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A Message from Rebuilding Together Peninsula Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Like many of you, we are closely monitoring the latest developments around the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our area.

We are committed to the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, sponsors, homeowners, community facilities, and the larger community and, we are taking and encouraging everyone to take the appropriate precautions. That said, we are planning to move ahead with National Rebuilding Day. However, as you probably know, this is a rapidly evolving public health crisis. We are monitoring the situation closely, will continue to follow the guidelines of federal, state and local governments and will plan and prepare accordingly.

In preparation for NRD, we plan to protect participants’ health and safety in the following ways:

First, local health officials are currently recommending postponing events with 50 or more people. Our NRD sites will generally have a maximum of 30 volunteers. If any sites have more volunteers, we will reevaluate the project and take necessary steps to reduce the number of volunteers or postpone that particular project. Second, we may offer sponsors the option to adjust the projects such that only outside repairs are done at this time and any indoor work is postponed.

In addition, we are taking extra precautions at worksites. We will be providing hand washing stations, antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, masks, disinfecting wipes, and cleaning supplies at each project site.

A few websites that we are accessing have useful information. We encourage you to review these sources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- San Mateo Public Health
- Santa Clara County Public Health

We will continue to post updates as soon as possible and present any plans or changes to NRD.

Rest assured that we will have responsible crisis plans in place and that we will encourage everyone participating to operate with an abundance of caution.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we navigate this together. Please call anyone on our staff if you have any specific questions regarding your project.