

Booz Allen and Rebuilding Together Maintain an Enduring Partnership

When repairing homes, exceptional "handyman" skills are not always required.

Each year, Booz Allen Hamilton's employees contribute thousands of hours to dozens of charitable organizations. But its biggest nationwide volunteer project is called Rebuilding Together—engaging more than 1,000 Booz Allen employees, their families, and friends, and making an enormous difference in their communities.

"Rebuilding Together helps low-income homeowners—the elderly, disabled, and families with children—live safely and independently," says Consultant Meredith Dedona.

There are an estimated 24 million low-income homeowners in the U.S., many of whom do not have the resources for necessary home repairs and improvements, such as building a wheelchair ramp or fixing a leaky roof. Free services provided by Rebuilding Together, donated supplies, and a cadre of volunteers help these homeowners revitalize their homes when they are unable to do the work themselves.

Booz Allen has sponsored 198 houses since 2000. In 2005, employee volunteers renovated 29 houses in 17 cities:

- Atlanta
- Alexandria, VA
- Arlington, VA
- Boston
- Chicago
- Colorado Springs
- Dayton
- Granite City, IL
- Las Vegas
- Lexington Park, MD
- Central MD/Baltimore
- Parsippany, NJ
- Philadelphia
- St. Louis
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Washington, D.C.

The San Diego office recruited the greatest number of volunteers: 78.

Factors that determine whether a home qualifies for assistance include project size and scope. Projects must be small enough that one or two days' work will have a significant impact, and the structure cannot be in such serious disrepair as to be beyond the ability of volunteers to help. Rebuilding Together also assists some non-profits with their facilities.

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