

REBUILDING TOGETHER PENINSULA'S NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY IS APRIL 27, 2024

OVER 650 VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE SAFE AND HEALTHY HOUSING-RELATED REPAIRS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND NONPROFITS ACROSS THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA FOR NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2024



Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP) will celebrate <u>National Rebuilding Day</u> on April 27th this year, with repair projects at 29 homes and community facilities. More than

650 volunteers will provide crucial renovations, including painting, debris removal, fence repair, landscaping, and carpentry and maintenance repairs, amongst other modifications and improvements to neighbors-in-need across the San Francisco Peninsula on and around the 27th.

"National Rebuilding Day (NRD) offers a powerful catalyst for community engagement and demonstrates the power of volunteerism on the San Francisco Peninsula", says Melissa Lukin, executive director for Rebuilding Together Peninsula. "The donation of time, energy, and financial support from the over 30 corporate, trade, and service organizations underscores our shared sense of community and represents a testament to the value of our 35-year tradition of NRD. Together, we will bring safety and dignity to homeowners who couldn't afford the repairs on their own".

For example, RTP and its volunteers will provide much-needed interior plumbing repair, safety modifications, a fence rebuild, and paint work on the San Mateo home that has been in Terri McDowell's family since 1946. Terry looks forward to "reliving the beauty and the sanctity of the place where (we) grew up", while noting the opportunity to retain the generational wealth a healthy home represents. "We need to keep this in the family."

More than 30 corporate organizations, service groups, and non-profit agencies, including the Woodlawn Foundation, Tencent America, Rambus, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company are sponsoring RTP's National Rebuilding Day by providing volunteer labor and/or critical funding. These partners represent a breadth of industry - technology, real estate, healthcare, legal, finance, and construction - underscoring broad recognition of the positive impact of RTP's work across various sectors of the community.

"Being able to lead a team offering essential repairs that will uplift a facility-in-need is a great opportunity for Whiting-Turner to engage with the community and support our Peninsula neighbors", says Gunnar Johnson, a project manager with Whiting-Turner who is helping oversee renovations at the Friends to Parents school in South San Francisco for National Rebuilding Day.

Including 17 on April 27th alone, RTP will service 29 homes and community facilities in support of National Rebuilding Day, across 37 individual volunteer events through May 25th. The projects run throughout San Mateo County, from South San Francisco and San Bruno to East Palo Alto and Woodside, as well as in northern Santa Clara County.

