

Helping communities rebuild after disaster Safer, Stronger, Smarter

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# 2012-2013 Accomplishments

Assisted over **100** individuals with recovery and rebuilding

Awarded **73** grants to over **50** survivors

Distributed **99%** of funds raised directly to survivors

Raised over \$200,000

Held **26** building workshops for survivors in our Dirt to Drapes<sup>™</sup> education series

Mobilized **\$25,000** in donated building materials from local non-profits

Engaged more than **100** building pros, suppliers, and local businesses through our Professional Network, who donated over **\$100,000** in time and services

Coordinated design charrettes for **4** residential rebuilds

Provided primary construction management services on **3** residential rebuilds

Engaged **dozens** of volunteer building professionals to assist **4** families meet tight insurance deadlines

# Major Contributors & Partners

Fort Collins Board of Realtors New Belgium Brewing Co. Odell Brewing Co. Whole Foods Market Fort Collins Wilbur's Total Beverage Wild Fire Tees KBPI 106.7 FM National Center for Craftsmanship Center for Disaster Risk and Analysis (Colorado State University) Green Town USA Motherlove Herbal Co. Sustainable Living Association Mawson Lumber

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# **OUR MISSION**

To enable communities in Northern Colorado to come together and rebuild sustainably in response to a disaster. For those who have lost their home and choose to rebuild, our vision is to provide a pathway to rebuild Safer, Stronger, and Smarter. We do this through access to materials, volunteers, financial support, local knowledge and expertise, and best practices. Our model is designed to be replicated and shared with other communities.

### PROGRAMS

**Professional & Supplier Network** – Building professionals are a critical component often left out of the disaster recovery and rebuilding process. Our network brings builders and contractors together under a Code of Conduct to cooperatively help survivors rebuild in the aftermath of the disaster (committing to values of trust, craftsmanship, sustainability, and community participation). Additional supplier networks are leveraged to cost-effectively source appropriate, high quality rebuilding materials for survivors.

**Education & Awareness** – NCRN is developing and producing a knowledge base to help communities rebuild "Safer, Stronger, Smarter." We collaborate with local building professionals to develop appropriate and timely educational programs on the rebuilding process, better building practices, and disaster specific rebuilding techniques. The NCRN knowledge base evolves and grows through community input and panel discussions with industry experts, and is continually updated to capture and share vital information and critical lessons learned as a result of our organization being the "boots on the ground" rebuilding group.

**Rebuilding Grants** – Using locally raised funds, NCRN provides grants to individuals who lost their primary residence and choose to rebuild in Northern Colorado. We promote building choices that increase energy efficiency; improve safety, health, and wellbeing; and better the chances of a home surviving another disaster.

**Rebuilding Volunteers –** NCRN provides volunteer labor (design and construction) to assist low-income and underinsured populations rebuild using methods and materials otherwise unobtainable. In cases where survivors are faced with critical insurance or funding deadlines NCRN is able to insert peoplepower to push construction schedules back on track.

**Rebuilding Forum** – This virtual collaboration platform is a place for survivors to post questions and professionals to share timely, critical expertise on specific rebuilding topics, as well as access donated or discounted building materials via this Craigslist-like interface.

### **NEED FOR OUR SERVICES**

**Individual level** – Most survivors intending to rebuild have never had to restore or construct a home from scratch, and need support navigating the daunting process, which often begins long after many other aid and funding opportunities have peaked. Given the right information, survivors are able to make the best choices.

**Community level** – Homes that are "Safer, Stronger, and Smarter" (healthier to occupants, more energy efficient, built to Firewise standards, etc.) are more likely to survive future disasters, saving our community resources in the long run.

#### **OUR TEAM**

NCRN is sustained by volunteers from our local community – builders, architects, residents, and local businesses – all who believe we can come together as a community, *leverage local skill and talent, and take care of our own*. The NCRN team has extensive experience in non-profit management, small business ownership, event coordination, systems engineering, social media and marketing, information technology, and sustainable design and construction. Our success to date is a reflection of the talent and dedication of our growing list of members and supporters.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a financial contribution
- Donate products or services
- Help us expand our Professional and Supplier Network
- Hold a fundraiser for NCRN
- Visit www.nocorebuilding.org for more information on how to get involved!



### **Community Reflections**

"The efforts of NCRN are greatly needed in Larimer County, Colorado, a place that has endured a devastating natural disaster every year for the past three years – the Crystal Fire in 2011, the High Park Fire in 2012, and most recently the Colorado Floods of 2013. These disasters have been viewed as an opportunity to rebuild 'Safer, Stronger, and Smarter' and NCRN is at the forefront of that conversation and action." - Jessica Rawley, Treasurer, Northern Colorado Renewable Energy Society (NCRES)

"Since losing our home in the High Park Fire, the NOCO Rebuilding Network has been one of the most positive influences in our recovery." – Danny, HPF Survivor and NCRN grant recipient

"Support and coordination of rebuilding efforts is a vital component that is typically missing in disaster recovery." - Gary Sanfacon, Fire Recovery Manager in Boulder County

"NoCo Rebuilding Network has given us the connections and resources that would usually take a lifetime of living in a community to acquire. As much as we would all like to be completely independent and self sufficient, at times like these, a community support network is essential." – **Elizabeth**, HPF survivor and NCRN grant recipient

"New Belgium was pleased to partner with NCRN on their fundraising and outreach efforts during the recent natural disasters in Larimer County. NCRN's focus on community and sustainability are commitments we share and care deeply about. We took comfort in knowing our entire community was offered educational resources and grants to rebuild in a sustainable way." – Kari Fletcher, Community Outreach and Grants Coordinator, New Belgium Brewing Co.

"The people from NCRN were incredibly helpful during the rebuilding of my house after the High Park Fire. Every time I tell the story of those tough times I go into great detail about the contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects, the firewise experts, the green energy advisers, etc... the wonderful and very knowledgeable people who were and are the NoCo Rebuilding Network. My new more energy efficient home did well during the floods. In my old house the garage flooded with every big thundershower... the new garage stayed cozy and dry. They were available to answer any questions that I had during the rebuilding process. Thanks, NCRN!!!" - **Pat**, HPF Survivor and NCRN grant recipient

"The NoCo group educated us on how to work with the insurance system, help ourselves and even better it educated us how we could build a better home within our financial means." – **Pedro**, HPF Survivor and NCRN grant recipient

"There is a high level of generosity in the community that's pervasive like few other places. NCRN is compassionate, generous and helpful. When you're underneath a mess, it's just darn nice." - Mark, HPF Survivor and NCRN grant recipient