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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Through grants from Kaiser Permanente, Bank of America, Phillips 66, Valero Benicia Refinery, Wells Fargo and Home Depot, Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) will provide Safe At Home Kits veterans, active military and other military families attending and/or working at Solano Community College.

WHEN / WHERE:

Date	Time	Location
04/26/2024 (Friday)	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Solano County Events Center 601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

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.

RTSC's Safe At Home Kit includes: 10 year smoke/CO Alarm, a 4-in-1 Emergency Earthquake Tool, an Emergency LED Lantern (Hand Crank and Solar charging) and Cell Phone Charger, a Fire Suppression Blanket, plug-in night light, Kaiser Permanente fleece blanket, emergency whistle, emergency blanket, N95 mask, hand sanitizer, hand soap, face masks, face shield, glow stick, a set of trash bags and emergency information. Each kit is valued at over \$250.00.

All veteran / military households receiving a Disaster Safe At Home Kit are required to provide the following:

1. Driver's License - showing Solano County address
2. Military ID / VA Card or DD-214 Discharge Documentation

NOTE: Each household (i.e. address) is allowed only 1 Safe At Home Kit since our annual distribution starting Veterans Day 2023.

The Veteran Safe At Home Kits are made possible due to our generous sponsors (**KAISER PERMANENTE, BANK OF AMERICA, PHILLIPS 66, VALERO BENICIA REFINERY, WELLS FARGO AND HOME DEPOT**) as well as our additional donors including: BMO, Costco Vallejo, CSAA, First Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties, M & M Sanitation LLC, Medic Ambulance, Mare Island Co, Minuteman Press, Umpqua Bank, Vallejo Community Presbyterian Church and other community supporters.

“It is very heartwarming that Rebuilding Together Solano County and the sponsors and other workday donors can join together to make a lasting and visible difference for more than 1,600 low-income veteran, military, and senior homeowners in Solano County,” said Elizabeth Hoffman, executive director, Rebuilding Together Solano County.

“The Solano County Veterans Office is proud to collaborate with Rebuilding Together Solano County in distributing Disaster Safe At Home Kits specifically tailored for veterans, active military, and other military families residing in Solano County, says Alfred C. Sims, Solano County Director of Veterans Services. The county boasts one of the most diverse, active, and vibrant military and veteran communities in the entire United States. The tireless efforts of organizations like Rebuilding Together Solano County serve as a powerful testament to the effectiveness of our community partnerships!”

“The men and women who served our country deserve our support however they may need it. Having banked the U.S. Military for over 100 years, Bank of America will always stand ready to help active duty service members, those transitioning back into civilian life, veterans and their families,” said Gioia McCarthy, president of Bank of America San Francisco and East Bay. “We do this a number of ways, from working with important nonprofits like Rebuilding Together to donating homes to veterans and even hiring more than 10,000 veterans nationwide in recent years.”

"These kits provide necessary supplies to keep people safely in their homes, especially during a disaster or emergency," said Darryl Curry, Senior Vice President and Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente Napa Solano. "Many recipients of these kits are veterans. As an Air Force veteran myself, I am proud that Kaiser Permanente supports those who served and works to improve the health of the communities we serve."

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.

Since 2009, Rebuilding Together with more than 12,000 community volunteers have provided our home rehab services to more than 42 low-income homeowners as well as held more than 52 community facility workdays in Solano County. In addition, Rebuilding Together has installed and/or donated more than 4,810 smoke and 2,900 carbon monoxide alarms in low-income mobile home parks. Also, RTSC has distributed more than 1,800 Safe at Home Kits. Finally, RTSC has provided a food pantry for low-income veteran / senior / disabled families in Solano County since 2018 as well as over 10 mobile sites including low-income mobile home parks, a low-income Vallejo 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. Estimated value of work is more than \$10,000,000.

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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