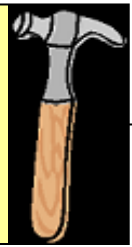




RTS News



21 sponsors and 800 volunteers complete Spring Rebuilding Day 2009

On Saturday, April 25th, approximately 800 volunteers showed up to participate in Rebuilding Together Seattle's **Spring Rebuilding Day 2009 (SRD09)**. Volunteers completed 23 projects from SeaTac to Shoreline, making remarkable improvements at 11 homes and 12 non-profit facilities, including Northwest Harvest (www.northwestharvest.org), Parkview Services (parkviewservices.org), St. Francis House, and the Southeast Seattle Senior Center (www.sessc.org).

In just one day, volunteers completed an estimated 350 improvements at the 23 sites, including building two new outdoor sheds, constructing a new driveway and wooden ramp, building new fences and kitchen cabinets, repairing gutters, and adding grab bars and energy-efficient light bulbs to several homes.

The volunteers of SRD09 truly made a lasting impact on the clients served. Claudia, a long-term cancer patient and homeowner in Crown Hill, remarked "It has made my heart glad to know there are so many great people who give so much. I won't forget them and I will be thankful every day I wake up in the home I love."

The RTS Board of Directors and Staff are truly grateful for the lasting impact that the volunteers made on the lives of so many residents. In a letter from Governor Christine Gregoire, read to SRD09 volunteers by First Gentleman Mike Gregorie, it stated: "RTS is a model service organization, and I commend... (Story continued on pg. 2)



Volunteers from the Adobe, Panattoni, IFMA, and Kibble & Prentice teams demolish and build a new deck for the residents of a Parkview Services home in Lake City.



O'Dea High School students form assembly line to transport yard waste and trash outside a Parkview Services home in Shoreline.

O'Dea students fund Parkview Services project

In December 2008, RTS Director Margie Thirlby received a friendly email from David Swanson, a senior at O'Dea High School in Seattle. David expressed his interest in learning more about Rebuilding Together Seattle, in hopes of getting his school more involved with the organization.

After landing on an April project, David and 40 other students began to raise funds for their site. With the support of the O'Dea Administration, students, families, and friends, the students raised \$1,800 toward a project at a *Parkview Services* home in Shoreline.

In just one day, students painted the interior of the house, completely landscaped the front and back yard, cleaned out gutters, removed clutter from the backyard, and cleaned out a shed. RTS is grateful for the leadership of David Swanson and the support of the O'Dea community, who plan to do a project in spring 2010.



Local boutique supports RTS

On Saturday, June 6, Curtsy Bella Boutique (www.curtsybella.com) featured RTS as its June "Shop for a Cause" charity. Curtsy Bella donated 10% of all purchases on Saturday to RTS, totaling to a \$105.25 donation to RTS. **Thank you, Curtsy Bella!**

Let's play golf!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 25th** for the 3rd Annual *Holes for Homes* golf tournament at **The Home Course** in DuPont. www.rtseattle.org/golf.php



Mike Gregoire speaks to volunteers from the DLR Group completing work for a home in West Seattle, sponsored by Lowe's.

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its dedicated staff and volunteers for their compassion and selflessness. Your heart for community service and your willingness to share your time and talents for the benefit of others speaks volumes about your character and priorities. The projects you complete will enhance the safety and well being of neighbors in need, and I know your generosity and spirit of action will long be remembered with gratitude."

RTS thanks our SRD09 House Sponsors (pg 3) and volunteers for making all the rebuilding projects possible. RTS also thanks the many generous event donors, especially supporters of the RTS Youth Board project.

Stay tuned for summer projects and **Fall Rebuilding Day** on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Thank you CSL for 13 years!



This year the *Center for Spiritual Living* in Seattle and Rebuilding Together Seattle celebrated their 13th year of partnership.

In April 1997, CSL completed their first SRD project. This

year, *70 volunteers* from CSL helped make remarkable improvements at St. Francis House in Seattle. RTS thanks CSL for their continued support and phenomenal project management. We wouldn't be where we are today without you! ☺

Save the Dates!

- **June 13, 10:00 am to 3 pm** – Join the RTS *Young Professionals Society (YPS)* for a service project in North Seattle with Volunteer Chore Services. For more information, please email Zach Oliver at zachary.oliver@gmail.com.
- **Saturday, June 27, 7pm to close** – Join YPS and the RTS Staff & Board for "**RTS Down Under**" at the **Kangaroo & Kiwi pub!** *Suggested donation is \$10.00.*

Address: 7305 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA, 98103
Website: www.kangarooandkiwipub.com

- **SUMMER & FALL PLANNING!** If you or your company is interested in sponsoring a home or making a donation toward a project this summer or fall, please contact Margie at 206.682.1231 or mthirlby@rtseattle.org.
- **NEW RTS WEBSITE LAUNCHED!** Please visit www.rtseattle.org. Thank you Zach Oliver & Unadomanda (www.unadomanda.com) for your generous donation of website design and implementation.

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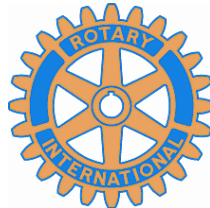
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