



## Celebrating 10 Years!!

2011 marks 10 years that Rebuilding the Wall has been blessed to serve this community. Please plan to join us in the fall to experience 10 years of reflection while celebrating the dedication and commitment of volunteers and community partners like yourself.

**REMEMBER TO SCHEDULE YOUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**AVAILABLE DATES ARE FILLING UP**

## THRIVE

Shelley Landis, THRIVE Coordinator, asked an RTW family and newest member of the RTW team, Amanda Belcher, to share her story with our community as she continues to advocate for community rights and socio-economic equality.

This month, we are shining the spotlight on an individual who wears several important hats in our community, Amanda Belcher. Amanda came to Rebuilding the Wall as a volunteer and is now a homeowner, employee, and Advisory Council

April 2011

## DONATE

### March Volunteers

Hoosier Youth Challenge  
University of Wisconsin

### April Volunteers

University of Indianapolis  
Pi Tau Sigma  
Butler University fraternity  
Anderson University  
Crispus Attucks Medical Mag.  
IUPUI  
Covenant Christian H.S.  
Youth Leadership Initiative

## Volunteer Opportunities

### READING TUTOR NEEDED

Are you interested in building a relationship as a **Reading Tutor**? A volunteer is needed to assist a dyslexic adult who is seeking to improve her reading and spelling skills. This is an opportunity that requires a consistent, ongoing commitment.

member. Amanda has been a part of the community for four years and looks forward to raising her family here. She lives in her home with her two daughters, Ava and Alayla, her fiancé Rob, and her mother Robin.

When Amanda began the THRIVE process toward homeownership, she had a clear vision for the house she now calls her home. Starting at the studs, with no walls or doors, she was able to work alongside crew members and volunteers to make her vision a reality. Adding features like a downstairs bedroom and a separate play space for her girls, made her home unique and suitable for HER family.

Amanda is committed to RtW and the greater community, as well as our local IPS school, Montessori Magnet #56, where her daughter attends as a kindergartner. (Special note - Ava and Skylar, Shelley/THRIVE Coordinator's daughter, are in class together and are both thriving!). Community advocacy and social justice work have always been part of Amanda's fabric. She loves her neighbors, holds her community in very high regard, and lends her talents in tangible ways, such as working as RtW Marketing Coordinator and leading the RtW Advisory Council. This council supports indigenous leadership development within our families and youth, and also advises the THRIVE process of homeownership.

Amanda is currently seeking her Masters degree in Applied Sociology at the University of Indianapolis. With this degree she hopes to continue her work with equality and social justice for all. The RtW staff is hoping she stays on board as Marketing Coordinator!

Written By Amelia Leake, Rtw intern

## Chris's Corner: Highlights from the Executive Director

Dear friends,  
As volunteer season kicks off I am constantly

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**  
...to build a **relationship** with an elderly neighbor in need of a volunteer to pick up a food box on the second Tuesday of each month. Time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours, and is in the 46th Street and Illinois area.

Both positions will require an interview and background check.

Please contact [mary@rebuildingthewall.org](mailto:mary@rebuildingthewall.org) if you are interested in either opportunity.

## Donation Requests

**Lockers**

**Gym Mats**

**Wood Chipper**

**Commercial Stove**

**Commercial Refrigerator**

**Volunteer Mechanic**  
(work space is in heated bay)

X-treme Jesus Crew preschool and kindergarten class is in need of a **kindergarten size table** and **6-10 chairs**

**Make a Donation or Volunteer TODAY**

Donations and Volunteer efforts are always welcome and encouraged.

Your helping hand gives us the

reminded of why we do Justice Education. To build homes while leaving the development of culture behind is simply doing half the job. The growth of a culture that develops leaders and gifting to sustain the community is imperative.

Whether we are working with youth and adults who are under-resourced, or with those that have abundant resources, the need for a community that welcomes and encourages your gifts and your value is necessary.

We all have the same need for community, we all hope, we all dream, we all desire. Last week we had a group from a youth development initiative come to RTW and work extremely hard. After we shared the values and mission of Rebuilding the Wall, one of the young volunteers said, "This is what I have been looking for, a place that is real, a place that's home." She was referencing our belief in Createdness. Createdness is the idea that every person born into the world has the same rights as any other person, to the resources the earth produces. One of the challenges that many of our families and friends face is access to those resources.

That's what all of RTW'S housing, youth mentoring, and job training is about, creating a place for people to have access to those things that lead them into abundant life. It is the combination of the opportunity to grow and the encouragement to grow, that is creating the culture of hope here in our community. Some people are born with the access, some people work their way into it, and some of us have to be grown into it. Either way, we in America live in the largest amassment of resources in the history of the world. I have to believe that God has placed us here, with these resources, to make a difference in our community, locally and globally. Thanks to all of you who are helping us create this culture,

opportunity to serve the people who most need our help.

Please visit [rebuildingthewall.org](http://rebuildingthewall.org) or call [317-925-9789](tel:317-925-9789) to donate.

## Kroger Cards

### Join our Kroger Campaign

All Kroger gift cards purchased from RtW are tagged by Kroger for their Kroger Cares Program.

**Every time you reload your card, Kroger donates 3% of your total directly to RTW.**

There is no cost to you and you generate continual revenue for Rebuilding the Wall. Now you can support justice and community, just by grocery shopping.

Step One: Purchase a \$5 Kroger gift card from RtW that is preloaded with \$5

Step Two: Reload your gift card at any Kroger cashier or customer service counter before shopping

Step Three: Shop and check out

Step Four: Pay for your purchases with your gift card

through giving money and time and YOUR heart. I am so thankful for those that understand this is not some yearlong venture, but a lifelong commitment to yield results. And while we can count houses built, families served, and jobs created, it is what we will never get to see that gives me the most hope. It is my hope that when we are long gone, the community will have what is necessary to continue to grow and develop, with neighbors we will never know but who will bear the same message of createdness to the next generation. This is sustainability. Give what you can, volunteer when you have to, Chris Provence

## Seeking Family Partners

Rtw is currently recruiting Family Partners to walk alongside our families as they pursue their goal of homeownership and community life. Please contact Shelley at [317-925-9789](tel:317-925-9789) or [shelley@rebuildingthewall.org](mailto:shelley@rebuildingthewall.org) for more information about this relational volunteer opportunity.

The ideal partner is a person who: easily cultivates relationships with others, encourages others toward growth and positive life changes, is open to being transformed by the experience, is interested in building bridges of racial and socio-economic reconciliation. Partners will meet with their family a minimum of once a month face-to-face, spending an average of four hours together per month. An interview and orientation are required, and ongoing support of the Family Partner match is provided.