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GIFT Foundation guides Rebuilding Together to \$5000 grant

Rebuilding Together of Geneseo and Cambridge helps low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners and needy families with children, keep their property safe, warm and in good condition. The group recently received a \$5,000 grant with the help of the GIFT Foundation in Geneseo.

Rebuilding Together's funding comes from donations from the community chest and a number of foundations that support home rehabilitation in the community. Gifts are also received from area businesses, churches, service clubs, and individuals. When David Ward, Board President of Rebuilding Together, heard about the GIFT Foundation he saw another possible source for funding and investigated.

"Rebuilding Together is one of the many types of organizations The GIFT Foundation was established to help," says Katie Andrios, Board President of GIFT. "When we learned of their need we were in the process of organizing, and had no funds available at that time. However, through our affiliation with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend (CFGRB), we were aware of community impact funds that might be available for Rebuilding Together, and put the two in contact."

Dave Esche and David Ward represented Rebuilding Together at the CFGRB's grant making reception on December 9, 2003 where the \$5,000 check was presented. "We were pleased to make this grant to a very worthy organization," says Tana S. Odean, President of CFGRB. "Our Community Impact Fund allows GFBRB the flexibility to respond to unmet needs. Non-profit organizations serving many needs may apply for grants from the Community Impact fund. Rebuilding Together performs a valuable service to the community and we are happy to provide funding for the excellent work they do."

Rebuilding Together undertakes fifteen to twenty projects each year, which requires an annual budget of around \$30,000. "With most of the materials provided at cost and all of the labor donated, we can make that relatively small amount of money go a long way," says Ward. "We are very appreciative of this grant from CFGRB and to the GIFT Foundation, for steering us in the right direction."

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