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DREAM STREET 2006 CHANGES LIVES FOR 18 HOMEOWNERS

Sacramento County, CA. One thousand volunteers, sponsors and subcontractors participated in the 2006 Dream Street to spruce up 18 homes in the Lemon Hill community today. Rebuilding Together, Sacramento County, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency sponsored the event.

The annual Dream Street Project is a one-day event that uses skilled and unskilled volunteers to improve the physical and cosmetic aspects of homes on a targeted street or neighborhood.



The Lemon Hill project involved a variety of minor, moderate and major improvements and renovations including landscaping, interior and exterior painting, installation of carpet, windows, fixtures, heating and air conditioning, and new fencing.

The smell of gas was evident to the volunteers during a pre-event visit to the recipient's home. The gas was turned off, leaving her without heat. After a permit was obtained, a plumbing company installed a new gas line so that the homeowner could live safely and comfortably in her home.

Rebuilding Together is a national not-for-profit organization that works through a local multi-agency volunteer effort to improve living conditions for low-income homeowners, many of whom are seniors or disabled. The Agency contributed nearly \$100,000 to the Lemon Hill project. For the past five years, the Agency has collaborated with Rebuilding Together to rehabilitate 98 homes in the City and County neighborhoods like Fruitridge Pocket, Del Paso Heights, Avondale, and Oak Park neighborhoods.

Since its inception in 1991, Rebuilding Together has completed \$5,000,000 in improvements to 1,063 homes in the Sacramento area with the help of 25,000 volunteers. The desired outcome is to improve the visual appearance of the neighborhood, increase the homeowner's ability to remain in their homes, and increase neighborhood participation and involvement. The project reduces the blighting influences of neglected properties and the stagnation of property values resulting from such neglect. Rebuilding Together will sponsor a Dream Street project in North Highlands on September 30, 2006.



Volunteers install a heating and air conditioning unit, install kitchen cabinets, and build a new fence during the Lemon Hill Dream Street 2006 project sponsored by Rebuilding Together.

