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### *City of Rancho Cucamonga partners with Habitat for Humanity to repair a U.S. Navy veteran home*

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** – The City of Rancho Cucamonga has partnered with Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity to help a U.S. Navy veteran family repair their home in Rancho Cucamonga. This innovative partnership will allow the home to be repaired using no public funds, while incurring limited cost to the family.

Mr. Paul Pestel, a U.S. Navy veteran, has owned and lived in his home since the 1970's. After a fire in the residence in 2014, Mr. Pestel found he was unable to finance or organize the repairs needed for his home. Mr. Pestel, his daughter – also a U.S. Navy veteran, and her son were without their home.

While there was an evident need to act on this damaged, hazardous structure for the safety of the family and community, the City strongly opposed the idea of leaving this family without their home. Through a receiver appointed by the court, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity agreed to coordinate the project and has kept costs low through donations and pro bono work.

“It is the true goal of the City that this family be able to return to this home, where they are so connected, once the rehabilitation is complete. The staff at Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity is making it possible for that to happen through their network of dedicated supporters, both individual volunteers and corporate sponsors such as Home Depot and Valspar Paint,” said Jana Cook, Community Improvement Manager.

Additional donations of materials and services are still needed and can be made through Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity:

- Concrete and mason
- Windows
- Doors – interior and exterior
- Cabinets
- Counter tops
- HVAC system
- Stucco
- Asphalt
- Landscape
- Fencing
- Electricians / electrical fixtures
- Plumbing rough and finish



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Cash donations can be made to Lifeway Church Ministries, another partner who is working in the neighborhood to a smooth transition back into the home for the family.

**For More Information** – For additional information about the City of Rancho Cucamonga Community Improvement division, visit [www.cityofrc.us/cityhall/bldg/community\\_improvement](http://www.cityofrc.us/cityhall/bldg/community_improvement) or call (909) 774-4203.

For opportunities to support Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity on this project, visit [www.habitatpv.org](http://www.habitatpv.org) or call 909-596-7098.

Additional donations are being coordinated by Lifeway Church Ministries, 7477 Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga encompasses 40.1 square miles and is located 40 miles east of Los Angeles; considered to be the premier city in the Inland Empire, Rancho Cucamonga is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Southern California with a current population of over 175,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the programs and services provided to the community can be found at [www.CityofRC.us](http://www.CityofRC.us), via Facebook and Twitter @CityofRC.

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