Rebuilding Together and 49ers Partnership Benefits Autism Programs

The Morgan Autism Center (MAC), after renting spaces for many years, finally found a place to purchase in Willow Glen. After making extensive safety repairs and ADA upgrades on the interior, MAC approached Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley for help with their vision to transform the exterior.

Rebuilding Together, in partnership with about 150 volunteers from the 49ers staff—including owners, officials and former players—came together on a very warm day in June to provide an outdoor makeover on the 3.68-acre property.

Volunteers painted the outdoor amphitheater stage and built benches for seating, added shade, worked on a garden with planter boxes and created a nature walk where students will be able to enjoy quiet time.

“For our students with autism and our adult clients with autism, they really need open space, outdoor areas, to come out and get some exercise and do it in a really safe way,” said Brad Boardman, MAC’s executive director.

Morgan Autism Center, a school for upwards of 100 autistic children and adults, has been providing education programs in the community for 45 years. By helping to make repairs, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley allows MAC to focus its resources on best serving its clients and making a difference in the lives of people with autism and their families.
A Message From our Chair:

The devastating floods of this spring impacted thousands of homeowners. When the devastation started to mount, our local governments and the community turned to Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley to extend our daily work beyond helping low-income homeowners live in warmth and safety to also helping the flood survivors.

At Rebuilding Together, we preserve affordable homeownership and strengthen communities. The flood response was a great example of this: individuals, companies, neighborhoods, local governments and Rebuilding Together coming together to return low-income homeowners to their homes, preserving and reinforcing our community!

We could not help flood victims or the large numbers of elderly or disabled low-income homeowners without the support of our community—individuals and companies volunteering their time and their financial support to preserve affordable homeownership and our communities. We have been privileged to serve our community for these past twenty-five years, and with your continued support, we look forward to the next 25!

Dawn Hogh, Board Chair

Did You Know? On Spring Rebuilding Day:

- 347 Pizzas were consumed by volunteers
- 668 Gallons of Paint were applied using 1,148 paint brushes
- 574 cubic yards of debris were removed
- 956 Volunteers woke up Sunday morning with sore backs and renewed spirits because they made a difference in the lives of their neighbors in need

Rebuilding Communities: Helping Coyote Creek Flood Survivors

Lam Tran, a part-time teacher who cares for her disabled husband, had no idea how she was going to fix her floodwater-damaged home when record-breaking rains caused nearby Coyote Creek to flood Golden Wheel Mobile Home Park early this year.

The muddy water ruined their stairs—their only way into and out of their home—as well as the duct work underneath, the skirting and her gardens.

“It was so scary,” Tran said. “I just worried. I was worried for the flood, and the worry didn’t go away.”

Relief came in April with the help of Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley and Bank of America, who partnered together to repair Tran’s home.

“As a lifetime resident of San Jose, this hit close to home,” said Linda Lentz from Bank of America.

“Repairs will allow Lam and her husband to stay in their home safely. “Thank you American people who came to support me and helped fix the house,” Tran said.

Continuing Community Revitalization

Golden Wheel Mobile Home Park will be part of Rebuilding Together’s Adopt-a-Park program during Fall Rebuilding Day on October 28. Sponsorships from companies like Google and the Asian Real Estate Association of America allow revitalization efforts to continue so that the repair needs of very-low income homeowners are met and they can live in safety and independence.

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Calendar of events

Paint the Town Fundraiser: September 22, 2017

Fall Rebuilding Day: October 28, 2017

Fall Supporter Appreciation Event: November 9, 2017

Paint the Town Fundraiser

Paint the Town, our annual fundraiser, will be held on Friday, September 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great music, food and refreshments while bidding on auction items to raise funds for our critical home repair programs.

Tickets are available at http://ptt.rtsv.org