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House To Home

Construction of 3 townhomes begins this spring with RRP mentoring Elias Contracting. 2 new homes, and 3 under rehab and repair will be available this summer for low/mid income affordable homeowners. Local contractors and workforce members such as Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Racine Vocational Ministry and a new partnership pending with Gateway's trade programs will open opportunities for employment and home ownership.



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Uptown Beautification and Outreach

RRP continues to work in the Uptown neighborhood, improving the appearance and encouraging partnerships through art projects, events, clean up, surveys, and resource referrals. The goal for 2020 is to repair and paint the facades of three buildings, and continue support of groups and volunteers in landscaping, art murals, gardens, and other projects that beautify and unite the neighborhood.



Supportive Housing Partnership

RRP received a grant from WHEDA for permanent supportive housing to enhance opportunities for people coming out of homelessness. RRP has acquired one property for rehabilitation and is seeking one other property for the program. Partnerships exist with local contractors and workforce organizations. RRP continues to build relationships with local businesses, organizations, and individuals donation to support this housing partnership with HALO and WHEDA.



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House Proud



RRP is pleased to announce that Johnson Financial Group will again be a partner in 2020 to help RRP's House-Proud Program support homeowners through minor repair and painting. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, RRP will not be able to work with AMERICORPS NCCC members in 2020. RRP still seeks partnerships, volunteers and sponsors to reach a goal of 20 homes in 2020!



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*A quick glimpse at the volunteers
who make our mission possible!*



Joe Heck, Board President, Finance, Exec, Buildings & Grounds

Joe brings a lifetime of knowledge and experience in housing and community development to RRP. He was director of city planning in Beloit, WI before becoming Racine's assistant director of city development in 1999. Since his retirement, Joe serves as RRP's President. He volunteers at United Way of Racine County, the Racine Mutual Housing Association, and the Hopes Center of Racine. He has a Bachelor's degree in political science from Arizona State University and a Master's in urban planning from the University of Illinois.

Favorite Quote: Pray as though everything depended on God; work as though everything depended on you.—St. Ignatius Loyola



Chris Litzau, Treasurer, Finance, Exec

Chris loves an adventure! He is the President of Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps. GLCCC's mission is to train and educate disadvantaged populations that close the skills gap, improve water quality and build habitat.

Favorite Quote: "I have no ideology. My ideology is health." -Dr. Anthony Fauci



Pamala Handrow, Board Vice President, Finance, Exec

Executive Director of Bethany Apartments, a transitional housing program for survivors of domestic abuse sponsored by the Racine Dominicans. Pam received her Bachelor of Science Degree at UWP-Stevens Point in Sociology/Psychology, A Master of Arts in Counseling Human Service Administration from Goddard College, Doctor of Law from Chicago-Kent College of Law, and Master of Library and Information Science from UW-Milwaukee. Pam also served as Executive Director of SAFE Haven of Racine.

Favorite Quote: The more I know, the more I know I don't know.



Fred Phillips, Secretary, Program, Exec

Fred lives in the Uptown neighborhood and supervises work groups and volunteers. Fred has helped RRP gather neighborhood surveys and goes door to door in the neighborhood, informing residents about upcoming events and resources. Fred currently attends Gateway Technical College and plans to enroll at Carthage College in 2021 to obtain his Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Favorite Quote: Help your fellow man.



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Linea Anthony, Board Member, Program, Building & Grounds

Linea has served on the board since the beginning. Linea is also the President of the Uptown Business District. She is the owner of The Racine Merchandise Mart, which sells gently used furniture, lamps, pottery fine art, jewelry, soft goods, and more. RMM provides art restoration and offers her merchandise for home staging.

Favorite Quote: To fly, you must be willing to give up what is weighing you down. Roy T. Bennett



Jordan Brown, Board Member, Building & Grounds

Jordan is a Business Recruitment Specialist at Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). He received a Bachelor of Science degree in History and another in Political and legal communication from the University of Kansas, and a Masters of Urban planning and Real Estate Development from UW-Milwaukee. Jordan taught ESL at the Oedae Language Institute of Korea.

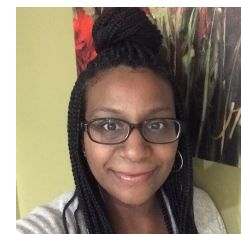
Favorite Quote: "Little things make a big difference." Yogi Berra



Mollie Jones, Board Member, Program

Alderdwoman Jones is proud to represent the 2nd District in the city of Racine. She has served as alderwoman since August 2015. As a Board member of RRP, Mollie serves on the program committee. Alderdwoman Jones has been a resident and homeowner of the 2nd District for 49 years. She is committed to working for safer neighborhoods through collaboration with community leaders and residents for a stronger community. She is the proud mother of two and grandmother of four. Mollie enjoys gardening and spending time with her family.

Favorite Quote: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Mohammed Ali



Dasheika Kidd, Board Member, Program

Dasheika is Program Manager for Housing Resources, Inc.-Racine. She's committed to successfully preparing people for home ownership, which stabilizes lives, neighborhoods, and communities. Dasheika holds a Bachelor degree from UW-Parkside, graduating with a double major. She is a proud mother and member of the Racine community. She enjoys vacationing, spending time with her family and roller skating. Helping and educating first time home buyers is her passion, and she is a volunteer with Visioning a Greater Racine, and Habitat for Humanity.

Favorite Quote: Wisdom is Power!



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Jeff Latus, Board Member, Building & Grounds

Jeff attended UW-Whitewater for a semester and then joined the Navy and was deployed during the Persian Gulf War. He returned to UW-Whitewater and received a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in real estate finance.

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Frank Sterbin, Board Member, Fund Dev. & Marketing

Frank is the Senior Vice President of Business Banking with Wintrust Commercial Banking at Town Bank. Frank has a BBA – Finance from UW-Whitewater, and an MBA from Marquette University. Frank also serves on the Finance Committee for Racine Habitat for Humanity, and is a Board of Trustee for First Congregational Church. Frank's hobby is to enjoy life.

Favorite Quote: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Thomas Edison



Terrence Fitch, Board Member, Program

Terrence is a UW-Whitewater Graduate in Public Relations & Coaching. His passion comes from helping financially challenged individuals become home owners. "There is nothing that makes me happier than seeing someone who has struggled financially, excited at the closing table with keys in their hand."

Favorite Quote: Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.
MJ



Bob Reinders, Board Member, Fund Dev. & Marketing

Bob is the Community Reinvestment and Fair Lending Program Manager for Johnson Financial Group. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration at UW-Whitewater. He has served on past Allocation Committees and the Board of Directors for Racine United Way and Human Capital Development Corp. He serves as a Board Member for Outreach for Hope. Bob enjoys playing table tennis and working on home improvement projects.

Favorite Quote: The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run. Henry David Thoreau

Charles French, Board Member, Program

Charlie French is the Executive Director of Racine's Neighborhood Watch. He serves as chairman of the Program committee for RRP. Neighborhood Watch's mission is "to help create safe, friendly, and attractive neighborhoods throughout the Racine community."

Board Member At Large:
Michael Shields



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Anna Clementi, Committee Member Fund Development and Marketing

Anna is VP of Operations with Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce. She received her Bachelor degree in Environmental and Public Health from UW-Eau Claire. She previously worked as a health inspector for the City of Racine and at UW-Parkside. Anna volunteers with Over Our Head Players and the 6th St. Theatre. She serves on the board for 4th Fest of Greater Racine. Anna's hobbies include card making, photography and other paper crafts.

Favorite Quote: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some humor, and some style." – Maya Angelou



Rob Dudek, Committee Member Building and Grounds

Rob is Vice President and Corporate Counsel for Scherrer Construction Company, Inc. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from Marquette University. Rob's experience in commercial, retail and mixed-use real estate purchase and sale, property development, financing, management and operations is a vital resource to RRP and the Buildings and Grounds committee. He has a keen awareness of the value and importance of understanding RRP's mission when providing advice and counsel.

Favorite Quote: "Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution is called whining" Teddy Roosevelt



Lori Barbeau, Committee Member Building & Grounds

Lori is Assistant Vice President and Loan Servicing Manager at Johnson Financial Group in downtown Racine. Lori has a Bachelor's Degree in English from UW-Platteville and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Lori is a member of Preservation Racine and facilitates Art Pantry, an art program for children who accompany adults at a local food pantry. Her hobbies are appreciating architecture, exploring restaurants and micro-breweries, and learning about art and design.

Favorite quote: Who will do what by when?



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Ed Miller, Executive Director

Ed attended UW-Milwaukee and received a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and a Masters in Adult Education Administration. He owned his own firm, and then worked as Construction Manager with Rebuilding Together-Greater Milwaukee. Ed started at RRP in 2017, returning to Racine to provide decent affordable housing for low and moderate income families while encouraging the regrowth of a classic commercial district, Uptown.

Favorite Quote: "I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do." Leonardo da Vinci



Trudy Coombs, Part time Assistant Project Manager

Trudy received her Associate Degree in Human Services from Gateway Technical College. She was Director of Development for SAFE Haven of Racine, and then a Senior Sales Consultant for WRJN/WEZY radio in Racine. After moving back to California to care for her mother, she then moved to Couer d'Alene Idaho and worked for the CDA Press. Returning to Racine to be closer to her family, she now is a part time employee of RRP.

Favorite Quote: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

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