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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Prepared by Dan Garber,  
Rebuilding Together South Sound Board President, 2008 – 2009

I want to start out by saying thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers that have made RTSS what it is over the past 8 years. We could not have grown and helped as many homeowners as we have without your support, whether it was financial, in-kind or labor.



2008-09 was a growing year for RTSS as we tripled our staff with the addition of our AmeriCorps volunteers Chelsea Muller and Drew Carrigan. The expansion that was created with their service and ideas has taken RTSS to a new level not only in Pierce County proper but on a National level also.

Chelsea took the challenge head on with our new Home Mods program growing and nurturing it along with her service commitment to AmeriCorps with public service projects she had to complete. Her background in broadcast journalism also helped with our media exposure this year - by far our best ever. She has now accepted a full time position with us now that her AmeriCorps service is over.

Drew came to us in January to handle Public Outreach and has been a great addition in spreading the word and networking. Her work has helped to create community connections and alliances that have served us well and will continue to do so in the future.

It was a tough year in donations with the economy in a scary position and companies fighting for every dollar. That said we had most of our longtime supporters stay with us and new ones who saw the value in bringing their staff to a team building and community event. We helped 65 homeowners in the South Sound region with 5,700 volunteer hours and more than \$733,000 of work performed this year; our largest effort to date. We also forged a new alliance with Habitat for Humanity of Seattle/South King County working with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge to reinvigorate the Westway neighborhood.

I wanted to personally thank Amy Hoyte our Executive Director for RTSS for all of her hard work both behind the scenes and in front of them. Most of you have had some contact small or large with her and she is the enthusiasm and the person who keeps RTSS running every day. I also wanted to thank our incoming President Susie Sutton for all of her help and preparation for 2009-10. She has and is going to be a great asset to RTSS.



# WHO WE ARE, WHO WE HELP

Rebuilding Together is the nation's leading non-profit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership by providing free home repairs and modifications to low-income homeowners. Rebuilding Together South Sound is a local affiliate that was founded in 2001 with the mission of bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. Specifically, Rebuilding Together South Sound provides services to homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or a family with children. To date, Rebuilding Together South Sound has repaired or modified more than 220 homes, has completed projects with a market value of more than \$3 million, and helped hundreds of low-income homeowners stay safe and independent in the homes they love!

Most home repairs are completed on National Rebuilding Day, the last Saturday in April, where with the support of local businesses, suppliers and organizations, volunteer teams come together to complete various repair projects. Rebuilding Together South Sound uses skilled volunteers to complete Home Modification projects throughout the year for low-income homeowners who are elderly or have a disability. Home Modifications are changes that increase the accessibility and ease of use of a home for a person with limited mobility.



**Thomas D.** – To the staff, volunteers and sponsors, Kathy, Molly, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the tremendous effort you put forth in making our house...more livable. We hope that you consider Rebuilding Day 2009 as big a success as we do!

**Elena** – You're all very courteous, friendly and loving people. The quality of your work and service is excellent. You have my respect, my admiration, and my gratitude





**A'Rica** – Thanks so much for the time and energy you devoted to my home...when I really needed helping. You gave me a home I now feel comfortable living in and safe for my children and family. I can't explain to you how much I appreciate your help. It's because of the kind support of people like you that makes a difference in people's life. I hope you will continue to support homeowners like myself and change their lives as well. Once again, thank you very very much for your willingness to donate your time, energy and expertise. This has been a blessing.

**Thomas F.** – There is no way I could ever repay for all of the wonderful gifts you have given us. The stress that has been lifted from my shoulders is outstanding. This letter only grazes the large amount of thanks that I wish to send to you all. With every inch of my heart, I thank you.

**Jorge & Desire** – Our family can't thank you enough on the great work you all did. This was a great experience for us, and I know that now my son can start to recover from his asthma, now that the work has been done. From the bottom of our hearts we . . . would like to send a big mahalo (Thank You) for all your generous time and donations. God Bless You All!

**Frankie** - Words cannot express how I feel for what you all have done for me – it's like a dream come true.



**Robert & Sharon** – The work that was done on our home was just amazing. Words alone cannot thank you all enough, for all your hard work. After you left, we were left without words!



# PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES

## Rebuilding Together South Sound's 2009 Impact

- Built or Repaired 7 Ramps
- Installed 41 Grab Bars at 25 Homes
- New Roofs or Roof Repairs at 9 Homes
- Porch Repairs at 12 Homes
- Stairs Repaired or Rebuilt at 14 Homes
- Handrails Rebuilt at 21 Homes
- New Windows or Doors at 9 Homes
- Gutter Work at 7 Homes
- New Cabinets Installed at 4 Homes
- New Countertops Installed at 4 Homes
- New Flooring Installed at 7 Homes
- New Appliances Installed at 7 Homes
- Plumbing Work Done at 28 Homes
- Electrical Work Done at 16 Homes
- Water Heaters Repaired or Replaced at 4 Homes
- Heating Systems Repaired or Replaced at 7 Homes
- Interior Painting at 6 Homes
- Major Yard Work at 15 Homes

## Rebuilding Together South Sound's Cumulative Impact

- Built or Repaired 33 Ramps
- Handrails/Grab Bars Installed at 137 Homes
- New Roofs or Roof Repairs at 43 Homes
- 109 New Windows and Doors Installed
- Plumbing Work Done at 92 Homes
- Electrical Work Done at 62 Homes

## Rebuilding Together's National Impact Last Year

- 10,000 homes or nonprofits repaired
- 250,000 volunteers nationwide
- \$100 million in market value





*Kitchen before renovation*



*Kitchen doubled in size and received new appliances!*

## Federal Way Boys And Girls Club Project

In the spring of 2007 we were approached by one of our sponsors, Opus NW Contractors, who wanted to learn more about our programs nationwide and find out if we were involved in the other 5 cities in which they operated. From that meeting came an amazing grant opportunity from the Opus Foundation and the chance to make a significant difference in the lives of the hundreds of children that benefit from the services of the Federal Way Boys & Girls Club.

Over the last two years, volunteers from the companies listed to the right donated more than 2,700 hours to work on a major remodel of the Boys & Girls Club facility. Some of the incredible changes made:

- the entry to the building has been redesigned for security and safety
- a new addition was built for storage
- previous storage space was turned into highly functioning office space
- larger windows have been added to the concrete structure to increase light quality in the activity room
- the mechanical systems of the building have all been upgraded, increasing efficiency
- the kitchen has at least doubled in size and received new appliances
- the entire building has been painted inside and out
- the outside was landscaped on Rebuilding Day 2008, and
- just before Rebuilding Day 2008, we had 4 members of the Seattle Seahawks come and paint the gymnasium for the kids as well!

This amazing partnership between Opus, Rebuilding Together, the Federal Way Boys & Girls Club and all of our wonderful contractors has been our largest project to date, with a market value of \$417,654!

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!**

*Storage space before renovation*







## Federal Way Boys and Girls Club

**Opus Foundation - \$50,000**

**In Kind Donors  
\$10,000 or more**

Corona Steel, Inc.  
Evergreen State Mechanical, Inc.  
MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions  
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Pacific Fire & Security  
SAK Construction  
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Yellow Iron Construction

**\$5,000 to \$10,000**

Fairweather Masonry Co., Inc.  
Hawkins Heating & Sheet Metal Co.

**Up to \$2,500**

Parker Paint  
Construction Unlimited, Inc.  
Gluth Contract Flooring  
PCI Democon  
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Sunbelt Rentals



*Seattle Seahawks paint the gymnasium.*



*Seattle Seahawks volunteers and Opus NW project leaders.*

*Storage space was turned into usable office space!*





Homeowners Cameron and Connie Krier with Mike Schoep, Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton



The flag raising ceremony

## The Krier Family

In 2003, Cameron Krier was serving in Iraq. During his deployment there he was exposed to IED and RPG attacks on numerous occasions. As a result, Cameron returned home suffering from some hearing loss, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression and Traumatic Brain Injury. While he was struggling with these injuries, his family was having trouble making ends meet. He couldn't return to his previous job due to his injuries. Even though his wife returned to work full time, the loss of his monthly income was stressful for the Kriers and their two children, Piper and Payton. They couldn't cover their monthly expenses, and as time went on, the repairs that their home needed started to accumulate.

The Kriers decided to apply to Rebuilding Together. The *Serving Those Who Serve* program is a national initiative of Rebuilding Together that provides services to soldiers who have suffered injuries during service in Iraq or Afghanistan, and need repairs or modifications to their homes upon return to help ease the transition. Rebuilding Together South Sound visited the Krier house and decided that they could help!

With the help of volunteers from Opus NW Contractors, Northwest Custom Interiors, MacDonald Miller, Valley Electric, Gluth Flooring, Stively Coatings, Bloss Construction, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Starr Tile, Rebuilding Together South Sound was able to assist the Krier family with the repairs they badly needed. Inside the home, volunteers renovated the bathroom, repaired insulation in a crawl space, painted the interior, installed new carpeting and upgraded and repaired the kitchen with appliances including a dishwasher, stove and microwave hood, and refrigerator. On the exterior they added a new flagpole, painted, installed new gutters and downspouts, landscaped, and installed a basketball hoop for the kids. Bernie O'Donnell, Debi Bloss and Kiel Lunsford volunteered to provide amazing project management. Now the family's home has been brought to a state of easy maintenance and they no longer have to worry about repairs!



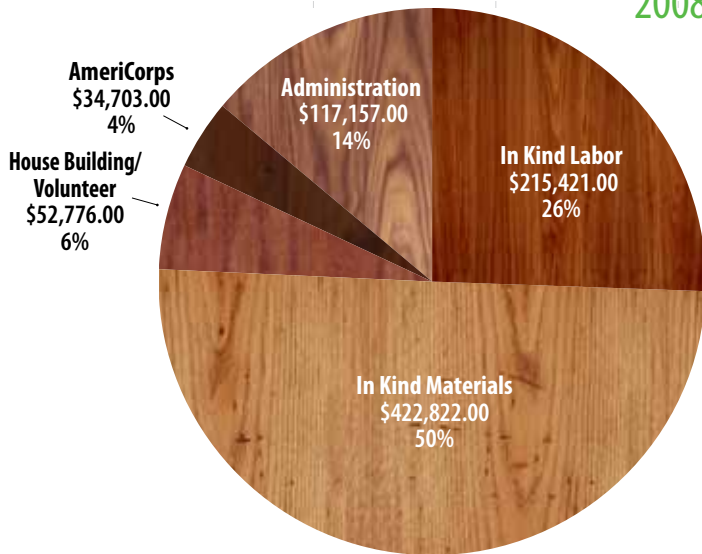
The wonderful volunteer team.

Amy Hoyte, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together South Sound, Bernie O'Donnell, former Senior Project Manager, Opus NW Contractors, Joshua Reese, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton, and John Lee, Director, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

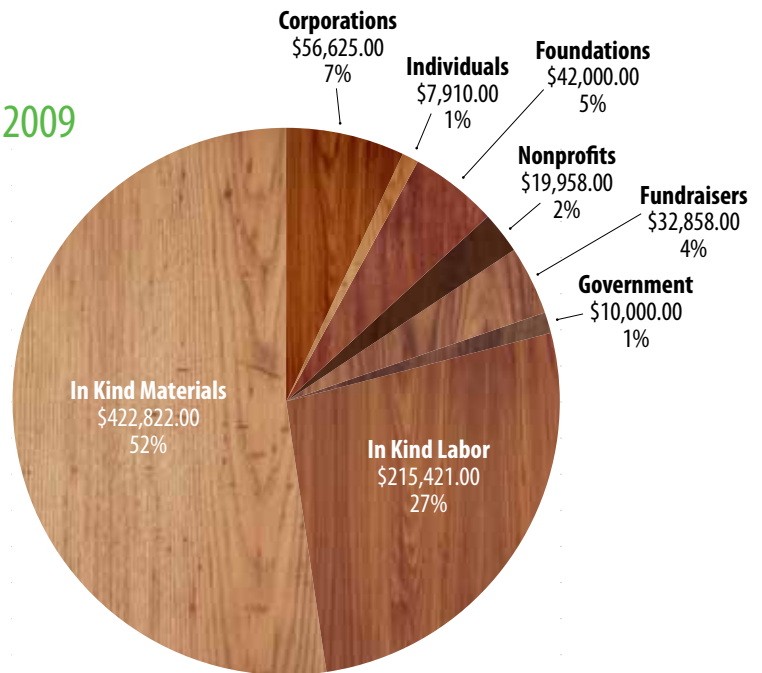




2008 – 2009



EXPENSES



INCOME

# WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2009 – 2010

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year! This past year has seen exciting growth and new possibilities here at Rebuilding Together South Sound. Our workforce increased with the addition of two AmeriCorps members through the CapacityCorps program: Chelsea Muller recently completed her term of service as a Program Coordinator, and has been hired to continue as the Program Manager! Drew Carrigan is working as an Outreach Coordinator, distributing information about Rebuilding Together to people who could benefit from our services, and additional community partners.

The second year of our Home Modification program, which works to increase the safety and accessibility of homes for people with limited mobility, was incredibly successful. We completed 19 modification projects including building wheelchair ramps, installing handrails and grab bars, and adapting tubs and showers.

Amy Hoyte, our Executive Director, has been elected to serve another term as the Rebuilding Together National Affiliate Council representative for Region 11! We are proud to have such a great leader in Amy!

In July, our office moved to the Sunrise Center in Fircrest and we couldn't be more thrilled with the new space. This move was made possible by Contac 38 LLC, Cascade Pacific and Colliers International, who generously donated the space to us for a year! We cannot thank them enough. This new office with warehouse space will certainly accommodate our continued growth in the future!

Mark your calendars for Rebuilding Day 2010 – April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are now processing applications and preparing for another fun filled and productive day of projects and community spirit! We're excited to have old friends and new come out for a day of hard work to improve the lives and homes of more people in our community.

Thanks for all your support!

# THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

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*more than  
just money*



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##### \$10,000 AND UP

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Corona Steel Inc.  
Evergreen State Mechanical Inc.  
Gluth Contract Flooring  
MacDonald-Miller

Opus A&E  
Pacific Fire & Security  
SAK & Associates Inc.  
Sessler  
SME Inc. of Seattle  
Stellar Structures  
Washington Glazing

##### \$7,500 TO \$10,000

Guardian Roofing  
Scott Coatings  
Standard Steel

##### \$5,000 TO \$7,500

Fairweather Masonry Co. Inc.  
Hawkins Heating & Sheet Metal Co.  
Northwest Orthopaedic Institute  
TRES  
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##### \$2,500 TO \$5,000

Bloss Construction LLC  
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Robert Brown  
Stephanie Caldwell  
Sandie Carter  
Nancy Clayton  
Dave & Connie Condon  
Covington Cellars  
DF Electric  
John & Debra Dimant  
Anne Marie Earsley  
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# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## | DONATE |

Volunteer your time and talent or make a monetary donation to Rebuilding Together South Sound. All donations are appreciated.

## | MATCHING GIFTS |

Your contributions can have twice the impact if your company participates in a matching gift program.

## | IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL CLIENTS |

If you know of a low-income family who needs their house repaired and revitalized please contact us at [cmuller@rebuildingtogetherss.org](mailto:cmuller@rebuildingtogetherss.org) or 253.238.0977.

