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18th Annual Wells Fargo Rebuilding Together Day: One day, 700 volunteers, 32 homes

WHAT: Thirty-two Des Moines homes will receive a makeover as part of the 18th Annual Wells Fargo Rebuilding Together Day. The community-wide effort will tap the support of more than 700 volunteers, who come from such organizations as Wells Fargo, Bank of the West, Ryan Companies, First American Bank, Praxair and many more.

Repairs will include the installation of two ramps, 17 windows, nine new appliances, five roofs and 25 smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. The day also includes painting at 12 homes, gutter installation at six homes and ceiling-repair projects at five. In addition, 19 homes will receive new drywall and nine will receive plumbing repair.

Too often, low-income homeowners are forced to forgo routine home maintenance in order to afford basic necessities, such as food and health care. The 18th Annual Wells Fargo Rebuilding Day is designed to catch homeowners back up, so that their homes are safe, healthy and warm. The overall goal of the day is to improve quality of life for the homeowners and to help strengthen neighborhoods.

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The event will kick off with a 7 a.m. breakfast for volunteers at the Rebuilding Together warehouse, 118 SE 4th St.)

WHERE: The 32 homes are located in the Greater Des Moines area, supporting 18 neighborhood associations, and in Urbandale, West Des Moines and Altoona. **Please contact Kim Hansen at 515-771-4557 for addresses where homeowners and volunteers are willing to give interviews.**

About Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines

Rebuilding Together preserves and revitalizes houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled and families with children, live in warmth, safety and independence.

Since its founding in 1995, Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines has repaired or rehabilitated 1,300 houses and non-profit facilities through the efforts of 18,000 volunteers. This

has resulted in more than \$6 million in added market value to Des Moines homes and neighborhoods.

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, the nation's largest non-profit organization whose mission is preserving homeownership for low-income citizens. Visit www.rebuildingdm.org.