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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Through grants from Wells Fargo and Home Depot, Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) will provide Safe At Home Kits and food boxes to veterans, active military and other military families in honor of Veterans Day 2021.

WHEN: Veterans Day
Thursday, November 11, 2021

WHERE: Mare Island Naval Cemetery
167 O'Hara Court, Vallejo, CA
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Vallejo City Hall Ceremony
Parking Lot Behind City Hall
Next to Marina Vista Memorial Park
11:20 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHY: Home health and safety is essential for low-income military, veteran, and senior homeowners to remain in their own home—safely and with dignity.

Rebuilding Together Solano County is pleased to announce that due to the generous support of our workday sponsors, **Wells Fargo** and **Home Depot**, we are able to meet our goal of distributing 1,000 Safe At Home Kits and food boxes to military families and other low-income Solano County homeowners. For this project, Wells Fargo generously donated \$62,500 and Home Depot provided more than \$25,000 in donated home safety items.

Other workday donors include: Bank of America, Costco Vallejo, First Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties, M & M Sanitation LLC, Medic Ambulance, Minuteman Press, Phillips 66, The Nimitz Group, Valero Benicia Refinery, Vallejo's Community Presbyterian Church and other community supporters.

RTSC's Safe At Home Kit includes: an 4 in 1 earthquake emergency tool (gas and water / pry bar / glass breaker), a 10-year lithium sealed smoke alarm, a carbon monoxide alarm, a fire extinguisher, an emergency LED flashlight, LED plug-in night lights, emergency whistle, hand sanitizer, hand soap, face masks, light bulbs, a set of trash bags and disaster backpack with emergency information. Each kit is valued at \$150.00.

"It is very heartwarming that Rebuilding Together Solano County and the workday sponsors (Wells Fargo and Home Depot) and other workday donors can join together to make a lasting and visible difference for more than 1,000 low-income veteran, military, and senior homeowners in Solano County," said Elizabeth Hoffman, executive director, Rebuild Together Solano County. "Wells Fargo has been our backbone during COVID-19 providing RTSC with more than \$100,000 to continue our essential programs for low-income residents during this pandemic."

"It is Wells Fargo's honor to support Rebuilding Together Solano County's efforts that help the men and women who tirelessly fought for our country's freedoms," said Kevin Barri, Northern Golden State region bank president, Wells Fargo. "We salute our veterans and

thank organizations like Rebuilding Together Solano County for continuously filling pressing needs in our communities.”

Community members who would like to support RTSC and the various programs and services for low-income veterans, seniors, and disabled Solano County residents can:

- ❑ Donate monies (checks payable to Rebuilding Together Solano County, a nonprofit organization Tax ID #80-0473076)
- ❑ Donate Home Depot gift cards (to purchase additional home safety items)
- ❑ Volunteer at a workday
- ❑ Donate refreshments for volunteers
- ❑ Donate home rehab services
- ❑ Donate home rehab supplies (i.e. drills, smoke alarms, CO alarms, fire extinguishers, etc.)
- ❑ Join a committee to help us plan our next workday

Rebuilding Together repairs and renovates homes and community facilities in Solano County with the partnership of local companies, concerned residents and service organizations. Our goal is to provide low-income homeowners (veterans, seniors, and disabled individuals) with an avenue to remain in their home—safely and with dignity.

Rebuilding Together has provided services in Solano County since June 2009. With more than 12,000 volunteers, RTSC has provided necessary home repairs for 40 low-income veteran, senior, or disabled homeowners. Also, RTSC has held more than 50 community facility workdays in Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo. In addition, RTSC has installed more than 2,200 smoke and 600 carbon monoxide alarms for low-income Solano County homeowners.

For every dollar invested in a RTSC project, our return to the low-income homeowner and neighborhood has been ten-fold. In total, Rebuilding Together has invested more than \$6,000,000 into revitalizing low-income homes, community facilities and neighborhoods in Solano County.

About Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) provides free home repair and rehabilitation services for low-income homeowners and community facilities. During a one-day project, local businesses, community members, skilled tradesman and concerned residents come together from all walks of life to repair and restore low-income homes in our Solano County neighborhoods. RTSC is a local affiliate of Rebuilding Together USA, a national organization that includes more than 200 affiliates across the nation. In the past twenty-five years, more than 150,000 homes have been rehabilitated by Rebuilding Together volunteers. Visit: www.rebuildingtogethersolanocounty.org

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