



## Rebuilding Together Saratoga County 2015 Highlights and Accomplishments

Together with our corporate and community partners, Rebuilding Together Saratoga County transforms the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities. 2015 was a big year! We continued to partner with our many hard-working volunteers and community partners, and we were also awarded Federal and State grants this year, allowing us to complete larger projects utilizing paid contractors. **With your support, we are able to provide the repairs and accessibility modifications needed for homeowners in need in Saratoga County to stay in the homes and neighborhoods they love.**

*Gene and Anna wanted to remain in their home, but Gene could no longer navigate the home's exterior steps and the couple was living without hot water. Our volunteers and community partners came together to repair and modify Gene and Anna's home so they could continue to live independently and safely.*

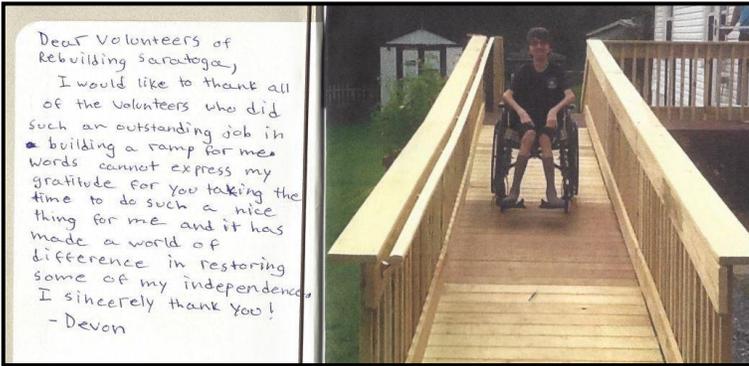
*In their thank you note, Anna wrote, "My husband and I cannot thank you enough for what you've done for us. You've made it possible for my husband to get out of the house, walk down the ramp and down the path to the driveway. You fixed our oven and gave us hot water again. You also fixed 2 bad spots on our floor and 2 leaking pipes. THANK YOU! About the volunteers, they were amazing. I tried to thank each and every one of you personally. I would get comments like, 'it's fun,' 'I like being outside,' and 'thank for letting me do this for you.' It just made me realize there are truly good people in the world. God bless you all."*



**In 2015, we made repairs on 107 homes and 7 nonprofit facilities. We partnered with 824 volunteers who dedicated nearly 3,900 hours of time to help our neighbors in need. Together, we served 199 residents and clients served by seven nonprofit facilities.**

We work year round to preserve affordable homeownership, build healthy neighborhoods and ensure that homeowners in need can live independently in safe and healthy homes through our programs:

- **Home Repair** provides critical repairs, including weatherizing, making plumbing and electrical repairs, cleaning, re-carpeting, patching and painting, siding, landscaping and almost anything that restores the homeowners' independence, safety and security.
- **Safe at Home** provides home safety assessments and safety and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners who are older adults or are living with a disability. Often these homeowners are faced with the prospect of losing their independence as the result of needing home safety or accessibility modifications that they cannot afford.
- **Community Strong** provides safe and welcoming spaces for communities to gather through renovation and beautification work for community centers, schools, supportive housing facilities and outdoor community spaces.



*Devon is a young man who lives with his family in Malta. Devon has a disability that requires the use of a wheelchair, and his family was having trouble getting him in and out of the home safely. Our volunteers and sponsors came together to construct a wheelchair ramp for Devon. In his thank you note, Devon wrote, "Words cannot express my gratitude for you taking the time to do such a nice thing for me and it has made a world of difference in restoring some of my independence."*

## **Community Partnerships**

In 2015, we were thrilled to continue and expand our partnerships with long-time supporters, some for more than 10 years. Thank you to Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust, Allerdice, The Adirondack Trust Co., Curtis Lumber, DA Collins Companies, Fingerpaint Marketing, GE Foundation, Glens Falls Foundation, Global Foundries/Town of Malta, Home Depot Foundation, Informz, Key Bank, Lowes, Gilbane Building Co., Ianniello Anderson, P.C., Saratoga Builders Association, Saratoga Eagle, Saratoga National Bank & Trust Company, Saratoga Casino and Raceway, Soroptimist International of Saratoga County, South Glens Falls Marathon Dance, Stewart's Shops, Realty USA, Innovative Resources, BSNB, Roohan Realty, Wallerstein Foundation, Saratoga Springs Rotary Club, Balzer Tuck, Saratoga Honda, McAvoy Development, McFarland Johnson, Kodiak Construction, The Chazen Company, Harris Inc., Bonacio Construction, SEFCU, Publik House, Trustco Bank, McLean Construction and Anonymous.

We also welcomed new supporters, including Bike and Build, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Saratoga Foundation, and Wells Fargo Foundation.

We were excited to be awarded funding from the City of Saratoga Springs; Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, in partnership with Saratoga National Bank & Trust Company; New York State Homes and Community Renewal; and United States Department of Agriculture.

Finally, we partner with many neighborhood and community organizations to help us better serve low-income homeowners and avoid duplicating efforts, including Captain Youth and Family Services, Franklin Community Center, Saratoga County for the Aging, Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Saratoga County Public Health Nursing Service, Saratoga County Department of Social Services, Saratoga Hospital, Shelters of Saratoga, and Transitional Services Association.



### Homeowner Demographics

- The homeowners we served had an average income of \$22,473, which is less than 30% of the Area Median Income (considered extremely low-income).
- On average, the homeowners we served have lived in their homes for more than 22 years.
- 59% of the people we helped are individuals living with a disability.
- 38% of the people we helped are over the age of 65.
- 13.5% of the families we helped are female-headed households.

### Community Events

We were thrilled to benefit from several successful community events this year, including the Golf Tournament at McGregor Links, our Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Hall of Springs, and the Saratoga Builders Association Showcase of Homes. Thank you to everyone who came together to make these events a success!

*Preston and Suzanne have lived in their Hadley home for many years, but needed some help so they could remain in their home and community. Our volunteers and partners provided the repairs and accessibility modifications needed for Preston and Suzanne to live in their home for years to come. In their thank you note, they said, "We cannot tell you how much we appreciate all that you've done for us! It was such a pleasure to meet all of you and to have such cheerful help, not to mention all of the hard work that went into our project here. The world needs more people like you! Thank you for everything you've done to make our home safer and easier to age in."*



**We are extremely grateful for the support of our partners and volunteers, which has made it possible for us to help homeowners like Gene and Anna, Devon, and Preston and Suzanne, as well as the thousands of clients served each year by the nonprofit facilities we improved. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help low-income homeowners in Saratoga County live independently in safe and healthy homes!**