

## From the Director's Desk

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### Upcoming Events

- Spring Workday  
Saturday, April 29, 2006
- Volunteer Appreciation Night  
Thursday, May 18, 2006
- Quad City Homebuilder's Association Parade of Homes  
June 3, 4, 7, 10, & 11, 2006

### How You Can Help.

- Volunteer
- Contribute Cash
- Planned Charitable Giving
- Insurance Benefactor
- Land Donation
- Sponsor a House

Help insure RTQC is here for another 15 years!

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Spring Workday is Just Around the Corner

This past year brought about the improvement of over 40 Quad City homes with a myriad of repairs. The Rebuilding Together Quad City Board of Directors has set a goal of a minimum of 30 homes for completion in the 2006 spring and fall workdays.

In addition, 10 homes will be treated for emergency-related repairs usually during the colder months. This past year, twelve different homeowners were assisted by Rebuilding Together Quad City skilled trade volunteers.

An exciting evening is now being planned for Thursday, May 18, 2006. The Rebuilding Together Quad City Volunteer Appreciation & Silent Auction will be held at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 Third Ave., Rock Island, IL. The agenda for

the night will be to say a big “thank you” to our volunteers, house captains, sponsors, and financial supporters.

Tickets are \$10 and include a night that offers complementary wine and soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, social hour music by classical guitarist Mike Wallace, and entertainment provided by Circa 21's own song and dance troupe “The Bootleggers.” The silent auction will offer over 50 items.

Since January, Rebuilding Together Quad Cities has been assisted by Western Illinois Quad City intern Corinne Bender of Morrison, IL. Within the first week of her internship while answering the phone, she made the observation that “there are so many people in need—how do you decide whom to

help?” The answer is obviously RTQC cannot help everyone, but we do what we can for those that we can—One home at a time. Over 435 homes have been repaired over our brief history; but when you put that in context, that number makes up a small town!

During my first six months as Director, I have grown to appreciate what we do. I have become even more impressed with the willingness of our donors, volunteers, and skilled trade workers who assist those in need in our communities.

Lets keep that trend going! We know the need will be there as will Rebuilding Together Quad Cities!

—Rod Jennings,  
Executive Director

### ~Volunteer Appreciation Night & Silent Auction~

Thursday, May 18, 2006  
Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse  
1828 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Social Hour and Silent Auction  
Entertainment by Classical Guitarist Mike Wallace  
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony  
7:15 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.

Entertainment by The Bootleggers  
7:45 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
(See Enclosed Flyer for Details)



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*One House at a Time.*



## **Quad City Homebuilder's Association Parade of Homes Spring Volunteers Needed**

In 2004, Quad City Homebuilders invited Rebuilding Together Quad Cities to participate in their Spring & Fall Parade of Homes and we're glad they did. In 2004, we made \$8,000 to put into rehabbing houses, so homeowners on limited incomes can continue to live in safety and comfort.

In 2005, we asked local churches to find just nine people to out staff parade homes for 2 ½ hours and the results were amazing. These church groups staffed 16 houses in the Spring Parade of Homes and another 16 in the Fall Parade of

Homes. From this effort, Rebuilding Together received \$12,000 to make needed modifications to Quad City area homes. We are extremely grateful to everyone who is helping us make the Parade of Homes a successful fundraising project for Rebuilding Together Quad Cities.

The 2006 Spring Parade of Homes is Saturday, June 3 (12:00-5:00 P.M.); Sunday, June 4 (12:00-5:00 P.M.); Wednesday, June 7 (6:00-8:00 P.M.); Saturday, June 10 (12:00-5:00P.M.); and Sunday, June 11 (12:00-5:00 P.M.)

If you are willing to organize a group to staff a parade home this spring, please contact Pat McCauley at (563) 355-5048.



### Wish List

Auction Items:  
Gift Certificates  
Handyman Tools  
Collectibles  
Art

Copy Machine

Laptop Computer With  
Projector