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**REBUILDING TOGETHER BALTIMORE
NEEDS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**
*Volunteers needed to help Rebuilding Together Baltimore and Art with a
Heart complete mural in the heart of Dundalk*

Baltimore, MD. Rebuilding Together Baltimore, a nonprofit organization which works with volunteers to provide critical home repairs for low-income homeowners and helps to beautify their communities, has been working to revitalize the Dundalk neighborhood of St. Helena in 2010. Part of Rebuilding Together Baltimore's efforts in St. Helena are devoted to community beautification - a special mural project is planned by Rebuilding Together Baltimore's AmeriCorps member Amanda Malone.

With artwork designed by artist Edward Williams and in partnership with the nonprofit Art with a Heart, Amanda and a volunteer team plan to complete a mural on the side of the St. Helena Community Association Building at 6509 Colgate Avenue in Dundalk. The building is located in the heart of St. Helena, serving as a meeting place for local organizations and clubs, as well as for monthly community meetings. Volunteers have already spent over twenty hours repainting the entire Community Association Building and preparing it for the mural. Local organizations, businesses and community members have made generous donations to support this project. The goal of the mural project is to bring color and life to the building while celebrating the cultural history of Dundalk.

Youth Volunteers Wanted: To complete this project, Amanda needs to recruit at least fifteen youth volunteers who must be *14 years of age or older*. Comments Amanda, "No artistic background is necessary - just enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference! Volunteers of all ages are welcome. This could be a great way to get you and your family involved in volunteering by doing a fun community service project!" The mural project will take about four days to complete. Volunteers can sign up for one day or more. **If you are interested in making a donation to this project or volunteering to help with painting the mural, please contact Amanda Malone at 410-889-2710.**

About Rebuilding Together Baltimore

Since 1989, Rebuilding Together Baltimore has repaired over 1,000 homes and community spaces in more than 30 neighborhoods. Rebuilding Together Baltimore works in partnership with volunteers and communities to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for low-income homeowners who are seniors, people with disabilities or families with children. In its more than 20-year history, Rebuilding Together Baltimore's work represents over \$7 million in value to the community. In 2008, Rebuilding Together Baltimore was chosen by HGTV (Home & Garden TV) as one of five cities in the US for their inaugural "Change the World. Start at Home" initiative. Rebuilding Together Baltimore is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, Inc., a national organization with 200 affiliates across the country.

For the first time, Rebuilding Together Baltimore is now able to provide home repairs all year-round for eligible homeowners throughout Baltimore City and/or County. As always, energy efficiency is a priority for Rebuilding Together Baltimore—the organization works with communities and homeowners on energy efficiency, providing energy efficiency education to community members and energy efficiency-related repairs for homeowners. Rebuilding Together Baltimore will assist up to 60 homeowners with critical home repairs in 2010. For more information on Rebuilding Together Baltimore: 410-889-2710 or www.RTBaltimore.org

About Art with a Heart

Art with a Heart's mission is to enhance the lives of people in need through visual art. Through its long-term community presence, Baltimore's underserved children, youth and adults have access to positive and productive programming, caring and nurturing adults on a consistent basis and the chance to embrace new ideas and skills in a safe and structured environment. Art with a Heart brings its visual art programs to abused, neglected and abandoned children and youth; homeless people; battered women and their children; pregnant adolescents; mentally and physically disabled adults; low-income senior citizens; elementary, middle and high school students; youth in after-school programs, and children receiving long-term health care. www.artwithaheart.net

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