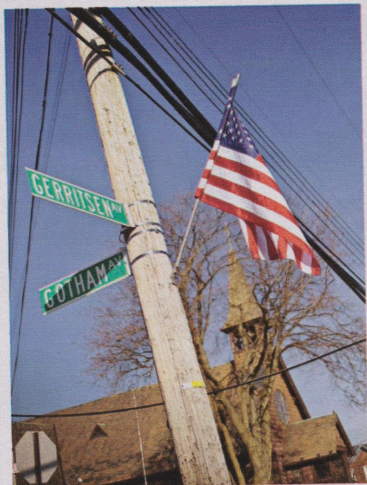




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“SHORING UP GERRITSEN BEACH”



The flood of seawater
was replaced by a flood
of volunteers.



Shoring up Gerritsen Beach

This summer, **Better Homes and Gardens**, our parent company **Meredith Corporation**, and more than 550 volunteers went to work rebuilding several spots in this tight-knit Brooklyn neighborhood.

PARTNER UP We teamed with Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit that repairs and renovates housing for homeowners in need across the United States. To learn more, visit werebuild.com or rebuildingtogether.org.

A HUGE UNDERTAKING Rehabbing three houses plus the community center, garden, and beach required some major planning. Susan's house alone took more than 50 conference calls, 1,000 square feet of siding, 40 gallons of paint, and "15 amazing Italian meals cooked by Susan's boyfriend, Dominick," Meredith project manager Brett Wilson said.

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Go behind the scenes

Get an inside look at this makeover and meet the homeowner. BHG.com/RebuildingVideo