



Philadelphia

2019-2020

# IMPACT REPORT







Dear [Re]Builders,

In a year which no one could have anticipated, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia (RTP) continued to find hope through working with our homeowners and the generous outpouring of support from you — our donors, neighbors, volunteers, community partners, and all the families we were able to serve last year.

The FY20 Impact Report shows RTP's achievements through numbers, but, more importantly, it presents the critical importance of safe and healthy homes, our homeowners' strength through adversity, and what is possible when we work together.

This resilience inspires RTP. No matter the challenge, RTP is there for our neighbors, and we know that you are too. We miss our [Re]Builders, but we know we will see you on the block soon!

Be well and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Falco".

Joseph Falco  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefanie F. Seldin".

Stefanie F. Seldin  
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## ALFONSO GUZMAN

Mr. Guzman, a 78 year old disabled senior with cancer, lives alone. His kitchen ceiling was damaged from a roof leak; the kitchen subfloor was severely rotted; and the stove didn't work. Our construction team was able to patch the ceiling, repair the subflooring and install a working stove at no cost to Mr. Guzman.

His house is once again a refuge.



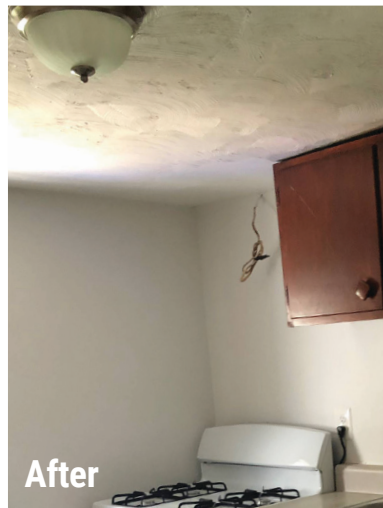
Before



After



Before



After

*“Yo ni tan siquiera tenía una cocina...  
¡Hicieron un buen trabajo y me siento bien!”*

*“I didn't have a kitchen or anything...  
They have done good work and I feel good!”*

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## CARRIE B.

Imagine having no running water in your kitchen. What if you had to crawl up and down your stairs because you were disabled and had no railing to prevent a fall? Carrie B. has lived in her home for 33 years but had not entered her kitchen for many of them. She had cabinets but no money to install them. Suffering from heart disease and diabetes, Ms. B. could not afford safe and healthy home repairs.

RTP replaced her kitchen sink, installed wall and base cabinets, put in a new kitchen floor, installed a new handrail on the main stairs, and provided fire safety equipment.

“When [Ms. B.] heard the sink running, she lit up like a bright light and got so excited... When the railing was going up, she was brought to tears,” shared the RTP contractor working in her home.

Rebuilding Together Philadelphia’s repairs go beyond physical improvements to restore security and self-reliance.



Before



After



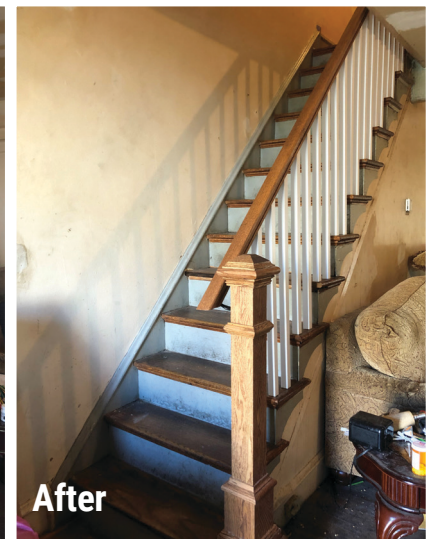
Before



After



Before



After

*“I’ve been amazed  
and in tears!”*





# JEAN ALLEN

In 1958, Jean Allen’s family celebrated a first Christmas in their Parkside home where she still lives today. Six generations of Jean Allen’s family have gathered for regular meals and special occasions at her Viola Street home. With years of laughter, joy, and memories, the Allen house has also endured some well-earned wear and tear. Now that Ms. Allen is retired, she — and many of her neighbors — struggle to keep up on the repairs. “I can say with certainty that none of us could have afforded the costs of the repairs and services rendered to us!” Jean gave high marks to the RTP staff and contractors who she said were “courteous, and who really seemed to care about our needs even in the midst of COVID!!!”

Her one regret? “...that COVID prohibited us from ... working together with the volunteers and skilled workers.”

“It hardly seems possible ... the blessing of being under this roof for more than 60 years!”



Courtesy of Jean Allen



Before



After



Before



After





“RTP is helping to keep homeowners safe. I don’t have to worry about falling and slipping. The rail in the basement allows me to go in my basement, which I was scared to do.”

## RAMONA HIEYE

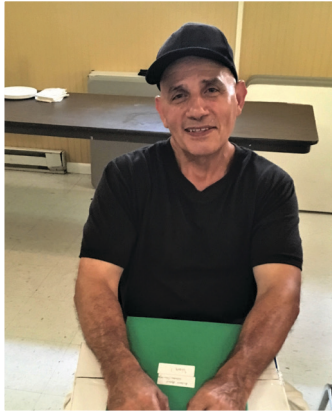
*“Thank you, thank you, thank you for coming through for me. You guys are like little angels.”*





## ANTONIO AGRONT

Antonio did not always feel so happy or stress free. In 2018, Antonio felt that he was “constantly losing at life.” He had been suffering for decades with breathing issues related to asbestos exposure while on the job.



Antonio relies on an inhaler and is on disability. He has worked hard in physically demanding jobs all his life: at the age of 18 he was already working in a cement factory and then spent much of his career in machinery operations. “I [even] felt like a machine,” he admitted. Antonio also suffers from severe arthritis throughout his body and has a heart stent.

On top of his health issues, Antonio was having trouble paying his bills, which was exacerbated when his hot water heater broke. A disreputable contractor quoted an exorbitant price for a new one because, as Antonio said, “It’s a have-to-have, and that guy knew it.” Instead of spending money he didn’t have, Antonio resorted to running small, electric heaters throughout the house. He knew it wasn’t safe, and he was so worried about the fire hazard that he couldn’t sleep at night. It got worse before it got better. In late 2018 Antonio had a car accident that caused a broken leg and chronic pain.

In 2019, Antonio joined the RTP program. He now has a new heater and railings that ease his physical burdens. Other repairs include a new roof, floor, and windows. Antonio even received an attractive number plaque for the outside of his front door: “It says, ‘2272,’” he proudly shares.

*“I was so happy, so joyful ... All the release of the stress and anxiety.”*



# OUR IMPACT...

Since 1988, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia has:

Repaired **1,810** homes

Enlisted the support of **38,235** volunteers  
who have donated...

**516,311** hours of Volunteer Service

Provided over **\$38.17 million** worth of safe and healthy home repairs

## WHY HOME REPAIR?

### HEALTH

Improve the  
health and safety  
of residents

### EQUITY

Prevent  
displacement of  
long-term  
homeowners

### ENVIRONMENT

The greenest  
building is the  
one that is  
already built

### COST

The most  
affordable housing  
program is keeping  
someone in  
their home



# ...CONTINUES!

## July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 Impact



**98** Homeowner Projects



**511** Volunteers



**5,153** Volunteer Hours



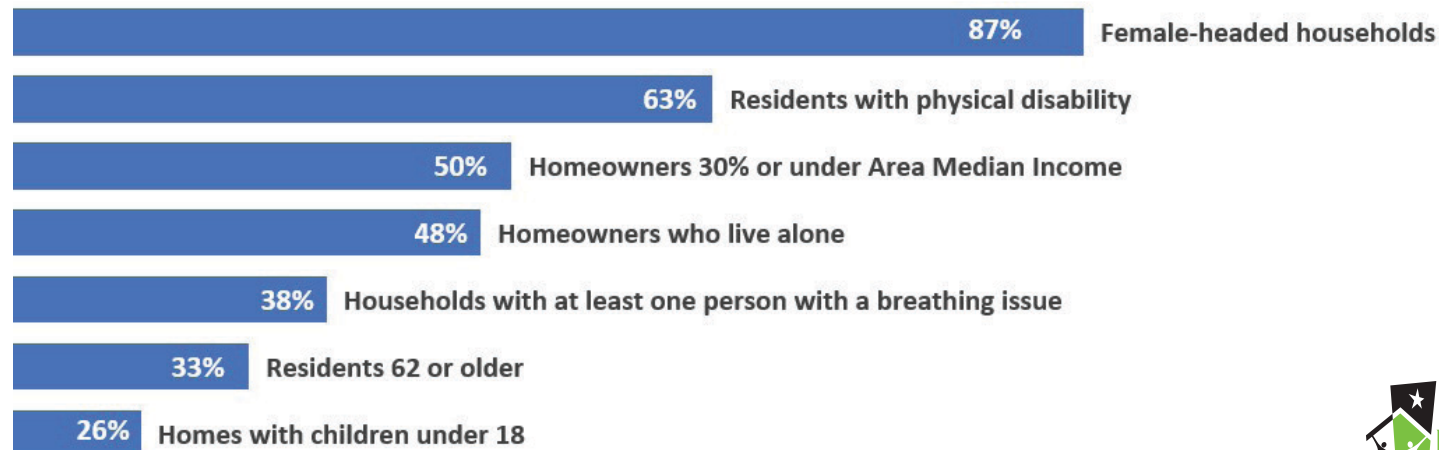
**\$2,029,713** Value of Repairs



### COVID-19 Family Fund

In March of 2020, RTP reached out to 215 homeowners and provided deliveries to help them remain safe and healthy in their homes. RTP staff made 30 no-contact deliveries of food and other essentials to isolated seniors and families. Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the Fund!

## RTP HELPED **98** HOMEOWNERS BETWEEN JULY 2019-JUNE 2020



## PROGRAM UPDATES

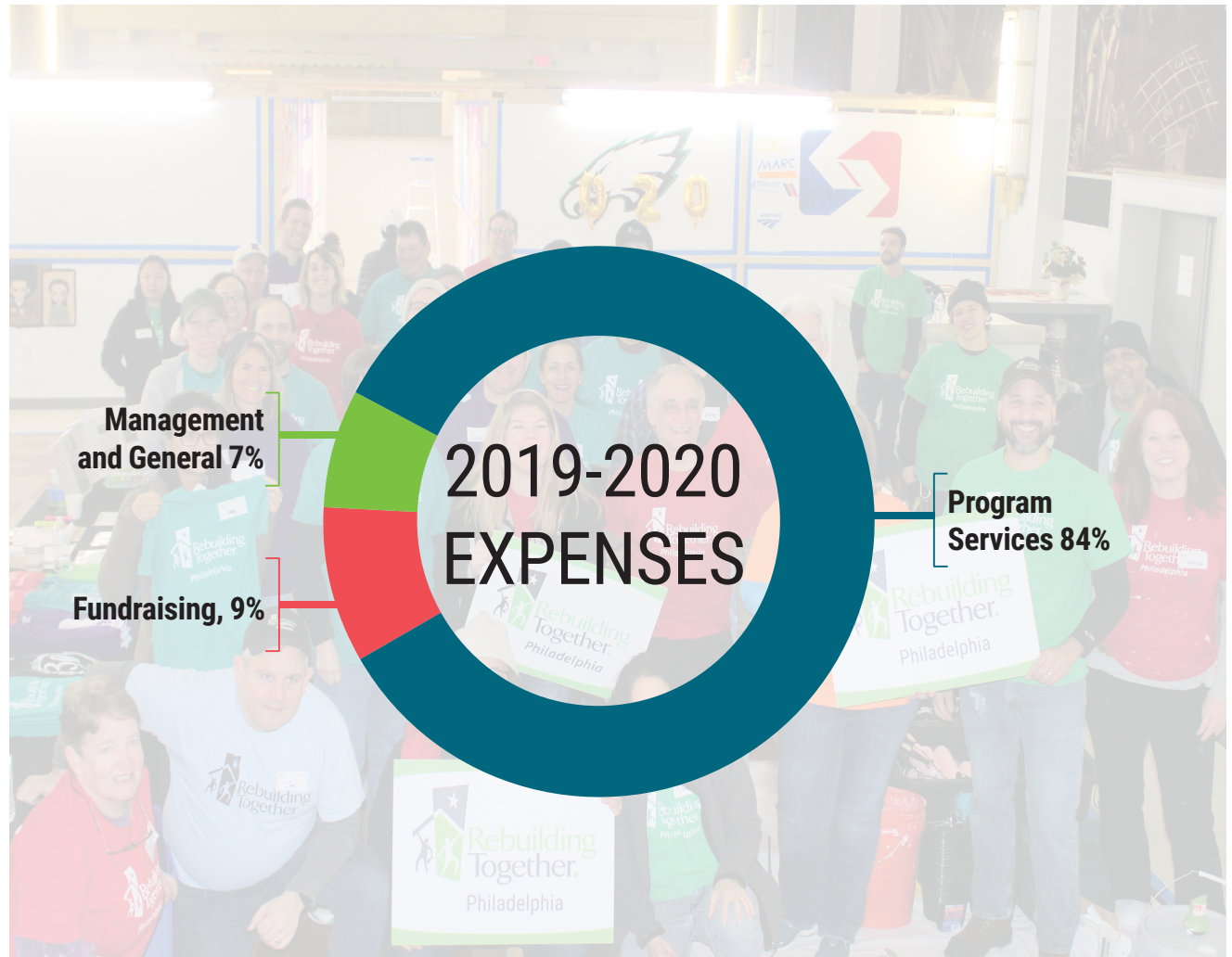
To protect our homeowners, volunteers, and staff during the COVID crisis, RTP has replaced volunteer hours with staff and subcontractors. However, all work promised to homeowners is still being completed. We look forward to the time when we can be back in person with our [Re]Builders!

**Block Build Program:** Each year, RTP provides repairs for 75 to 100 homeowners. Our signature program, the Block Build transforms vulnerable, owner-occupied houses into safe, healthy and energy-efficient homes.

**Emerging [Re]Builders Program (ERP):** RTP works with high school students as volunteers, putting classroom skills to work to repair homes for seniors. ERP serves 20 homeowners age 62 or older each year, who live near or in Fairhill, North Philadelphia.

**Asthma Trigger Reduction Program:** Nearly 40% of the homeowners RTP serves have at least one family member suffering from breathing issues. RTP's initiatives work to reduce the factors that can provoke asthma and other breathing conditions.

**Middle Neighborhoods Initiative:** Critical repairs are made for homeowners age 55 or older in the city's Oak Lane community. Local research has documented the disproportionate impact of evictions and foreclosures on predominantly African American middle neighborhoods like this one.



## M I S S I O N

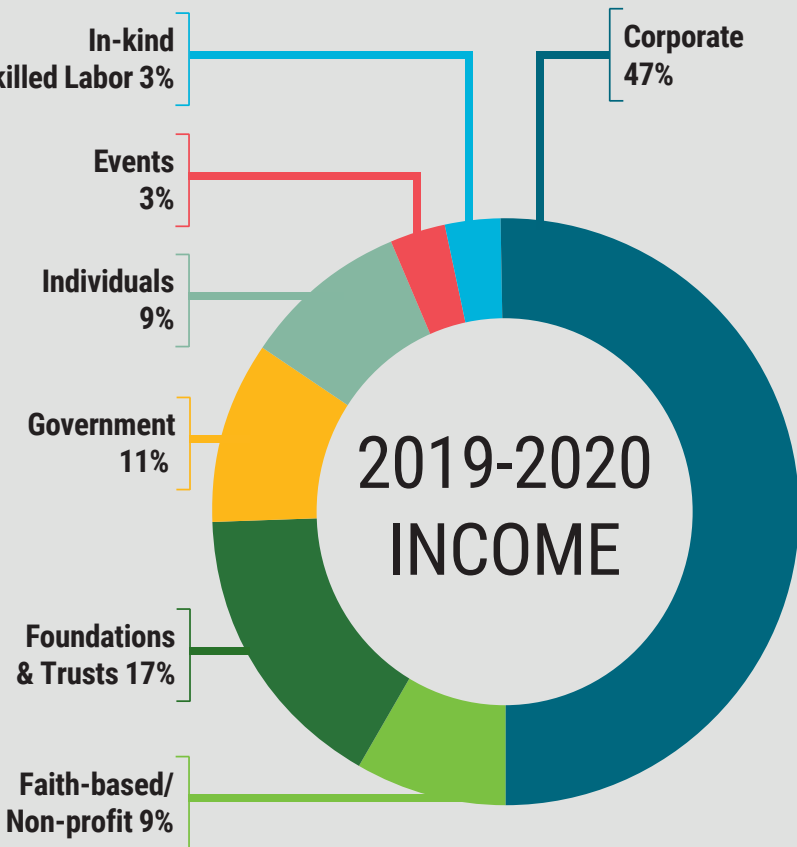
Repairing Homes  
Revitalizing Communities  
Rebuilding Lives

## V I S I O N

Everyone deserves to live  
in a safe and healthy home.



## 2019-2020 SUPPORT AND REVENUE



## FINANCIALS

### 2019-2020 SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Grants and contributions	\$1,963,661
Fundraising Events	\$58,961
Less: Cost of Direct Benefits	(\$1,206)
Investment Income	\$7,901
Contributed services and supplies	\$114,912

### TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE

\$2,146,641

### 2019-2020 EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,702,243
Management and General	\$135,477
Fundraising	\$177,497

### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$2,015,217

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- CHOP Partnership:** RTP was recently awarded a contract of close to \$500,000 by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to make repairs to 30 homes for children with severe asthma.
- COVID-19 Response:** For the two weeks that RTP was shut down during the pandemic and unable to make even emergency repairs, staff called 215 homeowners to find out what basic needs they had, and made 30 no-contact deliveries of groceries (food staples, baby formula, diapers, etc.).
- Aging in Place:** A panel of leading experts on aging selected RTP from among 132 applicants and 12 finalists from across the nation for a \$50,000 grant to repair and improve the homes of seniors. This award comes from Kendal Charitable Funds.



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2019-2020 LEAD DONORS!

## 100K+

Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh  
The Lenfest Foundation  
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## 75K+

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## 30K to 49K

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## 20K to 29K

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