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**VOLUNTEERS FROM LISC JOINED REBUILDING TOGETHER NYC TO BUILD
COMMUNITY FARM IN BUSHWICK AND PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING**

*The Bushwick Grows! Community Farm will provide experiential learning
opportunities and increase local access to healthy food choices*

NEW YORK—Today, Rebuilding Together NYC (RT NYC) joined volunteers from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to build a community farm in Bushwick led by the RiseBoro Community Partnership and known as the [Bushwick Grows! Community Farm](#).

The 5,600-square-foot farm, designed using community and neighbor input and funded by United Way, will offer experiential learning opportunities for neighborhood children and culinary workshops for the wider community. The program will also increase local access to healthy, affordable, fresh produce and promote sustainability.

Rebuilding Together Executive Director Kimberly George said, “In a city short on green space, we’re excited to help bring a farm to Brooklyn. The farm will act as an important community resource for kids, families and individuals; open up access to needed fresh produce; and help make our city a greener, healthier and friendlier place to live.”

“Thriving communities require public open space and access to healthy food. RiseBoro Community Partnership is thrilled to lead the Bushwick Grows! Community Farm project in collaboration with LISC, Rebuilding Together, and community residents. An extension of RiseBoro’s Bushwick Cooks Program, the farm will provide access to a healthy food ecosystem offering intergenerational programming for all, and will be the catalyst to unleash the potential of a healthier community”, **said RiseBoro CEO Scott Short.**

Over the course of the day, volunteers dug and filled row garden beds; constructed a large shade structure that will also collect rainwater; turned salvaged tires into raised garden beds, put together picnic tables and benches; and painted the exterior fence and existing structures. The farm will open to the public in early summer.

The farm design and build is a community-led, participatory initiative. Deutsche Bank also proudly supported the project by sending volunteers to assist with building picnic tables, benches, and painting, and helped sponsor the project.

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About Rebuilding Together NYC

Serving all five New York City boroughs, Rebuilding Together NYC is a nonprofit housing organization that rehabilitates homes and revitalizes communities to make them safe and healthy. With the assistance of volunteers, Rebuilding Together NYC provides free critical home repairs for low-income New Yorkers, primarily those who are elderly, disabled, veterans, families with small children, and survivors of natural disasters. Learn more about Rebuilding Together NYC at www.rebuildingtogethernyc.org.

About RiseBoro Community Partnership

At **RiseBoro Community Partnership**, we unleash the potential of communities to thrive, no matter the odds. Since 1973, RiseBoro has offered services designed to support every generation and meet the needs of communities. Our divisions encompass seniors, housing, education, health and empowerment. Our unique model of holistic community revitalization works by developing neighborhood assets, like affordable housing, to create the foundation for a more vibrant and diverse community. We build upon this foundation with programs designed to connect people to essential resources to help everyone in the community thrive, especially our most vulnerable populations. This inclusive approach helps unleash the potential of the community and ensures that nobody is left behind in times of growth. For more information, visit: www.riseboro.org.