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Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of people in need

Redwood City, CA – Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP), along with more than 3,500 volunteers, will be rehabilitating and revitalizing neighborhoods providing free repairs to low-income neighbors, seniors, people with disabilities, and families from Daly City to Sunnyvale on National Rebuilding Day (NRD), Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Volunteers will be working in 15 different cities throughout the Peninsula, repairing and restoring 45 homes for low-income homeowners and 21 community facilities that provide help to those in need. For this one-day event volunteers will provide general clean up, painting, weatherization and safety upgrades, plumbing and electrical work, landscaping and other repairs. Some homes and community facilities will even receive free roof repairs or roof replacement. RTP is the only organization of its kind providing free roof repairs and replacement to its clients.

Rebuilding Together Peninsula will be working on a total of 66 projects on this one day – and in addition to these projects another 91 will be finished throughout the year under The Safe at Home Minor Home Repair Program. This remarkable amount of work marks the greatest number of projects completed in the organization's history. The project sites on National Rebuilding Day include 9 in Daly City, 11 in East Palo Alto, 7 in Menlo Park, 15 in Redwood City, 8 in San Mateo, 3 in Sunnyvale, 1 in Mountain View, and the remaining are along the Coast and spread out through San Mateo County.

“With the proper planning and all the materials and supplies in place, it is amazing to see the transformation that 30 to 50 volunteers can accomplish in one day,” said RTP’s Program Director, Cari Pang Chen. “The pride and relief that our repairs bring to our homeowners and community facilities is priceless, and the opportunity to directly impact people’s lives is extraordinary for everyone involved in our work.”

When asked how the repairs impacted her family, a former recipient of last year’s NRD program had this to say, “The happiest person is my mother, because she is able to do things in her home she was never able to do before. Now we are focused on keeping up our home to keep up with the sacrifices others donated for our family. We are beyond thankful!”

This year, RTP is continuing to incorporate green practices at all its project sites. Volunteers are encouraged to practice sustainable construction by reducing waste, making smart material choices, and conserving energy and water. Teams of volunteers will assist homeowners in reducing their carbon footprint by insulating water heaters, changing incandescent light bulbs to CFLs, and weather-stripping windows and doors.

About Rebuilding Together Peninsula: Rebuilding Together Peninsula builds volunteer partnerships to rehabilitate homes and community facilities for low-income people, the elderly, people with disabilities and families, so they can live in warmth, safety and independence. Serving all of San Mateo and northern Santa Clara County, RTP is the largest organization on the Peninsula dedicated to preserving affordable housing and revitalizing communities. Each year, RTP works with thousands of volunteers to provide free home and roof repair services. In its 23-year history, RTP has restored over 1100 homes and 320 community facilities with the help of 79,000 volunteers with an estimated reconstruction value of \$33,245,000.