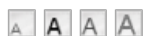


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## Rebuild Together Tulsa Volunteers prep homes in need of upgrades



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Hundreds of Tulsa homes in need of repair are getting prepped for big upgrades.

"Usually we will work if it is not raining and sometimes if it is raining we can find some projects inside," said Rebuild Together Tulsa Volunteer Joe McDonald

Volunteers with Rebuild Together Tulsa are getting some early work done before the upcoming 14th Annual Rebuild Day.

20 homes will get worked on during the Rebuild Day, but all together this year, volunteers will upgrade 185 homes. The repairs are made at no cost to the homeowners.

"Most of our homeowners have worked so hard all their lives and they have kept up with the repairs as much as they can. Some are just at an age and an income level where they can't do it anymore," said Rebuild Together Tulsa's Jennifer Barcus-Schafer.

Some homeowners say the volunteers are true heros. "I am so proud of them I don't know what to do. I will be forever grateful to them," said Tulsan Essie Mae White.

White is the recipient of new windows and she'll soon have new siding.

The big work day is April 30th. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or learn more about Rebuild Together Tulsa, see the related link.

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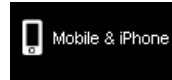
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