



## News Release

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### **Potawatomi Grants \$50,000 to Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee for Low Income, Elderly and People with Disabilities**

Announced today by Lynnea Katz-Petted, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee has received a \$50,000 grant from the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation to provide programming for free home repairs in Milwaukee County that will allow low-income, elderly, and disabled persons to live safely and independently.

Once a year, Rebuilding Together works on the homes of 18 Milwaukee-area residents. Homes are made safer, warmer, and more accessible. Over 800 volunteers from the community, local area business help on this day, which has been named "Rebuilding Day". Volunteers spend the day painting, installing handrails, grab bars, upgrading electrical systems, cleaning, installing windows, flooring, plumbing, building ramps and landscaping.

**A gift of this size shows the generosity and commitment Potawatomi has to this community.** Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee, Lynnea Katz-Petted said, "The work we do is so incredibly important, it changes the lives of the homeowners and helps to make a better Community. I can't thank the Potawatomi and volunteers enough, the energy and enthusiasm they bring to this project is amazing."

**Director of Impact Funds for the Potawatomi Foundation,** Raejean Kanter stated, "We have been supporters of Rebuilding Together since inception – the tribe honors elders as does Rebuilding Together. Rebuilding Together does change lives of homeowners and we are proud to be their largest sponsor."

**Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee** is a volunteer organization that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and independence. After months of planning and preparation, the rehabilitation effort culminates into a "Rebuilding Day". Volunteers of all ages, faiths, and walks of life come together on this day to help rehabilitate their neighbors' homes.

Organized in December 2000, Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee has now rehabilitated 61 homes throughout the Greater Milwaukee Area with the help of over 2065 volunteers. The estimated market value of the local effort is nearly \$1 Million so far.

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