

DAILY DIGEST

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Two Habitat for Humanity chapters merge in Bay Area

Two Bay Area affiliates of Habitat for Humanity are joining forces in a move they say will allow them to build more homes for low-income families.

Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, which covers San Mateo County, and Habitat for Humanity San Francisco, serving San Francisco and Marin counties, have agreed to merge, effective July 1. The new organization will be known as Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco.

The merged organization will be led by Phillip Kilbridge, currently executive director of the San Francisco affiliate. A headquarters site has not been selected. A spokeswoman said all 23 staffers and 15 AmeriCorps/Vista positions will be retained.

Founded in 1989, the Peninsula affiliate has built 104 homes and has eight under construction. The San Francisco affiliate, started in 1992, has built 31 homes and has three in the pipeline.

Other local Habitat for Humanity affiliates include one serving Santa Clara County and another for the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa counties).

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