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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Through grants from Wells Fargo and Home Depot, Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) will provide Disaster Safe At Home Kits and food boxes to veterans, active military and other military families in honor of Veterans Day 2022.

WHEN: Veterans Day
Friday, November 11, 2022

WHERE: Vallejo City Hall Ceremony
555 Santa Clara Street (Parking Lot Behind City Hall and next to Marina Vista Memorial Park)

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 the generous support of our workday sponsors, **Wells Fargo** and **Home Depot**, we are able to meet our goal of distributing 1,000 Disaster Safe At Home Kits and food boxes to military families and other low-income Solano County homeowners. For this project, Wells Fargo generously donated \$27,000 and Home Depot provided more than \$25,000 in donated home safety items.

Other workday donors include: Bank of the West, Costco Vallejo, CSAA, 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 Community Presbyterian Church and other community supporters.

RTSC's Disaster Safe At Home Kit includes: an First Aid Kit, Hand Crank Radio / LED Flashlight / Cell Phone Charger, a fire extinguisher, plug-in night lights, emergency blanket, glow sticks, emergency whistle, hand sanitizer, hand soap, face masks, a set of trash bags and disaster backpack with emergency information. Each kit is valued at \$175.00.

"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."

"The military is part of our DNA; it's part of who we are as a company. Throughout the years, Wells Fargo has supported military service members and veterans through foundation donations, financial health resources and initiatives to hire and more," said Kevin Barri, Northern Golden State region bank president, Wells Fargo. "It's an honor to support

Rebuilding Together Solano County's efforts to continuously fill pressing needs in our communities and help our veterans and military personnel."

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 52 community facility workdays in Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo. In addition, RTSC has installed more than 3,200 smoke and 1,600 carbon monoxide alarms for low-income Solano County homeowners.

In addition, RTSC has provided a Drive Thru Food Pantry to low-income veteran / senior / disabled families in Solano County as well as 16 mobile sites including low-income mobile home parks throughout Solano County, a low-income elementary school and organizations serving the disabled. RTSC has distributed more than 750,000 lbs. of food in the past year as part of Feeding America via the Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties.

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 \$7,000,000 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 125 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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