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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER SAN FRANCISCO EARNS COVETED 4-STAR FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 13, 2015 – Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco’s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the fifth consecutive time that Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco has earned this top distinction.

Since 2002, using objective, data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These “Accountability & Transparency” metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities have “best practices” that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders.

“Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco’s coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities,” according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars -- a rating that demands rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco’s supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating.”

“It’s important our donors trust that we’re using our funding wisely to accomplish our goal of building more homes and revitalizing neighborhoods, right here in the Bay Area,” said Kristine Leja, Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco’s interim CEO. “Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously.”

Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco’s four-star rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

About Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco

Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco builds homes and community in partnership with thousands of annual volunteers, hard-working families, donors, civic leaders and other engaged community members in Marin, San Francisco and on the Peninsula. The work supporters help us

do provides a critical path to financial security for families who live and work here and strengthens neighborhoods across the Bay Area. Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco has built more than 200 affordable homes in the Bay Area and is currently building Habitat Terrace, a development of 28 single-family homes in San Francisco's Ocean View neighborhood, and Mt. Burdell Place, a 10-home development in Novato. Those interested in supporting our work or volunteering with us can find more information at our website: www.habitatgsf.org or can follow us on facebook at facebook.com/habitatgsf or twitter @habitatgsf.

About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

About Rebuilding Together Peninsula

Rebuilding Together Peninsula is a safe and healthy housing organization that believes community starts at home. Our focus provides critical repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficient upgrades to low-income homes and community centers at no cost to service recipients. Each year, Rebuilding Together Peninsula serves approximately 200 homeowners and 25 community facilities from Daly City to Sunnyvale, impacting nearly 25,000 people. Our impact extends beyond the individuals served to revitalize and stabilize vulnerable neighborhoods and communities across the Peninsula. *Mission:* Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. *Vision:* A safe and healthy home for every person. If you are interested in supporting our work in the community or volunteer opportunities, visit: www.RTPeninsula.org or follow us at facebook.com/RebuildingTogetherPeninsula to learn more.