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THE REBUILDING CAMPAIGN

The **Bair Island Aquatic Center** (BIAC) is a nonprofit community organization focusing on human-powered water sports including rowing, sculling, paddling and dragon boating. Formed in 1999, BIAC is a registered 501(c)(3) corporation which provides a tax deduction for some donors making a charitable contribution.

BIAC is run by the volunteer efforts of its 300 members and is funded through a combination of membership dues and fundraising activities. The Center houses over 150 boats including club boats for members' use and storage of members' private boats. It provides launching docks for access to the waterways surrounding Bair Island and the Port of Redwood City. BIAC regularly hosts community learn-to-row and at-risk youth programs, provides the home rowing facility for junior development programs, and supports ecotourism and restoration of the local Baylands habitat.

This spring, BIAC has been presented with an extraordinary opportunity. Each April **Webcor**, the largest general contractor in the Bay Area, sponsors a Rebuilding Day. They donate their time and talents to repair and upgrade a local community organization. In collaboration with **Rebuilding Together Peninsula**, a part of a national organization whose mission is to revitalize housing and communities, BIAC has been selected as a 2007 recipient!

This generous commitment will greatly enhance the BIAC facility. To date it has resulted in obtaining a ten-year lease from the landlord, CEMEX. And work to determine specific plans for the April 28th Webcor Rebuilding Day is well underway.

But now is the time for the BIAC community to take further steps to the future.

We can do important work in tandem with the Webcor Rebuilding Day so that BIAC can better serve its membership and meet community needs as a unique aquatic center. Leveraging Webcor's contribution, the BIAC board has asked the BIAC community to raise \$80,000 in new funds to secure additional critical facility needs. Several BIAC community members have already committed to fund almost half of this goal.

Now it is up to the other BIAC community members to step forward in support. Funds will provide:

Cover-all Storage Shed of approximately 60 by 100 feet to protect boats

or Focus Racks System to facilitate racking of rowing shells

Funds to pay for Rebuilding Day plans and permits

Purchase of dock floats

Selected other facility priorities to be addressed as funds are available

Your involvement and support are needed. Please join the BIAC community and step into the future by making your commitment as a volunteer committee member and/or donor.

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