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Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay Transforms Veteran Housing Facility in Punta Gorda Through Partnership

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (April 10, 2024)—In a remarkable display of commitment to our nation’s heroes, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) and The Home Depot Foundation transformed the lives and homes of 16 veterans today. This incredible achievement was made possible by the tireless efforts of over 400 dedicated volunteers who worked hand in hand to provide the needed upgrades to the Volunteers Of America’s Veterans Village of Punta Gorda.

"At RTTB, we are committed to serving our communities and honoring our veterans," said Jose Garcia, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay. "We know the good work of the VOA of Florida, and we’re proud to partner with The Home Depot Foundation volunteers to make a meaningful impact - not only in the lives of individual veterans who call the Veterans Village home today - but also those who will in the future."

The Veterans Village of Punta Gorda helps its residents escape homelessness by providing them with the services necessary to establish a life of independence. From job training to counseling and education, the VOA of Florida supports 5,000 veterans annually, making it one of the state's largest providers for homeless veterans.

RTTB is proud to have managed the project from start to finish. Volunteers were coordinated in groups to accomplish various tasks in the most efficient way possible, given the time allotted. Their work included:

- Landscaping
- Painting the building's exterior and interior
- Placing privacy hedging around the property perimeter and pool
- Upgrading facility entrance
- Building four pergolas
- Installing pavers
- Setting up outdoor furniture
- Adding raised gardens

For more information about the ongoing projects being managed by RTTB or to learn how to become a corporate volunteer visit RTTB.org.

About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

RTTB's mission is "repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives." We achieve this by providing members of our shared communities with imperative home repairs, housing, education, and other forms of assistance free of cost, bringing their homes to not just a habitable state but one that is safe and healthy and that they and their families can thrive in. With 5 offices and a service area spanning 20 counties, covering the majority of Florida's Gulf Coast and a large swath of Central Florida, RTTB addresses critical issues such as leaking roofs, problematic ducts aggravating asthma symptoms in children, and installs safety features like grab bars for elderly residents. We also construct new homes, providing homeownership opportunities to those who may have never deemed it possible. Following Hurricane Ian, RTTB was designated the lead affiliate for statewide response and recovery efforts, extending our service area to heavily impacted communities in Southwest and Central Florida, where we assist the most vulnerable in repairing and rebuilding.

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