

## **KB Home Helping Families Rebuild Together Homebuilder Brings Hope, Comfort to Local Residents in Need**

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SAN DIEGO, April 12 /PRNewswire/ -- KB Home, one of the nation's premiere homebuilders, has donated furnishings from several model homes to the local San Diego affiliate of Rebuilding Together, the largest national volunteer home rehabilitation organization assisting low-income homeowners.

Rebuilding Together will hold its annual national home rehabilitation event on April 23, when thousands of volunteers across the country will participate in home repair projects. For the past 30 years, a diverse community of volunteers of all ages and ethnic backgrounds have partnered with local corporations and organizations to sponsor projects where teams with skilled and unskilled volunteers paint, carpet, landscape, clean-up and perform plumbing and electrical repairs to homes and non-profit facilities. This year in San Diego, more than 1,000 volunteers will gather to work on 16 projects throughout the county, stretching from San Marcos to El Cajon.

Many of the low-income homeowners receiving assistance from Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD) have lived in the same home for many years, and in some cases decades. Because of age, low or fixed incomes, and disabilities, these individuals have not had the means to address their home repair needs, having to choose between food, medicine or fixing a leaking pipe. At times, these unattended repairs have developed into health and safety hazards, including mold, dry rot, electrical problems and numerous other potential home disasters.

Many homeowners have been living without basic furniture or getting by with badly damaged or severely worn pieces for many years. While RSTD expends every effort to make structural and aesthetic repairs, the old furniture typically gets put back in the house due to lack of resources, sometimes bringing disrepair back into the home.

This is the first time a homebuilder has made such a generous contribution of furniture to RSTD. The donation includes hundreds of furniture pieces, including couches, dining tables, bedroom furniture, dressers, lamps, art, bedding and miscellaneous accessories, which will be distributed to a dozen homes throughout San Diego County. In most cases, since the homeowner is only expecting structural repairs, the new furniture will be a surprise!

"KB Home is creating neighborhoods throughout San Diego with new homes, while Rebuilding Together San Diego is revitalizing older homes and improving the surrounding neighborhoods," said Rebuilding Together Executive Director Pamela Thorsch. "KB Home's contribution to our organization and the community is changing the landscape of homebuilding

and community partnerships leveraging the impact and outreach to assist those in need."

In addition to the furnishings, KB Home is donating manpower and expertise to almost every Rebuilding Together project throughout San Diego County during the April event.

"KB Home is thrilled to help Rebuilding Together make such a difference in the lives of so many people," said KB Home San Diego Division President Martin Lighterink. "Teams of KB Home employees will be all over the county on April 23, and we are all looking forward to improving the lives of so many of our neighbors by providing safe and comfortable homes."

Rebuilding Together is a grassroots organization assisting elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners who, because of age, physical limitation and low and fixed incomes, are not able to address necessary home repairs. The organization partners with numerous vendors and businesses to provide services at no cost to the homeowner.

#### About KB Home

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