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One Generation Helping Another: High School Volunteers to Revitalize Home of Local Senior

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County encourages local youth to serve in their community.

ROCKVILLE, MD – As part of a new initiative to encourage high school and college student volunteerism, RTMC will be partnering with student volunteers from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School this Saturday, October 24, to make repairs at the home of a local senior. This project will be the first of a new program in which RTMC AmeriCorps members will lead local high school and college age volunteer groups in monthly home repairs projects in their communities.

A lively Mrs. C moved to Rockville four years ago from Virginia to take in and care for her mentally ill adult son. Her son was recently institutionalized and Mrs. C, widowed in 1987, is left alone in a house damaged by tobacco smoke, physically and financially unable to make the repairs necessary to improve the health and safety of her home.

Rebuilding Together and BCCHS volunteers will work together to improve the indoor air quality of Mrs. C's home by removing tobacco infused wallpaper and painting with a special paint which will seal any remaining smoke into the walls. Other improvements include installing safety grab bars in Mrs. C's bathroom to help prevent falls and repairing the shower in her son's bathroom so it is functional upon his return home.

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) repairs and modifies homes for low-income families, allowing them to remain safe and independent within their own homes. Founded in 1990, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County is one of 205 affiliates of the national organization. RTMC has utilized over 35,400 in our 20 year history to make needed repairs on over 1,349 homes in Montgomery County. Rebuilding Together volunteers have delivered over \$12.5 million in home repairs to the community. Our goal is to preserve homeownership (the most affordable housing option) in Montgomery County while striving to provide a safe and healthy home for every family. For more information, visit www.rebuildingtogethermc.org.