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Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's Safe and Healthy Homes Program Seeks Applicants in Hillsborough County

Hillsborough County, Fla. (March 19, 2023) - The Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) Safe and Healthy Homes Program, in collaboration with the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, is calling for applicants in Hillsborough County, including the City of Tampa, Temple Terrace, Unincorporated areas, and Plant City. This initiative aims to create healthier and safer living environments for children suffering from asthma and allergies.

In partnership with the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, RTTB's Safe and Healthy Homes Program is dedicated to ensuring the well-being of children by transforming their homes into safe havens conducive to healthy physical and cognitive development. Through targeted interventions, the program identifies and establishes "safe zones" within homes where children spend the majority of their time, effectively minimizing exposure to asthma and allergy triggers.

The program offers essential home repairs and modifications at no cost to eligible families, helping to eliminate or reduce potential allergen triggers and asthma irritants. Services provided include but are not limited to:

- HVAC system inspections and repairs

- Mold Remediation
- Installation of air purifiers and filters
- Flooring and carpet replacement
- Pest control measures
- Weatherization to improve indoor air quality

"Our mission is to provide a supportive environment where children can thrive without the hindrance of health concerns," said Jose Garcia, executive director of Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay. "Through the Safe and Healthy Homes Program, we aim to empower families and ensure every child has access to a safe and nurturing home environment."

Families in Hillsborough County with children suffering from asthma and allergies are encouraged to apply for the Safe and Healthy Homes Program.

Requirements: Homeowners or renters with children 14 years and younger. Unfortunately, apartments can not be considered.

Those meeting the criteria and interested in participating in this program can apply at rttb.org to complete their application or contact 813-878-9000 extension 102.

About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

RTTB's mission is "repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives." We achieve this by providing members of our shared communities with imperative home repairs, housing, education, and other forms of assistance free of cost, bringing their homes to not just a habitable state but one that is safe and healthy and that they and their families can thrive in.

RTTB addresses critical issues such as leaking roofs, problematic ducts aggravating asthma symptoms in children, and installing safety features like grab bars for elderly residents. We also construct new homes, providing homeownership opportunities to those who may have never deemed it possible. Following Hurricane Ian, RTTB was designated the lead affiliate for statewide response and recovery efforts, extending our service area to heavily impacted communities in Southwest and Central Florida, where we assist the most vulnerable in repairing and rebuilding. Find more information at www.rttb.org. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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