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Bringing together homeowners, volunteers, community sponsors and Habitat Oakland staff, Rock the Block is part of HFHOC's neighborhood revitalization efforts, offering minor exterior home repairs to homeowners at a modest price. Volunteers work with homeowners and Habitat Oakland's construction staff to repair porches, install fences, replace cracked concrete, clean gutters, and complete landscape and lawn clean-up. This program ensures that homeowners reside in safe housing, enables seniors to age-in-place, maintains and increases home values, and fosters neighborhood stability.



Rock the Block August 2020 Impact Report

August 6 and 8, 2020

Pontiac, MI: Ferry Farms/Unity Park Neighborhood

81 volunteers
18 CORE volunteers
12 homeowners
23 family members
2 Board members
13 staff members

Sponsors

Republic Services
Henniges Automotive
Barton Malow
Kirk in the Hills
Best Block Company
Signarama

Postcards were sent to homes in the Ferry Farms and Unity Park neighborhoods and those interested applied on habitatoakland.org. Homeowners were selected based on need and ability to pay the reduced fee.

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Projects

- ✓ 18 gutter/siding/trim related improvements such as cleaning, repair, replacement as well as fascia and soffit repair and replacement and downspout replacement and securing
- ✓ 14 exterior painting projects including porches, decks, foundations, and fencing
- ✓ 13 power washing projects to clean and prepare for painting of porches, walls, foundations, fences and decks
- ✓ 11 landscaping sites including clearing overgrowth, removing bushes, yard cleaning, lawn mowing, mulch spreading, weeding, and filling ground hog holes
- ✓ 10 projects to remove and replace or repair porches, steps and handrails, for safety and aesthetics
- ✓ 7 concrete projects including removal and replacement of slabs, walkways and steps
- ✓ 2 exterior sump pump discharge projects including trench digging and installation of drainage lines
- ✓ 3 home specific safety projects such as the digging out of a window well, leveling brick pavers, and repairing the floor and gables to a gazebo

78 total tasks at 12 homes

Testimonies



"When the postcard came, I didn't think we would qualify, so I just set it aside. My husband, though, kept it at. And now I can't believe how much work we had done. They rebuilt the deck and the steps. It's beautiful and now we can safely go to the backyard with our dog. It's his space, but he'll be glad we can share it again."

-Homeowner

"I thought it was an awesome experience to be able to help people improve their homes. It was well organized. The people were great."

"Well organized and the staff was friendly."

"The staff was friendly and the cause is very just."

"I had a great time and everyone was extremely helpful and kind."



"Every year the coordination improves. Great job even with COVID-19 guidelines."

"Great job organizing to accommodate social distancing and COVID-19."

No reported COVID-19 cases over 14 days after event. Temperatures taken upon arrival. Face masks were required at all times and social distancing recommendations were followed. PPE, hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes provided.

"I'm grateful for Habitat because I wouldn't be able to afford to do this work on my own. They made it affordable for me."

-Homeowner

