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### **April 29, 2006 + 40 Local Homeowners in Need +Legions of Volunteers = Rebuilding Together Montgomery County's Signature Event – National Rebuilding Day**

**Montgomery County, MD** – Legions of local volunteers will assemble on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to provide much needed home repairs to 40 low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners throughout the county, in what is know by many in Montgomery County as **National Rebuilding Day**.

**Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC)** is the only nonprofit organization in the county that provides home rehabilitation and home modifications to its elderly and disabled seniors in need. “In such a wealthy county as ours, it is often hard to believe that our neighbors make difficult choices everyday. Whether to buy food, pay for medicine, keep the heat and electricity running, or repair the leaky roof, disintegrating stairs, faulty electrical wiring, or crumbling paint, are questions most of us never have to consider. But many in our county do. And Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, our signature event day, brings together neighbors helping neighbors, in an effort to make a difference in the lives of some who would not otherwise be able to live in their homes with dignity and independence,” state Melissa Flynn, Executive Director of RTMC.

Among the projects scheduled this year, RTMC will be repairing 38 homes and two nonprofit facilities. Of the 38 homes that will receive assistance, 45 percent of the homeowners are elderly and 50 percent are disabled. The average income per resident of those being help is \$6,834 and the average income per household is \$17,085. **This is Montgomery County!**

According to Susan Hawfield, the Program Director with RTMC, “This year we will be helping neighbors of many ethnicities – Caucasian, African American, Asian, and Hispanic. The average time the homeowner has lived in his or her home is 25 years. That’s a life time of memories. It brings such joy to be able to provide the kind of assistance that allows those memories to continue. And the commitment of our sponsors and volunteers make it all possible.”

RTMC is one of 240 affiliates nationwide that will conduct similar home repairs. An estimated 8,900 low-income elderly and disabled homeowners will have their homes repaired and their spirits lifted on the last weekend in April.

To find out how you can help this year or in years to come, contact RTMC at 301.933.2700 or log on to: [www.rebuildingtogethermc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethermc.org).