PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Prepared by Cindy Johnson, RTSS Board President, 2007 – 2008

To our friends and family at Rebuilding Together:

Thank you so much for your continued support of our work. Our program continues to grow by leaps and bounds each year. This year alone we completed 50 projects through our Rebuilding Day and Home Modifications Programs. Each year has been a tremendous period of growth and I am amazed at what we have achieved together over my 6 years on the Board. This year we also had a successful application for an AmeriCorps member, who you can read more about further on. Chelsea has increased our staff and become an integral part of the office already.

With the current economic environment, things are tough for everyone. We did lose a few sponsors due to the downturn, but they all expressed their support of our program and found other ways to participate. An important consideration when working in this community is how this downturn has affected our homeowners as well. Already facing difficult circumstances, they are seeing their basic living expenses rise substantially, but not their fixed incomes. I, for one, am thrilled that we are still here to help and that our supporters continue to provide donations to help our clients.

This last June, we took another big step with the creation of a new Strategic Plan. My, things have changed so much in the last 3 years. We have big goals and the enthusiasm on the board to reach them. I wish them all my best as this is my last year on the board. These six years have been wonderful and I look forward to being a volunteer again. We all know it is the dedicated work of our volunteers which make this organization so great. Thank you all!
WHO WE ARE, WHO WE HELP

Rebuilding Together South Sound’s mission is to bring volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners, with the vision of a safe and healthy home for every person. In particular, we work with low-income homeowners who are elderly, disabled or families with children. We have now surpassed 150 projects!

Rebuilding Together is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to home repair and rehabilitation. The national office was opened in 1988 and today Rebuilding Together is the largest volunteer home preservation organization in America with more than 200 affiliates around the country. Working with local suppliers, contractors and volunteers, we make home repairs on the last Saturday of April each year. This past year we added a year-round Home Modifications Program to address a need in our community for immediate modifications like wheelchair ramps, grab bars, handrails, and other improvements to make a home accessible and safe for an elderly or disabled person.

LAURA – You gave us an amazing gift in work, materials and a sense of community and well being.

JOAN – By the end of that glorious Saturday when I saw all the beauty and work that had been done I felt as if I were Dorothy clicking my heels. “There’s no place like home.”

MICHELLE – This has been a profoundly moving experience and I am grateful for all you have done.

DONNA – It brightens my heart to know that you gave me your time and efforts to beautify my home.
MONICA – I can’t say thank you enough – your program changed my life.

JOHN & FELICIA – Please know that you have not just changed our lives with your generous gift, but you have changed our community. You made our home a better and safer place to live – a place we can be proud to call home.
SYLVIA – Rebuilding Together South Sound is truly a part of my everyday life and I do not cease to thank God by praying these blessings for you all.

MARY – THANK YOU is such a little phrase for such a BIG JOINT EFFORT – A GIANT ACT OF LOVE AND KINDNESS. You will be remembered.
PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES

Rebuilding Together South Sound’s 2008 Impact
• Built or Repaired 8 Ramps
• One Handicap Shower Installed
• Handrails/Grab Bars Installed at 19 Homes
• New Roofs or Roof Repairs at 10 Homes
• Porch Repairs at 11 Homes
• Stairs Rebuilt at 4 Homes
• New Windows at 13 Homes
• New Doors at 5 Homes
• Gutters Installed at 2 Homes
• New Cabinets Installed at 7 Homes
• New Countertops Installed at 5 Homes
• New Flooring Installed at 13 Homes
• Fencing Repairs Made at 4 Homes
• New Appliances Installed at 6 Homes
• Plumbing Work Done at 13 Homes
• Electrical Work Done at 12 Homes
• Interior Painting at 15 Homes
• Major Yard Work at 17 Homes

Rebuilding Together South Sound’s Cumulative Impact
• Built or Repaired 27 Ramps
• 8 Handicap Showers Installed
• Handrails/Grab Bars Installed at 81 Homes
• New Roofs or Roof Repairs at 32 Homes
• 100 New Windows and Doors Installed
• Plumbing Work Done at 64 Homes
• Electrical Work Done at 46 Homes

Rebuilding Together’s National Impact Last Year
• 9,400 homes or nonprofits repaired
• 200,000 volunteers nationwide
• $100 million in market value
This last year has been an amazing year. Amy Hoyte, our Executive Director, was elected regional representative from Region 11 to the National Affiliate Council for Rebuilding Together. We were then awarded 2nd Place in the Newsletter competition at the National Conference in Long Beach, CA. Most recently, we were also awarded two AmeriCorps Members through a national direct program at Rebuilding Together’s national office. They are named the CapacityCorps as the goal is to increase the capacity of our affiliates to serve our communities.

Chelsea Muller started with us in September as our first CapacityCorps Member and our Program Coordinator. She will be working with clients, sponsors, house captains and volunteer coordinators to ensure that our Rebuilding Day and Home Modifications projects run smoothly. Our next CapacityCorps Member will start in January and work to increase our presence in the community.

At the end of June our office will be moving. We do not have the location confirmed at this time, but you will always be able to find updated information on our website at www.rebuildingtogetherss.org!

We are participating in our first Serving Those Who Serve project this next year for a soldier injured during service in Afghanistan. We are looking forward to taking part in this important national program which has been created to make home repairs or modifications for injured soldiers returning from Iraq or Afghanistan.

We achieved our goal of starting a successful Home Modifications Program last year. We rebuilt stairs to make them safe for a disabled woman, installed new wheelchair ramps, made ramp repairs, installed grab bars and handheld showers, installed lever-handled faucets and door knobs and installed hand rails. We already have more applications for service this coming year than we did last year. With the help of our supporters, we hope to be able to complete even more than the 16 home modification projects we have budgeted!

Last of all, and most exciting, Rebuilding Day 2009 is on Saturday, April 25th. We are currently interviewing homeowners and are anticipating far more need this year than most. Our current economy is going to make it that much harder for our typical clients to pay their bills, heat their homes and buy groceries. We are needed now more than ever. Come join us!
INCOME

- **In Kind Labor**: $310,151 (38%)
- **In Kind Materials**: $241,096 (30%)
- **Corporations**: $87,050 (11%)
- **Foundations**: $67,000 (8%)
- **Restricted Grants**: $42,500 (5%)
- **Nonprofits**: $58,530 (7%)
- **Individuals**: $9,819 (1%)

Total Income: $636,587
EXPENSES

In Kind Labor
$310,151
43%

In Kind Materials
$241,097
34%

House Building/ Volunteer Expenses
$59,854
8%

Administration
$108,099
15%

TOTAL EXPENSES
$731,203
SPONSORS

BUILDERS

JOURNEYMEN
Absher Construction
Apple Physical Therapy
Bargreen Ellingson
Columbia Bank
Gensco
Harrison Homes
HHJ Construction, Inc.
HomeStreet Bank
JL Darling
Merrill Gardens
Mountain Construction
Patriot Fire Protection
Pease Construction
Tacoma Screw Products
Totem Ocean Trailer Express
Wade Perrow Construction

APPRENTICE
Fairwood Methodist Church
Heritage Bank
MultiCare Health System
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Walsh Construction

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Puyallup Indian Tribe Charity Fund
Rainier Pacific Foundation
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McCallum Print Group
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PK Electric
Simco
Sweatman-Young, Inc

IN KIND DONATIONS

$10,000 AND UP
Frank & Sons Construction
Opus A & E
Stively Commercial Coatings LLC
Yellow Iron

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Aabergs Tool Rentals
Access Windows
All Seasons Pest Control
Allied Waste Services
American Portable Storage
Armstrong World Industries
Artz Drywall
ASC Building Products
Bargreen Ellingson
Best Bath, Idaho
BMC West
Bob Stewart
Bosnick Roofing
Boulton Insulation
Boy Scouts-Troop 410
Brown & Harper
Building Specialties
C M Wiring Inc
Cadet Manufacturing
Carson Electric
Cascade Recycling
Celebrity Cake Studio
Cloverdale- Rodda Paint
Cole ScreenPrint Inc
Connie's Donuts
Contract Furnishings Mart
Couch's Furnishing & Appliances
Crescent Construction
Crescent Lighting
Cressy Door Company
Danard Electric
Doors Northwest
Dream Homes Construction
E&S Custom Cabinets
EB Bradley
Empire Pacific Home Tech
Fence Specialists
Ferguson Enterprises
Fircrest Door
Fred Meyer
General Electric
Gensco
Great Floors
Grocery Outlet
H & B Topsoil
Hammond Knoll
Hertz Rental
Higham Excavating
Hyland Cabinetworks, Inc
Jambalaya Restaurant
Knights Insulation
Krispy Kreme
Lakewood Appliance
Langseth Environmental Services, Inc.
Lawn Esthetic
LDL Enviro Services
Lee's Drywall Co., Inc.
Louie G’s Pizzaria
Lumbermens of Fife
M.R. Construction Inc.
Manor Hardware
McMain Roofing, Inc
Metal Roof Specialties
Miles Sand & Gravel
Milgard Windows
Mountain Construction
MRC Construction, Inc
Murrey’s Disposal Company, Inc.
N.W. Furniture Bank
Narrows Heating & Air Conditioning
Nicholas Sparks
Northwest Cascade
Northwest Traffic
Occasions Coffee & Crepes
Parker Paint
Pease Construction
Pinnacle Lumber
Pioneer Builders Supply Co., Inc.
QFC Covington
RC Painting, Inc.
RENU Recycling Services
Rick the Plumber
Rodda Paint
Safeway
Screw Products, Inc.
Sea-Pac Sales, Inc.
Select Staff
Sherwin Williams - Issaquah
Sound Glass Sales Inc
Sound Heating & Air Conditioning
Starbucks
Sumner Carpet One
Susie’s Sunshine Shop
Swanson West LLC
T&A Supply
Tacoma Counter Tops
Tacoma Electric Supply
Tacoma Lighting Center
Tacoma Power
Tano Bailon Sr.
The Closet Guys
The Cronin Co.
Thompson Appliance Service
Three Chicks Catering
Turner Plumbing
Universal Refrigeration
Varsity Grille
Viking Glass
Weirs Appliance
Wolfe Construction
Wren & Willow Interior Design & Remodel
York Enterprises
HOW YOU CAN HELP

| DONATE |

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

| MATCHING GIFTS |

Your contributions can have twice the impact of 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 ahoyte@rebuildingtogetherss.org

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