Progress Report for Home Repair Program
November 2026

The second round of the CTJ Home Repair Program began on July 1. Churches Together for Justice sponsored two homes, paid Rebuilding Together St Louis $5,000 for each home. Volunteer recruitment then began, and forty-four individuals responded within two weeks.

The homes of Joy and Bertha were selected by Rebuilding Together St Louis.

At 8 am on October 10 the volunteers arrived at the work sites. They were from six congregations.

Christ Lutheran
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Peace UCC
Webster Presbyterian
Webster United Methodist

Both homes had handyman, painting, and landscaping work. Joy's also had stonework, while Bertha's had carpentry.

Purpose	Joy's home	Bertha's home
Safety	Replace basement stair treads and front-door light; remove backyard stones.	Install smoke and CO detectors and entrance-step balusters; repair porch light and two hall transitions (to bathroom and to bedroom); remove trash.
Access	Install driveway-to-patio walkway; repair stair treads and doorbell.	Install rear ramp; repair two hall transitions (to bathroom and to bedroom); replace interior door handles; clear invasive growth on fence.
Maintenance	Reseal siding, repair gutter, replace blinds, prune shrubs, clear out and mulch beds, and stain railing, add new mail box.	Repair and repaint foundation walls; repaint porch and entrance steps; remove invasive vegetation, yard waste, and trash.
Appearance	Paint outdoor furniture, stain railing, tidy shrubs and beds, and remove stones.	Repaint exterior surfaces and clean up the yard and ground cover.

Something new this round was the recruitment of a second Volunteer Coordinator. Thus, the House Captain and two Volunteers Coordinators performed preparations and supervision of the volunteers.

> The Homeowners were thrilled with the results which enriched the safety and shelter in their homes.