



The Rebuilder

Newsletter



Volunteers Reverend Robert Wasner and John Baumert sell ice cream at the 89th PGA Championship at Southern Hills

Volunteers braved the 100 degree temperatures during the 89th PGA Championship at Southern Hills to ensure their fellow Tulsans would have a weatherproof home. While they were working their half-day shifts, volunteers knew they were providing a lifetime of safety and security for many low-income Tulsa homeowners.

This past August, Rebuilding Together Tulsa was asked by Scoopers Ice Cream to provide almost 500 volunteers to help sell ice cream at the PGA event as a fundraiser. The event helped raise \$18,635 for Rebuilding Together Tulsa. With the average home costing about \$4,000 to repair, that means at least four more homeowners on the waiting list can receive much needed home repairs.

Volunteers worked ice cream carts half of the day and were able to watch the tournament the other half of the day. Most of the carts had excellent views of the course and the golfers as they walked by. Volunteers had a great time! Lora Stahl with QuikTrip said, "I just wanted to

let you know that I have received several thank yous from QuikTrip volunteers that had a great experience volunteering at the PGA last week and I was one of them. I had a blast! Thank you for the opportunity." Cathy Orban with Williams said, "I wanted to let you know how fun selling the ice cream at the PGA was. Thanks for letting us help out." Numerous volunteers returned and worked as many as five shifts throughout the week!

Several companies and groups helped us recruit volunteers including: Williams, Bank of America, Hilti, Remodelers Council™, TulsaPeople Magazine, QuikTrip, Bank of Oklahoma, City of Tulsa, North Tulsa Magazine, Leadership Tulsa, TYPROS, Selser-Schaefer Architects, Bama, State Farm, and Tulsa National Bank.

Thank you again to Scoopers Ice Cream and all of the volunteers!

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Remodeled Tulsa Tour to Benefit Rebuilding Together Tulsa

For the fourth year, the Remodeled Tulsa Tour will benefit Rebuilding Together Tulsa. The Patron Party on September 13th will feature a live and silent auction with items including a helicopter ride over Tulsa, 2 round-trip Southwest Airlines tickets, one week stay in a Santa Fe condo, sports memorabilia, spa gift certificates, water ski trip to an Oklahoma lake, professional tools, private party band, rounds of golf and much more! The Tour will take place September 15th & 16th with stunning remodels by Brian D. Wiggs Homes, All American Remodel, The Buckingham Group, Renovations by Helms and Bill Cassety Company. For more information on the tour and the homes on the tour, pick up a copy of the September TulsaPeople Magazine. You can also view the magazine online at <http://www.langdonpublishing.com>

Tour

September 15th & 16th
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Patron Party

September 13th
6:30 p.m.
Harweldon Mansion
Live and Silent Auction





Tickets:

\$10.00 Tour
\$35.00 Patron Party

Call the Homebuilders Association at
918-663-5820 to purchase tickets

REMODELED TULSA TOUR PATRON PARTY

Please Join Us For
The Remodeled Tulsa Tour
Patron Party
benefiting
Rebuilding Together Tulsa
presented by:

TulsaPeople  
ANDERSON AW  

Thursday, September 13
6:30 p.m.
Harweldon
2210 South Main
\$35 per ticket
Wine, hors d'oeuvres
and admission to
the Remodeled Tulsa Tour
included in the price
silent & live auction
Valet Parking
For tickets, call the
Home Builders Association
918 - 663 - 5820
by Friday, September 7

Business casual — If you cannot attend and wish
to support Rebuilding Together Tulsa, your
generous donation will be gladly accepted.

REMODELED TULSA TOUR PATRON PARTY

Focus on the Homeowner

Homeowner Quotes:

Thank all of you for caring and being concerned. We deeply appreciate all you have done.

Now it is easier to go outside because of the new ramp.

You will never know how happy you have made me. Thank you everyone that helped repair my house. It is so beautiful.

You have made me so happy. I was worried how I was going to get my house repaired. Thanks to Rebuilding Together Tulsa, the volunteers and all the people that helped me.

The repairs made will allow me to remain in my home.

/ will have lower bills and a better looking exterior and interior.

August 14, 2007

Dear Rebuilding Together Tulsa,

We do not know where to start! How about with a HUGE thank you from the Horton Family?! There was a rumor about some home repair, a few forms to fill out and the next thing we know, A-Best Roofing is on our roof sizing it up. In only a few weeks, they removed the old roof and installed a new one! We are just blown away and so grateful. We are active in First Baptist Church downtown which has a large food and clothing hand-up to the homeless called the Caring Center. Rebuilding this part of Tulsa, especially the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood is dear to my heart because some people who are homeless now could have homes if the old homes in this area were restored to livable condition. We have just been able to keep ours tacked together for the last 12 years. That old roof was a black cloud on my horizon, but not any more.

A-Best did a VERY professional job. Their foreman, Daniel Ivey is a really caring and professional person who saw the job through from day one.

Thank you again for your help. We would like more information on just who Rebuilding Together Tulsa is because if it is OK, we would like to spread the word!

*Best Regards,
The Horton Family*



The Horton Family (pictured above) is active in their community. They not only care for their own lawn, but three of their neighbors in the Kendall-Whittier Neighborhood. They called on behalf of a fellow homeowner to advocate home repairs and were pleasantly surprised when they found that they qualified for home repairs themselves.

The George Kaiser Family Foundation and the Kendall-Whittier Neighborhood Needs Fund recently allocated \$184,000 to Rebuilding Together Tulsa to make home repairs for low-income homeowners in the Kendall-Whittier Neighborhood. It is projected that 37 homeowner families in the will receive repairs as a result of this generous gift!

Ten Years and Building

Fiscal Year End 2007 Stats

69 homes
216 total projects
38 roofs
18 ramps/rails
26 electrical
26 paint projects
40 safety/security repairs
653 volunteers
\$865,687 value back to Tulsa community!

Thank You Volunteer Teams

Bama , Bank of America, Booker T. Washington
PTA, Chain Gang , Countrywide, IKON
JP Morgan Chase, ORU Missions
Remodelors Council™, Selser Schaefer
Architects , State Farm
The Moore Group at McGraw Realtors,
Tulsa National Bank, Williams



Photo by Brandi Simons



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2007 Annual Workday Leaders

Workday Chair: Steve Brady

Area Directors: Tony Rainwater, Keith Saplin,
Ross Phippen

Team/Skill Captains: Bill Lassau, Brad Burkhalter, Brad McClure, Karen Furch, Renee Smith, Bobby Norton, Jacque Hill, Philip Cape, Mike McCain, Bruce Currie, Trina Durdin, Mark McGee, Russ Wells, Lacey Stahle, Previn Dixon, Bill Boydston, Bruce Judd, Fred Pruett, Brian Thomas, Andrew McCreedy, Alexis Balbontin, Becky Moore, Brenda Seago, Erin Reed, Bob Sherman, Veronica Stephens, Hal Swarmingim, Joe Hamilton, Tom Haanan, Steve Fergerson

Thank You!



Annual Workday Title Sponsor

Celebrating Ten Years



Bama (Nate Burden), Bank of America (Brad Burkhalter), Williams (Steve Brady), Jay Stallsmith, Claudia Brierre, John Fisher and Julis Leach honored for their 10 year involvement

Since 1997, 240 homes have been repaired by over 3782 volunteers providing a value of \$2,735,217 to the Tulsa community. In 1997 six homeowners received home repairs as part of the annual workday, held the last day in April. In 2003, a year-round repair program was initiated to augment the annual workday so that urgent needs such as roofs, wheelchair ramps, handrails and electrical repairs could be met in a timely manner. In its 10th year, it is projected that 70 homeowners

will receive repairs to their homes that make them safer, more secure and weatherproof.

This year's appreciation party celebrated those who have been involved over the past ten years and included the presentation of the 3rd annual Martin and Renee Williams Award. The award is given in memory of Martin Williams, a long time Rebuilding Together Tulsa volunteer, and in honor of Renee Williams, Martin's daughter. Home repair for low-income seniors was important to Martin and Renee worked with him on many volunteer projects.

John Fisher was the recipient of this year's award. He has spent countless hours volunteering for Rebuilding Together Tulsa. Over the years, John has obtained countless donations for home repair projects and has a deep commitment to helping his fellow Tulsans. He has been involved in some capacity for the last 10 years as a volunteer, a board member, a team captain, an area director, and an advisory board member. He is a driving force behind the mission of Rebuilding Together Tulsa.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, sponsors and partners over the past 10 years!



Homeowner Tay Clare thanks supporters at the 10th anniversary celebration

Thank You



for hosting the
**10th Anniversary
Celebration**



Jay Stallsmith presents John Fisher with the annual Martin and Rene Williams Award

Thank You Leadership Donors!

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The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation



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Sherwin Williams - Spirit AeroSystems - State Farm - Tulsa Community Foundation
Williams - David and Kay Wulf - Maxine & Jack Zarrow Foundation

Community Builders

Home Depot - Kendall Whittier Ministries - Mervin Bovaird Foundation - The Moore Group at
McGraw Realtors - Selser-Schaefer Architects - Sodexo Senior Nutrition

Neighborhood Builders

Alley Roofing Supply - AmRamp Oklahoma - Anonymous - Asbury United Methodist Church - Fannie
Mae - First Presbyterian Church - Flint Foundation - General Acoustics - HSBC - Lohrey and Associates -
Pape Adams Foundation - Samson - Brian and Mary Thomas - Tulsa Metropolitan Healthcare Association -
Tulsa National Bank - University Village

House Builders

Brad and Kendra Burkhalter - Countrywide Employees - Cowen Construction - Clinton and Susan Cox - Charles
Foster - Philip Hixon - Koh Enterprises - Allison and Sean Moore - Quality Remodeling and Construction in honor
of Bill and Helen Neeley - Sam's Club

Board President Message



It Is A Painful Reality That Third World Poverty Exists Right Here In Tulsa....

Unfortunately you don't have to travel overseas or even across the border to experience third world poverty. Three years ago, in my beginnings as a board member, I was shocked during my initial round of in-home inspections. I couldn't believe how many Tulsans were living without electricity, functional plumbing, or even a roof over their heads. Some homeowners had three inch gaps in their doors and windows making winter heating a nightmare. These are just a few of the everyday problems that Rebuilding Together Tulsa tackles in making Tulsa homeowners safe and secure.

When you first read our name some Tulsans assume we are remodeling homes, but that is far from the truth. We are repairing homes so they are safe and livable.

Theses past ten years have been such an exciting time to be part of Rebuilding Together Tulsa (RTT). During our first year of service, we began with only six homes. Over the years we have slowly increased the number of homes serviced. In the 2006-2007 work year, we repaired an outstanding **SIXTY-NINE homes!**

All our hard work is paying off. The city of Tulsa has taken notice along with numerous corporations and charitable foundations. These groups have heard from homeowners, city employees and workplace professionals that RTT is positively impacting Tulsa! We have developed a strong reputation as a non-profit for helping improve the safety and security of Tulsans and our neighborhoods.

As we continue to grow this year, we are focusing on getting more workday sponsors involved in helping people living with disabilities, the elderly, and low-income families improve their standards of living.

However with this phenomenal community support and volunteers, we still have obstacles to overcome. The most troublesome part of my job is seeing the pictures from our home inspections and knowing that at the end of the year we will not be able to help every homeowner who needs a safe and livable home.

Each year we turn down several homeowners who are living in deplorable conditions. We need the community's help obtaining additional funding but even more important we need more volunteers. Please take a moment to join our team. *We encourage you to solicit your places of employment, houses or worship and groups of friends.* Not only because it is a wonderful cause and benefits all Tulsans, but also because everyone deserves to live in safety.

With Great Hope for Tulsa,
Allison Moore

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Groups Needed for Paint and Yard Clean-Up Projects

Volunteer teams of 10 – 15 people are needed to make repairs to homes in Tulsa. Repairs include exterior paint, yard clean-up and installing visible house numbers. Volunteer teams can work one of the scheduled days listed or make arrangements for an alternate day. Rebuilding Together Tulsa will assign teams to a home.

Teams will show up on their assigned date prepared to make the repairs. All supplies and materials will be provided by Rebuilding Together Tulsa. No prep work will be required by the volunteer team.

If you would like to organize a volunteer team, contact Kim Rolston at rtkim@cox.net or 742-6241 x2. Kim will provide more details and make all arrangements for your project.

September 22, 2007

October 27, 2007

November 3, 2007

December, 2008 - none scheduled

January, 2008 - none scheduled

February, 2008 - none scheduled

March 15, 2008

April 26, 2008

June 21, 2008