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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 <u>www.bigsunday.org</u>