

Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives

A Note from Melissa

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well.

Though it's only been a few months, our lives have changed profoundly. Nearly all of humanity has been upended by the pandemic and our social fabric tested by the racial protests. But we've seen love in action, too, as people from all walks of life came together. As Martin Luther King said, "True peace is not the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice". Since much of Rebuilding Together Peninsula's work is about leveling the playing field, we are committed to doing our part by engaging in often uncomfortable conversations about race and privilege, power and oppression.

As the saying goes, we may be in the same storm, but we are in different boats. I'm proud of the role Rebuilding Together Peninsula continues to play addressing the needs of those hardest hit by this storm.

With support from our generous donors, sponsors, foundations board members and community groups, we continue to help extremely vulnerable homeowners. During the shelter-in-place order we repaired hot water heaters, furnaces, electrical issues, toilets and bathtubs. And, looking ahead, we've set a **new date** for National Rebuilding Day on September 19th. All while continuing to adhere to all safety-related mandates.

I am proud to say we continue our work despite the challenges we face. For example, in addition to a reduction in anticipated revenue, this year we'll have to pay for repairs often done by volunteers and buy additional protective equipment. But we will address this very fluid situation responsibly, cutting expenses and securing new funding wherever possible.

So, if you have already given, thank you. If you



haven't, please consider doing so today. Every donation counts—large or small.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we navigate the challenges ahead.

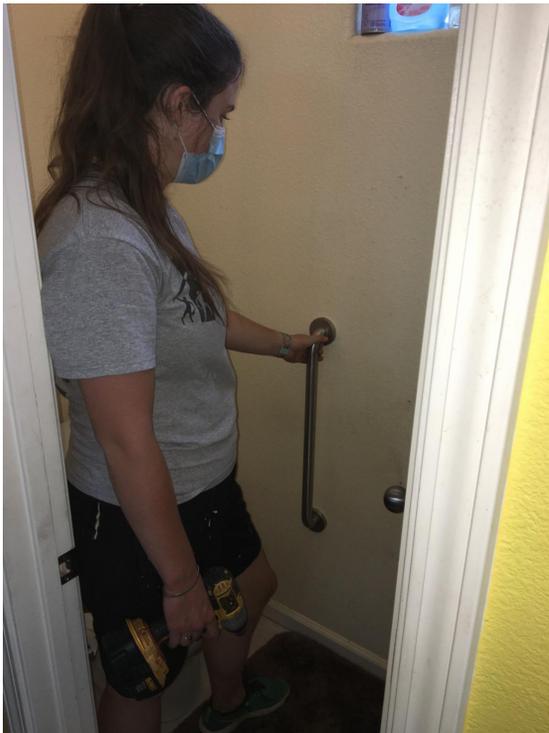
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National Rebuilding Day 2020

Saturday, September 19, 2020



Our work continues!



We recently installed grab bars for an East Palo Alto neighbor. Preventing falls is a primary safety concern.



We completed a brand new set of stairs at a local mobile home park. The homeowner has mobility issues and needed shorter risers. Reducing tripping hazards is one of our top priorities.

We are grateful for support from the San Mateo County Association of Realtors (SAMCAR) Foundation. The grant we received supported our

year-round repair program, which serves nearly 130 households annually. Many thanks to the SAMCAR Foundation for providing our neighbors in need with safe and healthy housing!

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The American Heart Association Beneficial Business Exchange

RTP recently signed up for the American Heart Association's Beneficial Business Exchange, a program where "organizations and companies can post and view needs, offer available resources, goods, and services, and make connections to meet those needs." We currently have tools and materials available for loan.

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