

CRA NEWSLETTER

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Editor's New Agency Introductions, Taxonomy and Service Highlights

What's New?

Rebuilding Together is a national volunteer organization that renovates and rehabilitates housing for low-income seniors (60 and older), families with children and disabled adults. Local programs accept applications from homeowners and non-profits that are unable to do their own repairs due to lack of funds or incapacity. In our database we have 5 affiliates of Rebuilding Together, with several more on the way. Check out these entries:

Rebuilding Together - Central San Gabriel Valley

Rebuilding Together - Long Beach

Rebuilding Together - Pasadena

Rebuilding Together - South Bay

Rebuilding Together - West San Gabriel Valley

Sunday, December 10, the LA Times featured the agency and the volunteer labor base that provides the work. The agency solicits donations of materials, and seeks volunteers, both skilled and unskilled to do the construction-related work. It is sort of like a real-life Extreme Makeover-Home Edition show. Recent beneficiaries were a 68 year-old former librarian who endured 3 winters without a heater, and an ex-Navy Seabee, who was injured in the Iraq war, whose home was modified for his wheelchair.

Taxonomy: **Home Rehabilitation/Repair [BH-300.355-39]**

Revlon/UCLA Breast Center and UCLA Depression Research Group These two organizations, supported by UCLA school of Medicine and corporation funding provide treatment and free clinical trials. Here's the Taxonomy definition:

Clinical Trials [LT-153]

[Definition]

Programs that help individuals who have cancer or other illnesses gain access to drugs or other forms of treatment that are currently in the experimental phase. Clinical trials are research studies conducted with patients that test the efficacy of new drugs, new combinations of existing drugs, new dose schedules and routes of administration and new ways of integrating multiple treatment modalities . They also evaluate the application of new diagnostic tests in choosing treatment regimens and assess new supportive care methods.

Read about the free medication and treatment offered by the following agencies:

Friends Research Institute (drug abuse)

Matrix Institute (drug abuse)

Revlon/UCLA Breast Center (breast cancer)

UCLA Depression Research Group (major depression)

In addition to the above programs, most major hospitals conduct clinical trials. Eg: City of Hope, Cedars-Sinai, Long Beach Memorial. See hospital web sites for information about specific trials.

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CA State CARE Program

The program has lost its funding. Currently it provides only I & R for youth with substance abuse problems. All of the local agencies that received funds, however, still are doing Central Intake/Assessment for Alcoholism [LX-040.150-15] and Central Intake/Assessment for Drug Abuse [LX-040.150-18] for adolescents, so there was little impact on our local substance abuse agencies.