## REBUILDING TOGETHER PENINSULA TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY APRIL 28 and 29

## OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY-RELATED REPAIRS AT HOME AND COMMUNITY FACILITY SITES ACROSS SAN MATEO COUNTY FOR NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2023



Volunteers from Rambus celebrate a successful wheelchair ramp installation with Rebuilding Together Peninsula on a home in South San Francisco on National Rebuilding Day 2022 (RTP photo)

On Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, 2023, Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP) will celebrate National Rebuilding Day with 20 project sites at select homes and community facilities across San Mateo County. From Pacifica to East Palo Alto, more than 500 volunteers will provide crucial renovations, including painting, debris removal, fence repair, landscaping, and carpentry and maintenance repairs, amongst other modifications and improvements.

Relying already on limited income, "Lidia", a homeowner in Redwood City, had her ability to maintain her home further complicated by recently becoming caregiver to her late brother's children. Asked about upcoming National Rebuilding Day service addressing unsafe clutter, landscaping needs, security improvements, and more, Lidia succinctly echoes RTP's vision of safe homes and communities for everyone: "I look forward to (having) a more secure home".

"There's nothing like the excitement of National Rebuilding Day. On April 28th and 29th hundreds of volunteers will spread across the Peninsula to transform lives. With sponsorship from companies and support from service organizations, local government, generous donors and foundations, neighborsin-need will receive immediate, concrete, and long-lasting repairs and upgrades they could not do or afford to have done themselves. They will also help preserve affordable home ownership and retain the diverse fabric of the communities who need our help", shares Melissa Lukin, executive director for Rebuilding Together Peninsula.

A variety of corporate organizations, including Rambus, Tencent America, Whiting-Turner, and the Woodlawn Foundation amongst more than 20 others, are sponsoring RTP's National Rebuilding Day, providing volunteer labor support and/or critical funding for materials. These partners represent a breadth of industry - construction, technology, retail, finance, legal, and healthcare - underscoring recognition for the positive impact of RTP's work from various sectors in the community.

"Rambus is proud to continue our participation with Rebuilding Together Peninsula," said Jeffry Moore, SVP of global operations at Rambus. "We are excited to come together as a team to help our neighbors and benefit the community."

RTP is also pleased to continue engagement with multiple local service, school, and youth groups who are directly making a difference in their neighbors' lives by providing community service supporting various National Rebuilding Day projects.

"Woodside Priory School has had a friendship with the amazing people of Rebuilding Together Peninsula over many years. Our commitment to hospitality as a Benedictine school is perfectly in line with the mission of RTP and their incredible work with members of our wider community," expressed Kyle Lierk, director of campus ministry for Woodside Priory School.

In total, RTP will host more than 30 volunteer team projects in support of April's National Rebuilding Month and April 29th's National Rebuilding Day. These projects span multiple weeks surrounding National Rebuilding Day and include site preparation days and warehouse inventory projects.



A volunteer from Tencent America works in a San Mateo home on a Fall Rebuilding Day project in October, 2022 (RTP photo)

## **About Rebuilding Together Peninsula**

Established in 1989, Rebuilding Together Peninsula leverages the spirit of volunteerism to prevent homelessness, maintain affordable homeownership, and the diverse fabric of the community. With a mission to repair homes, revitalize communities and rebuild lives, RTP provides critical repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficient upgrades for homes and community centers at no cost to service recipients. RTP's impact extends beyond the individuals served, by revitalizing and stabilizing communities throughout San Mateo County.

## About National Rebuilding Day

Inspired by the volunteerism of a group of neighbors-helping-neighbors in Midland, Texas in 1973, Christmas in April was founded as a national organization in 1988 and later became Rebuilding Together. National Rebuilding Day is celebrated annually on the last Saturday in April as part of National Rebuilding Month, and brings together volunteer teams from civic, community, and corporate organizations to repair and rebuild homes and community facilities in-need. Rebuilding Together Peninsula also hosts a Fall Rebuilding Day annually in mid-October. For more information, please visit <u>www.RTPeninsula.org/national-rebuilding-day</u>.