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Campus Social Hall to be Improved through Partnership between Rebuilding Together Long Beach, Big Sunday and Century Villages at Cabrillo

WHAT:

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 Century Villages at Cabrillo will host a community volunteer event organized through a collaboration with Rebuilding Together Long Beach and Big Sunday. Volunteers will paint the interior of the campus social hall, an iconic space at the Villages at Cabrillo that was once home to social functions at the former Navy housing site. Today, the Social Hall serves as a gathering space for resident groups and community meetings at Century Villages at Cabrillo, an organization whose mission is to break the cycle of homelessness. Additional volunteers are needed and the volunteer event is open to the public. Please RSVP to Amber Bradshaw at (562) 388-7810.

WHEN:

Saturday, May 5, 2012, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE:

2001 River Avenue

Long Beach, California 90810 Directions

About Century Villages at Cabrillo

Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) is a 27 acre supportive housing community established to break the cycle of homelessness. An affiliate of Century Housing, CVC operates on a former U.S. Naval housing site and serves more than 1,000 residents on any given night, including veterans, families, and children. CVC owns, manages, develops and serves as steward of the campus. Supported by a collaboration of nonprofit and government agencies, CVC maintains a continuum of supportive housing ranging from shelter, to transitional and permanent housing, all supported by essential wrap around services such as case management, life skills, employment counseling among others. For more information, please visit www.centuryvillages.org

About Rebuilding Together Long Beach

Rebuilding Together Long Beach (RTLB) develops partnerships within the community to rebuild owner-occupied homes and non-profit facilities for low-income residents, particularly the elderly or those with disabilities, so they may live independently with dignity, in warmth and safety. All services are at no cost to the recipient(s). RTLB supports two national "Work Days" per year, typically the last Saturday in April and October, when it dispatches work teams to several projects throughout the community. Volunteers work side-by-side with professional contractors and trades-people, all of whom also generously donate their time and resources. Other community partners support these workdays by donating materials, meals, and equipment. Each and every one of these teammates is a valued gift, without whose contributions our community work would not be possible. For more information, visit www.rebuildingtogetherlongbeach.org

About Big Sunday

Big Sunday's mission is to build community through community service. The organization's biggest event each year is Big Sunday Weekend—always in the spring, usually in late April or early May. That's when thousands of people from California, of all ages and all backgrounds, work together at hundreds of nonprofits, schools and other agencies that need their help. Last year on Big Sunday Weekend, 50,000 volunteers turned out—some as individuals, others with their families, still others as part of a class, church, synagogue, mosque, business or club—to lend a hand at more than 500 different projects from San Diego to San Francisco, making Big Sunday Weekend one of the largest regional community service events in America. For more information, visit www.bigsunday.org

MAKING A DIFFERENCE DAY



In 2009, Long Beach resident **Leonard Bowens** collapsed from a life threatening aortic aneurysm. Miraculously Leonard lived, but as a result of the lack of blood to his spinal cord, he became a C-5 paraplegic. After 10 months in the hospital, Leonard went back to his home with his mother, where he continues to make strides towards the independence he cherished.

On National Make A Difference Day 2011, volunteers from Clark Construction and Glaeser Builders went to work reinforcing the deck to support the weight of Leonard's wheel chair and transforming the bathroom for wheelchair accessibility.

With a will for regained independence, Leonard is a true model of determination and hope. Now with the assistance from Rebuilding Together Long Beach, he has a home to support his daily life.

DONATE TODAY

Rebuilding Together Long Beach accepts monetary, materials and in-kind donations, as well as skilled and unskilled volunteer hours. All contributions are tax deductible.

JOIN US

Make a difference today by getting involved. Stay informed about the many opportunities to make a positive impact in the Long Beach community.

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Making a difference in the lives of those who need it most

OUR MISSION

Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners.

OUR FOCUS

Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods, by providing free home repairs to homeowners in-need.



OUR HISTORY

Since its inception in 1992, over 12,000 Rebuilding Together Long Beach (RTLB) volunteers have repaired, renovated and rehabilitated over 250 sites in Long Beach and neighboring cities providing work with an estimated market value of over \$4.2 million to benefit those in need. These people are our family, our friends and our neighbors.

OUR SERVICES

RTLB works year round evaluating projects that require varying levels of skill, such as installation of wheelchair ramps, ADA approved bathrooms, lever door handles, smoke detectors, plumbing and electrical repairs, yard clean up and painting. Work days are typically in April and October, with emergency projects completed year round.



"I had never experienced a time where my work had so obviously impacted another's life before or after that day, but thanks to Rebuilding Together Long Beach I was able to have the opportunity to feel what it was like to truly help other people"

~COA Men's Transitional Facility Project Volunteer

OUR DEDICATION

Rebuilding Together Long Beach mobilizes hundreds of volunteers every year completing repairs and renovations in Long Beach and neighboring cities. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, we are able to say "Our work is on the house!"



OUR PASSION

Our passion stems from the people we serve and the impact we make. Home by home, block by block we are rebuilding lives, families and neighborhoods. Our work positively impacts the community through facility rehabilitation, energy efficient upgrades, partnerships with other organizations and volunteer action.