

## Our Spotlight Partner is *Rebuilding Together Boston*

Rebuilding Together® Boston (RTB) is the Boston affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national organization that renovates houses of people unable to pay for essential home repairs and much-needed updates.



**Karen Clay - Executive Director**

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**I am a [Re]Builder®**  
Rebuilding Together.



*"Rebuilding Together Boston is celebrating its 30th year of helping transform the lives of homeowners in need by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing our communities. Rebuilding Together Boston brings together volunteers, sponsors, and community partners to provide critical repairs and accessibility modifications. Our work with HIP aligns closely with its mission to improve the availability and quality of housing for low- and moderate-income people and maintain affordable housing. - Karen Clay*

Rebuilding Together Boston was instrumental in the success of Wilson's journey. Their volunteer contribution made the project feasible.  
**Learn more about RTB at <https://www.rebuildingtogetherboston.org/>**



## The start of Wilson's Journey - From Distress to Delight

### Part Three

Read Part 1 and 2 in HIP's past E-Newsletters!

HIP collaborated with Rebuilding Together Boston (RTB), our partner spotlight, a local non-profit volunteer group to help rebuild and restore to allow the Rindge Ave family remain in their home.

For three days, RTB volunteers arrived in throngs and helped with the clean out the home to prepare for the rebuild. George was afforded some glimpses of the volunteers in action work as he watched from the sideline.

This photo shows the Interior rehab of the first floor (rental unit) with the unit is outfitted with new appliances and ready for tenant move-in. The rehab crew currently is at the last phase of finishing up work in the owner's unit.



**Continue reading about Wilson's HIP journey in next month's newsletter.**

**Charles Sullivan**, Executive Director, Cambridge Historical Commission



“Wilson's Project represents an ideal application of historic preservation principles to meet affordable housing goals. In 1975, the Cambridge Historical Commission was inspired by the work of Homeowner's Rehab to establish a Preservation Grant program to assist with rehabilitation of affordable housing. We are proud to have sustained our partnership with HRI with many projects like this!”

## Key Housing Resources and Tips

### Immediate COVID-19 Relief

- If you are having trouble paying your mortgage, click [here!](#)  
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- If you live in Cambridge and are experiencing housing instability due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic click [here!](#)

### Home Improvement Tips

The Home Improvement Program, HIP at HRI is a moderate home improvement assistance program with priority given to a variety of areas.

#### **#1 Health Safety:**

To Prevent Falls:

- **Stabilize staircases**
- **Reinforce porches**
- **Clear outdoor steps**
- **Cover slippery surfaces in bathrooms**
- **Install supports showers and bathtubs**

**Need help with your home improvement project? [Reach out!](#)**

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### Renovate \* Restore \* Remain in your home

At HIP we are driven by our mission to revitalize, stabilize, and improve homes owned by income-eligible Cambridge residents like Wilson, by providing affordable financial and technical assistance. Each month we will update you on our clients' success stories, and provide helpful tips, tricks, and tools to help you:



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Program Manager

#### Are you eligible for HIP services?

- Must be low to moderate-income
- Own and live in your home for 1 year or more
- 50% of your home must be residential

Please email staff or leave a message to learn more:

[info@homeownersrehab.org](mailto:info@homeownersrehab.org) or 617-868-4858 ext 200

## Upcoming Events

### Fair and Affordable Housing Open House!

- Tuesday, **April 27 from 3-4 pm**: Zoom Panel Discussion: Fair Housing and Basic Tenant Rights  
[Link to Zoom registration](#)
- Tuesday, **May 4 from 3-4 pm**: Zoom Panel Discussion: Homeownership in Cambridge: Resources for First-Time Buyers and Existing Homeowners  
[Link to Zoom registration](#)



#### Nora Masler

Nora is HIP's newest team member. She serves as our Communications Volunteer Coordinator and the co-creator of this Monthly E-Newsletter. "I feel honored to support HIP @ HRI in their mission to provide affordable housing which promotes the security, comfort, and well-being of the Cambridge community."

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