

# NATIONAL REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY 2018

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE CHICAGO CHAPTER



## *Rehab Success!*

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and all the people that gave up their Saturday to take part in the rebuild, this family now has a home that is safe, warm, and dry!

In one day, our team was able to provide a new kitchen, including a much needed stove, new paint and carpeting, bathroom upgrades, new ceiling fans, beautiful spring flowers, and countless small projects throughout the home.

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## Event Recap

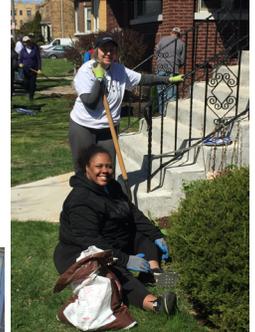
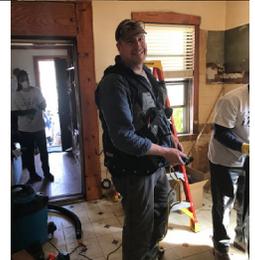
### Rebuilding Together House Rehab - Saturday, April 28, 2018

The day began with our instructions from House Co-Captain Lupe (Guadalupe) Casimiro and an introduction to our homeowners, who were just as excited as we were for the day to get going. After a quick photo, the volunteers lined up and were able to clear the house of furniture and boxes in no time. From there, the groups broke out into their task teams and got to work. Within two hours, the demo was complete - kitchen was gutted and the carpet that covered the home's main floor had made its way to the dumpster - and the finish work was ready to start.



We are so grateful for the crew's dedication to work hard all day inside and out of the home to ensure we could get as much done as possible. Thank you to our volunteers for spending their Saturday helping:

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| Ernesto Barraza   | Timothy Blatner    | Brett Bunke   |
| Chris Carpenter   | Guadalupe Casimiro | Abel Castillo |
| John Dashner      | David Dastur       | Jan Dastur    |
| Cintia Del Bosque | Kaci DeLong        | Jarett DeWitt |
| SueEllen Edwards  | Laura Flores       | Paul Fogarty  |
| Melissa Gibson    | Oscar Hernandez    | Sara Hopkins  |
| Paul Larson       | Kim Lis            | John McKevitt |
| Sophia Monroy     | Rachel Nava        | Jeremy Olsen  |
| Elizabeth Rajala  | Francisco Rosas    | Kira Rogatnik |
| Heather Salisbury | Elias Saltz        | Sharon Saltz  |
| Kathy St Joseph   | Rick St Joseph     | Joseph Stypka |
| Sean Thorson      | Chris Walsh        | Beth Winkler  |



In addition to all our CSI Chicago family and friends, we also had the help of some amazing workers - electricians, plumbers, and carpenters - who donated their time to the event as well and were able to stop by and help at our home for a portion of the day.



What most likely appeared to be chaos from anyone looking in, ended up delivering some remarkable results thanks to Lupe Casimiro and Kathy St. Joseph for keeping everyone on task. Ernesto Barraza, who so willingly spent his day driving to/from Home Depot, was only spotted a few times as he delivered the much needed supplies and then the pizza to all the hungry workers at lunch time. Francisco Rosas kept the homeowners informed of the day's work but could also be seen helping paint as the homeowner held the

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door as things were taken in and out of the home. Rachel Nava was busy working along side the gardeners and Paul Larson was on the hard working and dedicated kitchen team.

With the end of the day drawing near and the kitchen not yet complete, the kitchen team stayed long to ensure it was finished. At the eleventh hour, as the kitchen project wrapped up, an unexpected delivery of a new stove made the kitchen remodel come full circle.



Thank you to all our donors for their contributions to our project. Contributions started coming in last fall with those who contributed to help us get to our initial home adoption funding of \$2,500. Once the home was adopted and the team saw how much work was needed, we went back to our generous community to ask for more. In the end, we received so many fabulous donations! During the chapter meeting held Tuesday prior to the rehab, Northfield Block's John McKeivitt presented the team with a \$500 check to purchase material and then only one day later, Lupe announced the donation of the kitchen cabinets and countertop from Reed Construction. Through the donations provided throughout the year, we were able to not only adopt the home and make it safe to live in, but provide this family with so much else!

#### Home Renovation Donations:

George Karkowski, REED Construction - Kitchen cabinets and countertops  
Jensen & Hastead - Kitchen Stove  
Lurvey Landscape Supply - Flowers, plants, pots, and dirt  
Francisco Rosas, Jensen & Halstead - moving boxes/boxes, gift cards  
Guadalupe Casimiro, Jensen & Halstead - utility sink, gift card  
John McKeivitt, Northfield - gift card  
Joe Lloyd, KSA - ceiling fans/lights  
Jessica Newell, Sherwin Williams - Paint  
Joe Foley, Interface - Carpet  
Paige Sivertsen, Shaw - Carpet  
Chris Carpenter, Pella - Gift Card  
Laura Gagliano, Allegion - Gift Card  
Judy Tolle, Aristech Surfaces - Gift Card  
Mike Geary, Architectural Building Solutions - Gift Card  
Maureen Castillo, Archibald & Meek - Light fixture  
Kathy St. Joseph, Lotte - Cleaning supplies and misc. items  
Beth Winkler - Gift Card



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#### Home Adoption Contributors:

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Matthew Reed, Parksite/DuPont Tyvek  
Karen Swank, Pella Windows & Doors  
Patrick Duffy, Advanced Building Products



At the end of the day, our team accomplished:

- Kitchen - New cabinets, counter top, sink, floor, light/fan, paint and stove.
- Bathroom - Upgrade main bathroom with grab bars, vanity, storage and repair lower powder room to usable condition.
- New paint and carpet, ceiling fans in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms.
- Landscaping - plant many flowers in bed and pots and refresh beds with edging and mulch.
- Cleaning of countless items - including furniture, basement, window treatments, and the very careful cleaning of the family's beloved chandelier made up of 150 individual glass pieces.
- New utility sink in basement.
- Disposal of unwanted items in home.
- New windows in basement and bathroom (completed the week prior to the rehab day).

The amount of work that was completed was amazing! At the end of the day, we had a very tired team of workers and an eternally grateful couple with some beautiful upgrades to their home.



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A HUGE Thanks goes out to the dedicated committee members who spent countless hours planning this rehab!

House Co-Captain: Guadalupe (Lupe) Casimiro

Home Owner Ambassador/House Co-captain: Francisco Rosas

Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy St. Joseph

Runner: Ernesto Barraza

Committee Members: Paul Larson, Rachel Nava, and Anne Waliczek

If you weren't able to spend the day with us or send in a contribution this year, you will be happy to know we are already talking about tackling another home rehab in 2019!

More pictures from our day on our facebook album: [2018.04.28 Rebuilding Together](#)

