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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 veterans, active military and other military families in honor of Veterans Day 2023.

WHEN / WHERE:

Date	Time	Location
11/11/23 (Veterans Day)	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Vallejo City Hall Ceremony 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA Parking Lot behind City Hall Next to Marina Vista Memorial Park
11/12/23 (Sunday)	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Vallejo Mare Island Cemetery 167 O’Hara Court Vallejo (Mare Island), CA 94592

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, Bank of the West, Costco Vallejo, CSAA, First Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties, M & M Sanitation LLC, Mare Island Co, Medic Ambulance, Minuteman Press, Phillips 66, Valero Benicia Refinery, Vallejo Community Presbyterian Church and other community supporters.

RTSC’s Safe At Home Kit includes: an Emergency LED Lantern with Hand Crank and Solar charging and Cell Phone Charger, a fire blanket, plug-in night lights, emergency blanket, blanket, emergency whistle, hand sanitizer, handsoap, 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.”

“Throughout the years, Wells Fargo has supported military service members and veterans through initiatives to hire and retain veterans, and through foundation donations, financial health resources, and event sponsorship. We are thrilled to join Rebuilding Together Solano County, local servicemembers, and members of the community to ensure a safe and accessible place to live. It is our way of showing our appreciation of our military community and the community at large,” said Kevin Barri, Northern Golden State region bank executive, Wells Fargo.

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 42 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 partnership with local fire departments, RTSC has installed and/or donated more than 4,710 smoke and 2,885 carbon monoxide alarms (with 10 year sealed lithium batteries) 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 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 \$10,000,000 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