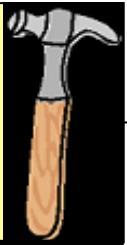


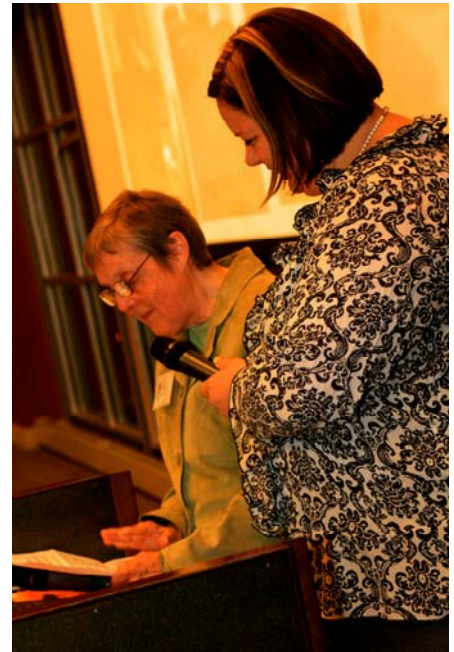


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# RTS News



## Supporters raise over \$62,000 for homeowners in need



**On Friday, September 30**, over 230 guests gathered at the REI Flagship Store to celebrate Rebuilding Together Seattle's second annual Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser. In total, event supporters raised over \$62,000 for RTS, a 34 percent increase from the previous year's inaugural event.

Highlights of the evening included the 2010-2011 Volunteer of the Year Award (presented to Project Manager, John Hanks) and Program Recipient Speakers, Alice Hilbert and Debra Milton. "April 30, 2011 is a day that I will never forget," shared Alice. "Thank you, Rebuilding Together Seattle, for helping me start my life over again."

Joining RTS for a second year included *Underwriting Sponsor, Infiniti of Kirkland*. "Infiniti of Kirkland supports RTS because it's an organization that provides a basic service to those who need it the most," said Dave Hannah, Infiniti of Kirkland Owner and long-term RTS supporter. "RTS identifies people in need of their services and helps them stay in a warm and safe home. RTS does it right!"



RTS thanks our event sponsors, donors, and attendees for making our second year a huge success. "Our event this year was unbelievable!" said Board Vice President, Charlie Foush e. "You could feel the sense of community."



*Top Left:* Event attendees give generously during the Raise the Paddle. *Upper Right:* Program Recipient, Alice Hilbert (L), and Volunteer Speaker, Lisa Miner (R), share about their program experiences. *Below Right* (L to R): RTS Board Members, Arnie Mondloch and Tim Lane, raise the ladder! *Above* (L to R): Tony Ventrella joins RTS Director, Margie Thirlby and RTS Program & Development Intern, Paige Schultz.



*"It meant everything to me and my family. It really did. Everyone was so professional—they were on time, they made a plan, and they did the work they set out to do. The job was wonderful. Every volunteer was really nice and helpful. We couldn't be happier. I am so thankful."*

-Eddie, South Seattle



## Rebuilding days galore!

Since the start of Rebuilding Together Seattle's fiscal year (July 1), volunteers have completed six rebuilding days, assisting four veterans and two families in need with free home repair services.

On September 17, volunteers from **Honeywell** and members of the **RTS Young Professionals Society (YPS)** completed projects in Shoreline and White Center (respectively). On October 8, volunteers from **Abbott Construction** assisted a veteran in Columbia City. "It was a great team building experience for Abbott," said Doug Klein, Vice President of Abbott Construction. "At the end of the day Leroy [our homeowner] was so thankful for the gift of our time and resources."

On October 22, volunteers worked in Everett and South Seattle to help two veterans through the support of **Lowes** and **SEARS**, followed by a **Mortenson Construction** project on October 26.

RTS looks forward to four more rebuilding days during the 2011 calendar year, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Veterans Rebuilding Day* with **The Home Depot Foundation** and a project in Columbia City with new Sponsor group, **CB Richard Ellis**. Thank you to all our Sponsors and volunteers!

*Top Left: RTS Board Member, Russ Schultz, greets Program Recipient, Eddie, at the SEARS Rebuilding Day in South Seattle. Bottom left: YPS members gather with Program Recipient, Donna, in White Center at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual YPS Rebuilding Day.*

## Year-Round Program gains mileage

After the four month mark of the fiscal year, Rebuilding Together Seattle has experienced exceptional growth with its Year-Round Program. Since July 1, volunteers have completed 11 projects in comparison to one project at the end of October 2010.

"The Year-Round Program has grown dramatically this year simply because we've been working at it for over a year now," said Sarah Ihrie, Director of Programs. "We spent our first year recruiting new skilled volunteers and in-kind donors - this has made it possible to help homeowners more efficiently."

To learn about volunteer opportunities with the Year-Round Program, email Sarah at [sihrie@rtseattle.org](mailto:sihrie@rtseattle.org).



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## BEER & WINE TASTING

(Names listed from L to R in each photo): 1. Laura Ditt, Katie Herche and Brianna Shasky; 2. Laura Lee Dootson, David Skolnik, Amy Orloff, David Thirlby and Kian Schmetzer; 3. Pat and Kattie Cabe; 4. Charlie Foushée and Steve Hoffmann; 5. Anne Timmermans and Sarah Ihrle; 6. John Hanks and Arnie Mondloch; 7. Debra Milton; 8. Kurt Krause and Theresa Slechta; 9. Dave and Martha Hannah; Photographs taken by Dana Questad. Email [info@rtseattle.org](mailto:info@rtseattle.org) for full album info.

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