. William served two tours of duty in Vietnam in the 1st Marine Airwing. The Krauths' daughter is a combat medic in Iraq. Mr. Krauth is disabled. This project will install a brand new hot water heater; provide the Krauths with a new stove and refrigerator; add a safety handrail in the bathroom; caulk and repair soffit work and trim the trees around the Krauth's home.

Gladys Hatfield
3522 North St.

JP Morgan Chase
House Contact: Tom Fereday – 225.229.7111

Ms. Hatfield is a 70-year-old retired child care provider who has made her home in the Baton Rouge area for more than 30 years. She works to maintain the house despite her health issues, but deferred maintenance threatens to create major problems if not attended to immediately. Issues to be addressed include: repairing/replacing broken windows; replacing missing pieces of siding; and cleaning, caulking and repainting the exterior of the home. Interior issues include: replacing severely damaged flooring, repairing plumbing leaks, and electrical issues.

Mary Perkins
1935 Chestnut St.

Brand
House Contact: Pam Van Norman – 225.331.1507
Darrel Breaux – 225.571.9331

Mrs. Perkins is 77 years old and suffers from numerous health problems, including arthritis. Without help with the maintenance issues in her home, she would likely not be able to remain in the home she loves. Mrs. Perkins worked for a local lumber company all of her working years and put her two children through college. She resides in the home she purchased many years ago, and simply is now in need of help from the community she has participated in and contributed to for all these years. This project will paint both the exterior and the interior of the home; replace flooring; repair and replace plumbing; and update cabinetry.
