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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Through grants from Bank of America, 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.

WHEN & WHERE:

Date	Time	Location
03/03/2023 (Friday)	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Fairfield-Suisun Veterans Building 427 Main Street Suisun City, CA 94585

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.

Other workday donors include: Bank of America, 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, Wells Fargo 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 (Bank of America 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, Rebuilding Together Solano County. "During COVID-19, Bank of America has been instrumental in providing RTSC with \$25,000 to continue our essential programs for low-income veteran / senior / disabled residents during this pandemic."

"We're proud to support Rebuilding Together Solano County and its house maintenance projects that provide critical safety repairs and renovations to key members of our Solano County community," said Gioia McCarthy, President, Bank of America San Francisco – East Bay. "Events like this one today bring people together to help provide basic needs to the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Our local bank employees are always honored to volunteer for Rebuilding Together Solano County activities, with our military employee network taking part in this special experience."

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 3,700 smoke and 2,100 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 \$8,000,000 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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