



Rebuilding Together New Britain

Repairing Homes Revitalizing Communities Rebuilding Lives



Before



Ferris and Dennison arrived from Jamaica over three decades ago to offer a better life to their children. They have resided in their home since 1987, raising 5 children. Although their home was extremely modest and dated, they seemed content. When they turned to Rebuilding Together New Britain for help, their only repair requests were some safety concerns and exterior sprucing up. The couple, Ferris with her bad hip and Dennison with his failing eyesight, were using the front stairs when they needed to leave their home. However, with the uneven and deteriorated sidewalk and steps and lack of a support railing, navigating this path was dangerous and difficult. Often, they just opted to stay home for fear of falling. Rebuilding Together New Britain changed that...

Repairs completed:

- Front stair and sidewalk replacement
- Retaining wall repair
- Safety railing installation
- Grab bars installed
- Exterior painting
- Removal of yard debris



Before

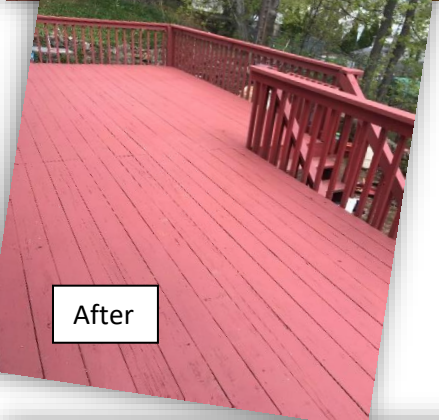


After



After





Maria and Jose, both nearly 70 and struggling with health issues, continue to work part-time to pay the mortgage and basic living expenses. Although they intend to stay in their home for many years to come, they were forced to ignore their critical electrical service upgrade needs, along with the other home repairs that continued to mount due to their physical and financial limitations, that's why they called Rebuilding Together New Britain...

Repairs completed:

- Full electrical system upgrade
- Deck repaired and refinished
- Kitchen counter and sink replacement
- Extra kitchen cabinet installation
- Yard cleanup
- Summer garden prep

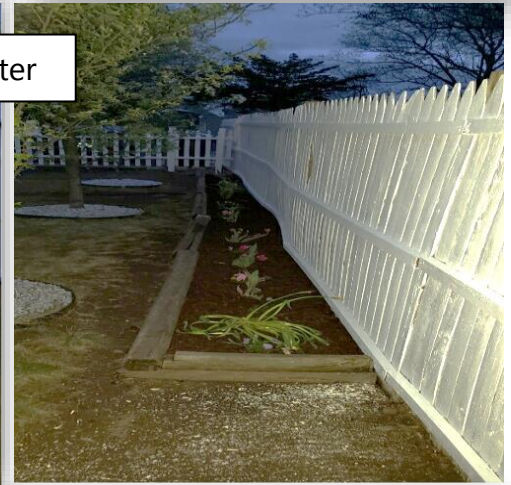




Delvis, a single mother of a 10-year-old son, works hard to keep a nice home for her child. She manages well with the day to day, but repairs to her home seemed to never fit into the budget. Delvis gladly worked alongside the Rebuilding Together New Britain volunteer team while they tackled her home repairs.

Repairs completed:

- Front door and rotted threshold replacement
- New storm door installation
- Roof leak repair
- Perimeter fence repair
- Yard cleanup





David and Beverly are a friendly couple in their 60's. They are both retired and have been for a while because of serious health issues including stroke and deteriorating bones. Their home had been neglected for some time, so there was a need of some critical work as well as attention to their yard. Rebuilding Together New Britain worked diligently to address the couple's repair concerns...

Repairs completed:

- Complete gutter replacement
- Grab bars in bathroom installed
- Interior prep and painting
- Deck and fence painting



Walter and Haydee keep a very clean home, but due to their low income and Walter's health challenges over the years, they were unable to attend to the interior and exterior repair needs, several of which were related to safety. Walter had fallen on the front steps and was very fearful of falling again. Additionally, Haydee's 87-year-old mother, Milagros, had recently moved in instead of going to a convalescent home, they were concerned about her safety as well. Rebuilding Together New Britain arranged for two volunteer groups and a hired plumber and pest control contractor to attend to this family's needs.

Repairs completed:

- Pest control
- Replaced 3 storm doors
- Installed front step railing
- Grab bars
- Tub to shower conversion
- Plumbing repairs
- Replaced faulty sump pump
- Dryer venting repairs
- Exterior painting
- Yard work
- Installed smoke detectors



PROJECT IN PROGRESS



Kasha, a 42-year old, mother of two, lost her husband several years ago. Along with raising her children on her own, she has been doing her best to continue fixing up the multi-family home she and her husband purchased before his death. Over the years, Kasha has suffered several other setbacks in her life, including health issues, so her family's home has fallen into serious disrepair. One Sunday afternoon, she told God she "just couldn't do this anymore"- He had to take over. The next day she got the call from Rebuilding Together New Britain.

Repairs completed:

- Critical plumbing repairs in owner's dwelling and basement
- Renovations to third floor after severe damage from past tenant, to render it habitable for rent
- Removed sixty yards of household, yard and garage debris

