

### **Rebuilding Together Kent County, MD**

A local Veteran and his very young son live in a home that was built in the 1920's. After a fire ravaged the home in 2017, extensive repairs were performed but new crises arose in recent years. Rebuilding Together Kent County, MD, nominated this veteran for a new roof from the Owens Corning Roof Deployment Program and, together with a regional platinum contractor, they donated all materials and labor for the project, completing it in the Fall of 2022. Moisture build-up under the home led to the floor buckling in the kitchen, creating extensive tripping hazards for both the homeowner and his active 4-year-old. Appliances were "leveled" with 2 x 4's so they can function. The damage was beyond what the affiliate could normally manage, but one of their contractors agreed to let the affiliate use donated gift cards to purchase materials, thereby avoiding the markup contractors generally employ. A contribution from the Rock Hall, Maryland, American Legion also helped to fund the extensive repairs. It really does take many partners to achieve transformational change! Photos of new roof being installed attached.

### **Rebuilding Together Fargo-Moorhead, ND**

Gilman and Carolyn K. live in Portland, ND. Gilman was a farmer most of his life. Gilman had a massive heart attack and had to have a bypass surgery which ended his farming career. They sold their farm and purchased a one level home in Portland, ND, to retire in. The house needed some work done to it but due to Gilman's many medical expenses, they were unable to afford the work. They applied to Rebuilding Together and by utilizing a Federal Home Loan Bank, the affiliate installed new maintenance-free siding on the house including soffit, fascia and gutters. In addition, the tub shower unit was removed and a walk-in shower with grab bars and a handheld shower head was installed. This allowed Gilman to be able to safely bathe and allowed for possible future accessibility needs.

### **Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, NY**

The affiliate assisted an older veteran with home repairs so that he could stay in his home. These repairs included a repair of the rear porch so that he could access the outdoors when weather was nice. Tripping hazards were removed at the home entrance, exterior painting beautified his home, a ramp was built for the outdoor shed so he could access the area. Gutter downspouts were installed, a dryer exhaust was added, and landscaping provided. Most significant, the bathroom door was renovated and widened to allow him access to the bathroom with his walker. Additional handrails were also installed. This veteran did not have enough kind words for the 45+ volunteers who worked on his home so he could safely remain there!

