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Volunteer Groups Improve Jubilee Homes

A Short-Term Effort Makes a Big Impact

Every homeowner has a wish list of home repairs they want to get done but rarely do. From power washing the deck to weeding the yard, something always falls to the bottom of the to-do list. There's never enough time or funds to get everything done!

Imagine if a team of volunteers came to your house and tackled your repairs. That's exactly what's happening at Jubilee. **Approximately 100 volunteers spruced up Jubilee homes in recent months.**

The volunteers painted two homes, landscaped, power-washed, and hung new shutters. They also built a new picnic table so Jubilee housemates David, Kelly, and Louis can enjoy their outdoor space. *(Turn page over for their story!)* •••▶

"Volunteering does as much for us as it does for the homeowners," said Mark Castellino. "We come together around a common purpose."

Mark's church has participated with Rebuilding Together Montgomery County for six years. Each year, the organization picks worthy charities to partner with. This year, they chose Jubilee.



Members of Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church volunteer to spruce up a Jubilee home.

Jubilee owns 13 homes, and the wish list is long. We're committed to bringing each home up to date. Volunteers help us achieve this goal.

The Rotary Club of Rockville recently sent a team of volunteers to Jubilee's original home. It's been in constant use since 1978. The Rotarians spent three hours organizing and inventorying items in a long-term storage building on the property.

"It takes time and money to maintain these homes," said Kathy Ford, Jubilee's Operations Manager. **"We're very grateful to volunteers for helping us maintain a quality standard of living for the folks who live and work in each Jubilee home."** ●

MY HOME: David, Kelly, and Louis Build a Life Together

Volunteer Work Creates Real Results for People who Depend on Jubilee

"Please don't call my house a group home," says David McCormack. "This is where I hang out, this is where I have my friends over. This is my home."

And what a home it is. **The house gleams with fresh paint, new shutters, and refreshed landscaping.** All thanks to volunteers from Rebuilding Together Montgomery County.

"The volunteers did an excellent job," said David. He and Kelly Robinson have lived here together for years. They take pride in their home. Louis Cox recently moved in, and they quickly bonded over a shared love of sports. Louis "loves the house, and loves Jubilee."

All three men receive support from a dedicated team of direct support professionals. This includes award-winning staff Ellison Bempah. He looks on fondly as the guys chatter happily about their refreshed home, and their life together.

"We love having fun together. Jubilee's my family," David says while putting his arms around Ellison and Louis. "When I met Ellison, I knew we were going to be perfect together. He goes above and beyond for us."

From simple pleasures like going together to get haircuts to hosting friends, David, Kelly, and Louis have built a happy home life. Now the look of the home mirrors the joy found within these four walls. ●



Ellison Bempah, Louis Cox, David McCormack, and Kelly Robinson (left to right) enjoy spending time together at their newly updated home.

Bring Your Volunteer Group to Jubilee!

You can help tackle projects like landscaping, painting, and small repairs. Additional volunteer opportunities include helping at game nights and festive gatherings that foster friendship and belonging.

Jubilee welcomes both one-time and recurring volunteer groups on a flexible and rolling basis.

Email us to schedule a time to volunteer at volunteer@jubileemd.org.



CRECE Leadership Program hosted a party for Jubilee that featured BINGO, karaoke, and salsa dancing. They also donated new household items for people supported by Jubilee.

Microwaves and Mocktails! Read more about CRECE's housewarming party.

Scan here!



Thanks to the volunteer groups from the following organizations that offered their time and talent in 2025: Christ Episcopal Church Kensington, Marriott, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Rotary Club of Rockville, CRECE Leadership Program, and Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

