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Union Workers Prepare for Rebuilding Together Indianapolis
Local tradesmen to complete preliminary work during “Union Build Day”

INDIANAPOLIS—On Saturday, April 12, union tradesmen from across the city will meet to complete the initial heavy-lifting on the 26 homes chosen for restoration by Rebuilding Together Indianapolis. Union Build Day volunteers plan to work on a variety of tasks ranging from plumbing and electrical to carpentry and weatherization.

The craftsmen will gather at the United Methodist Church, located at 2327 East 10th Street, at 7:30 a.m. They will continue to work on the homes until 11:30 a.m.

Improvements will be made in the neighborhood bordered by 10th Street, Rural Street, Michigan Street and Tecumseh Street. The actual build day, which utilizes more than 750 volunteers, including corporate citizens, union tradesmen, homeowners, bankers and city officials will take place April 26.

“Helping homeowners who cannot otherwise help themselves is one of the most rewarding things a union member can do,” said Michelle Boyd, spokeswoman for the Indiana Union Construction Industry, whose members donate hundreds of hours of service for the event. “The initial work that must be completed prior to build day requires skilled union labor. Participating union tradesmen are thrilled to apply their extensive training to a program as special as Rebuilding Together Indianapolis.”

Rebuilding Together Indianapolis provides assistance to people who own their own home but who, because of physical limitation or low income, are not able to cover the costs of home repair. Typically, these individuals have a disability and/or are elderly, but low-income families and nonprofit facilities such as schools, shelters and daycare centers are also included.

The ninth annual Rebuilding Together Indianapolis involves a one-day work blitz on the last Saturday in April. This year, the organization will help to rebuild its 200th house, located on north Eastern Avenue.

Volunteers from all ages, faiths and walks of life come together each year to help improve the quality of life for many community neighbors. Overall volunteer support for Rebuilding Together Indianapolis has also grown to include many groups, escalating from 250 volunteers rehabilitating 10 homes in 2000 to its 600 volunteers rehabilitating 23 homes in 2006.

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About Rebuilding Together Indianapolis:
Rebuilding Together Indianapolis is part of a national rebuilding program called *Rebuilding Together USA*, the nation’s leading volunteer organization working in partnership with communities to rehabilitate owner-occupied low-income housing. Nationwide, *Rebuilding Together* operates in more than 2,000 cities and towns in all 50 states.