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Sears Holdings serves local veteran through Heroes at Home Program on Make a Difference Day

RTMC's Board of Directors makes veteran's home warm, safe, and dry

SILVER SPRING, MD – On Saturday October 24, annual Make a Difference Day, the Rebuilding Together Montgomery County Board of Directors will be making repairs to the home of a local veteran with the support of a grant from Sears Holdings.

Mr. R served as an infantry Marine in the Korean War for two years. During his service, his shoulder was wounded in combat. At 74 years of age with a wounded shoulder and living on a limited income, it is difficult for Mr. R to make much needed repairs to his home.

Heroes at Home is a program Sears Holdings has created in partnership with Rebuilding Together in response to an urgent need to assist military families facing hardship. Through this program, RTMC has received a grant of \$10,000 from Sears Holdings to make necessary improvements to Mr. R's home. RTMC's board members will be working together to replace a leaking slate roof, repair walls and floors damaged by the leaks, and repair the kitchen sink, dishwasher, toilet, and bathtub.

"We are proud to be partnering with Rebuilding Together on this important initiative," said Sears Holdings Corporation Chairman Edward S. Lampert. "Our company has a longstanding commitment to the heroic men and women in the military. The goal of this program is to ensure that their families, who are also making sacrifices for our country, are living in safe, warm and comfortable homes."

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 40,000 in our 20 year history to make needed repairs on over 1,468 homes in Montgomery County. Rebuilding Together volunteers have delivered over \$13.5 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.

Sears Holdings has a longstanding commitment to those who serve in the military and is privileged to assist the troops and their families through several military programs and initiatives. Sears Holdings has raised nearly \$7 million for Heroes at Homesm through 2009 via a nationwide in-store fundraising campaign during the holidays. This is one of the hundreds of projects made possible by these donations. To date, Rebuilding Together has completed nearly 300 projects for veteran homeowners across the country.