When John Duran sought the community’s help, no one told him no. Duran, Desert View Homes land development manager, oversaw the company’s annual charity project. He coordinated the contributions of volunteers and more than 20 businesses to complete a retaining wall surrounding the Reynolds Home playground and entire property. This wall, a project that cost upward of $50,000, aided in the goal of providing homeless women and children a safe and secure home where they can turn their lives around.

“It is a lot of work, but it is for a really good cause,” said Kim Ramirez, a volunteer for the project and purchasing coordinator for Desert View Homes. “Everybody is more than willing to give their time for this. Beyond the physical work, it’s also giving your heart to the community.”

Boy, did they deliver. Dozens of volunteers donated a multitude of hours over the span of three months to get the job done, and Duran coordinated donations of labor and materials from concrete, construction, environmental and engineering companies across the city.

“One of our company has really opened their hearts and helped,” Duran said. “It’s amazing how many people stepped up, both contractors and employees.”

The old wall, which had been there since 1970, had two large sections down – about 140 feet had fallen due to age and water damage. On the other side of the property, an old chain-link fence would fall over every time the city cleaned out the abutting canal. By October 2021, Desert View Homes had coordinated the completion of the west-side wall, as well as construction of a 300-foot concrete retaining wall on the east side, and installation of 570 feet of chain-link fencing along the back of the property. To top it all off, they built a beautiful red-brick wall and iron gate enclosing the playground that will last for generations.

Contributing Companies:

- Desert View Homes
- Renegade Construction LLC
- ZTEX Construction Inc.
- OMD Endeavors
- Lone Star Title
- Speesol Inc.
- Del Rio Engineering Inc.
- CEA Group
- Green Globe Environmental
- MTI
- GCC
- Jabe Materials
- Raul Meza P.E.
- Barragan & Associates Inc.
- Jesus Gutierrez
- Hita Group Inc.
- Dunamai LLC
- LBI Pipeline
- TRE & Associates Engineering Solutions
- Bella Irrigation and Landscaping Contractor LLC
- Exoplay
- Zia Engineering & Environmental Consultants LLC