

## **Lending a helping hand to Solano County veterans**

Are you handy around the home? Have you looking for a way to make a difference in your community? If you answered “yes” to either or both of these questions, the Solano County Veterans Affairs Office encourages you to consider volunteering your time with Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC). RTSC has helped numerous veterans in the community do repairs and remodels to their homes that significantly improve living conditions and quality of life.

As a not-for-profit organization, RTSC will help anyone in need, but has a special place in their heart for seniors, veterans and the disabled. The costs of owning and maintaining a home are growing exponentially, especially among low- to middle-income Americans,. RTSC fills a pressing need in our community, helping connect individuals that can provide assistance with those who are in need.

Since June 2009 with the help of more than 4,000 volunteers, RTSC has provided much needed home repairs for 15 low-income seniors in Solano County. The non-profit has also hosted 28 community workdays in Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Vacaville and Vallejo, helping to benefit senior centers, veterans buildings, boys and girls clubs, facilities for the disabled and other not-for-profit organizations.

For every dollar we invest in a RTSC project that benefits a local veteran, the return to the low-income homeowner and neighborhood is six-fold. To date, RTSC has invested more than \$1.3 million into revitalizing low-income homes and community facilities in Solano County.

There are several ways you can get involved and support the local veteran community through RTSC. They include:

- Volunteering at a community workday
- Providing a cash or in-kind donation
- Assisting with community fundraisers
- Donating your labor, tools and/or materials for community projects
- Consider becoming an official member of RTSC in Solano County

To volunteer to help RTSC in Solano County, please contact Elizabeth Hoffman, Executive Director, at (707) 580-9360 or [ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com](mailto:ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com).

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