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Together, we can rebuild homes, rebuild neighborhoods and rebuild lives!

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Annual Rebuild Day Will Reach 25 Homeowners in the One Neighborhood!

400 Volunteers for Rebuilding Together Tulsa will repair 25 homes in the Hawthorne Neighborhood on April 25, 2009

(For Immediate Release -- Tulsa, Oklahoma) Rebuilding Together Tulsa, a local non-profit organization, will rally more than 400 volunteers to help fix up twenty-five Hawthorne Neighborhood homes in need of repair on April 25, 2009. Volunteers will begin their work at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. A wrap-up party will take place at 4:00 p.m. at Hawthorne Elementary. Home repairs on the Annual Rebuild Day will focus on neighborhood improvement and will include light carpentry, trash removal and paint.

In addition to the homes being repaired on the Annual Rebuild Day, Rebuilding Together Tulsa volunteers have repaired over 107 additional homes this year. Rebuilding Together Tulsa makes home repairs year-round for Tulsa homeowners which can include roofs, electrical, plumbing, home modifications, energy efficiency and much more. The Annual Rebuild Day is the largest volunteer event which brings together local corporations, churches and civic organizations to make home repairs. Volunteers begin their preparation with training meetings in March.

“The tremendous generosity of donors and the work of over 300 dedicated and caring volunteers will provide a safe, secure and weatherproof home for 25 deserving homeowners this year,” said Jennifer Barcus-Schafer, Rebuilding Together Tulsa Executive Director.

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For the 12th Annual Workday, Bank of America continues its support of Rebuilding Together. Brad Burkhalter, Bank of America Senior Vice President said, “Bank of America is excited once again to partner with Rebuilding Together Tulsa to serve the Tulsa Community. Rebuilding Together Tulsa is a non-profit organization with a proven track record for making a real difference in the community by preserving and revitalizing homes and neighborhoods for low income homeowners.”

Rebuilding Together Tulsa, organized locally in 1997, relies on local volunteers and corporate sponsors to help refurbish homes in area neighborhoods. Each year the Annual Rebuild Day takes place on the last Saturday in April. The Tulsa chapter is a part of the national organization that repairs homes in 480 cities and towns across the nation.

Rebuilding Together Tulsa solicits house applications through social service agencies and neighborhood associations. The homes are selected following a personal visit by Rebuilding Together Tulsa to determine need and extent of work. All work is done free of charge to the homeowner.

For more information on house sponsorships or locations for photographs or interviews, please contact **Jennifer Barcus-Schafer 742-6241 x4**

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