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Rebuilding Together Long Beach Celebrates 20th Annual Rebuild Day

(For Immediate Release – Long Beach, CA) Rebuilding Together Long Beach, a local non-profit organization and leader in home repair, will rally more than 150 volunteers to celebrate and help complete the repairs of 14 homes and 2 non-profit facilities on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Volunteers will begin their work at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Volunteers on the Annual Rebuild Day will complete repairs and make the finishing touches that have been taking place for months. Repairs will focus on electrical improvements for a senior mobile home housing community as well as carpentry, roof repair and paint for several individual home owners.

Rebuilding Together Long Beach (RTLBB) has been working on home repairs since March for these homeowners and their families, which can include roofs, electrical, plumbing, home modifications, and energy efficiency. The Annual Rebuild Day is RTLBB's largest volunteer event, which brings together local corporations, universities and civic organizations to provide sponsorship and volunteers to make home repairs.

We will celebrate the repair of 16 sites on April 27th as a part of the 20th Annual Rebuild Day. One of the homeowners receiving repairs is an elderly veteran with over 20 years of community activism on his resume. When he learned he would receive free home repairs on the Annual Rebuild Day, he said, "I appreciate it so much. They are saving my life. The fact that they would come out here and do this is a blessing."

"The Annual Rebuild is our time to celebrate all the people that make RTLBB successful- our donors, our volunteers and our clients. Our programs have evolved and developed a great deal since we began 20 years ago, but the one thing that has remained consistent is the generosity of the Long Beach community," said Kirsten Larsen, one of Rebuilding Together Long Beach's founding members.

RTLBB, organized locally in 1992, relies on local volunteers and generous sponsors to help repair homes and non-profit facilities throughout Long Beach and surrounding areas. Each year, the Annual Rebuild Day takes place in April. The Long Beach affiliate is a part of the national organization with 200 affiliates across the nation.

RTLBB solicits house applications through various City associations. The homes are selected following a personal visit by RTLBB volunteers to determine need and extent of work. All work is done free of charge to the homeowner.

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