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**Community Focused Non-Profit Organizations Team Up to Eliminate Lead Poison Risk and Create Safe Homes Throughout the Aurora.**

**AURORA, IL.** – Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA) is pleased to announce its continued ability to create a healthy community thanks to a grant from The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. Through this grant, RTA will be able to purchase equipment allowing the organization to remove lead paint hazards in Aurora homes more efficiently and effectively, reducing the danger of lead poisoning.

The specialized equipment purchased through the grant will allow RTA staff and volunteers to safely reduce the risk of lead poisoning, a preventable health risk to families served during home rehab projects.

In addition to addressing lead paint risks, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley grant will provide the much needed funding for RTA to purchase a service vehicle. The vehicle will be used throughout the year beginning with the organization’s annual April Rebuilding Event (April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015), a two day community-wide event providing critical home repairs for low-income homeowners across the city of Aurora.

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a collection of individual funds and resources given by local citizens to enhance and support the quality of life in the Fox River Valley Illinois. -It is a tax-exempt public charity that allows individuals, businesses, and other non-profit organizations to establish permanent endowment and temporary funds within the confines of one large foundation and helps facilitate philanthropy by providing grants and scholarships distributed to benefit the citizens of Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County Illinois. For more information on the Community Foundation, please see [www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org](http://www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org).

The ongoing partnership between the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley and Rebuilding Together Aurora will positively impact the lives of families across the Aurora community. -“The Foundation has become a key partner in helping us make a huge impact for people who are in need,” explains Patrick Rogers, President of the Board of Directors for RTA. -“Community support is key in accomplishing our mission. This partnership is a great example of the generosity within the Fox Valley, and how we can work together to help our neighbors while making a real difference in their lives by creating safer homes.”

**Rebuilding Together Aurora**, established in 1993, is a non-profit, safe and healthy housing volunteer organization dedicated to helping low-income homeowners—seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans and children—through home renovation and repair. Its goal is to keep people living in warmth, safety and independence, while helping to build better neighborhoods in Aurora. To date, Rebuilding Together Aurora has provided free home repairs to more than 600 homeowners in need through its April Rebuilding Event and free year-round services. For more information, visit [www.rtaurora.org](http://www.rtaurora.org).

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