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#### EVENT DETAILS

#### Press Conference to be held at:

House #12  
6354 N. 119<sup>th</sup> St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53225

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 – 11:00 am**

Officials attending:  
**Congresswoman  
Gwen Moore &  
County Executive  
Chris Abele**

*Photos with homeowner and  
interview opportunities are  
available.*

## Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee Embraces National Rebuilding Day

### *Restoring Hope with High Impact Involvement*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Rebuilding Together **Greater Milwaukee (RTGM)**, an affiliate of the nation’s leading nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership, and its sponsors, prepare for Rebuilding Together’s Rebuilding Day Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee** with sponsorships from **Associated Bank, Chase Bank, Wisconsin Energy Foundation, Wells Fargo, Erie Insurance, Gross Heating, Carrier, SDC, Harnischfeger Employee Association, Tri-City, Sherwin Williams, Power Contractors, Findorff, Allied Building Supplies, Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, Compass Properties, LBWN, and Wisconsin Real Estate Women** are engaging in the culmination of a year’s worth of planning, volunteer recruitment and sponsorship partnership to change homeowners’ lives across the county. RTGM will restore hope and memories in communities as numerous rehabilitations occur on a single day to create high-impact momentum for the rest of the year.

This significant work is done over the course of *one day* to make homes safer and more functional, which enhances the quality of life for Milwaukee’s low-income homeowners. *Hundreds of volunteers devote their time and skills by providing free home repairs. Such repairs ensure these homeowners a safe home, benefits the neighborhoods in which they live, and in turn the economic sustainability of the community.*

Extensive repair and rehabilitation work will be taking place throughout *12 homes – this Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, on National Rebuilding Day*, examples of the types of projects being completed include – painting, plaster repairs, minor plumbing, replacing handrails, repairing flooring, drywall repair and installation, new lighting, the installation of several accessibility modifications and assistive devices (e.g., wheelchair ramp construction, grab bars), porch repairs and installations, water heaters, and new appliances just to name a few.

“As the nation’s leading nonprofit serving homeowners at the poverty line, our network is dedicated to not only rehabilitating homes, but by doing so, simultaneously preserving communities that are in danger of deterioration,” said Lynnea Katz-Petted, Executive Director, “RTGM positively impacts the lives of deserving homeowners by making it possible for them to remain in their homes.”

Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee’s mission is to provide free, professional-quality home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners who are senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities who live in Milwaukee County. Since 2000, RTGM has completed home updates for more than 600 homes with the help of over 5,000 volunteers and invested over \$7 million dollars into Milwaukee area housing. For more information or to get involved please contact Lynnea Katz-Petted at 414-704-1581 or visit [www.rtmilwaukee.org](http://www.rtmilwaukee.org).

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