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MEYER ESTATES: Homes Dedicated to the Holman and Finnegan Families

“Remember the day we stood here on rocky dirt when shovel struck ground, and we dreamed together of what could be, by God’s grace and will of love and labor?” read Pastor Melanie Oommen in a blessing for the Holman Family’s dedication on Saturday, March 7th. This blessing is reminiscent of the past three years of hard work and hope put in to the building of these two homes by the families and countless volunteers from Habitat, sponsors, and many other groups.

Armed with rain boots and umbrellas, dozens of people—volunteers, sponsors, family members, and neighbors—huddled in front of the first two Meyer Estates homes to be completed. The Holman and Finnegan families stood before the crowd, ecstatic to have reached the final stop in their long journeys to home-ownership.

Both families dedicated hundreds of sweat equity hours into the creation of their new homes; they

President Rick Medlen welcomes the crowd at the Holman Home dedication ceremony and introduces the family.



eral delays and staying committed to their goals. Similarly, Laura and Cody Finnegan with their three children,

Alliya, Elliot, and Felix, have been working with Habitat for Humanity for almost three years.

The families weren’t alone. Volunteers and sponsors supported them throughout their mission. Key sponsors include: First Congregational Church of Eugene, St. Thomas More Church, UPS, the City of Springfield, and the Oregon Association of Realtors through the Eugene Association of Realtors. Immense appreciation for the volunteers and sponsorship is owed to these sponsoring organizations. The University of Oregon’s Women’s Lacrosse team also volunteered on the builds and arrived at the dedicated in a final presentation of support and to see the outcome of their service.

Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity Board President Rick Medlen welcomed everyone to the dedication ceremonies Saturday morning, followed by opening prayers, blessings, and the presentations of the families, bible presentations by Habitat’s Executive Director Don Griffin, and the gifting of the house keys to the families. After the closing prayer, the crowd of onlookers were given a break from the cold wind to tour the homes—which many helped build. Soon to begin the process of moving in, the families strolled with volunteers through the fresh, empty rooms of their new homes.



Local artist Charlie Schull presents the Holman Family with a watercolor portrait of their new home at the dedication on Saturday, March 14.

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News from the Board President:



Spring Has Sprung at Habitat!

Good day to all of our wonderful Habitat volunteers and supporters. We welcome Spring to the Northwest (finally!) and, with the change in season, comes a renewed spirit in our affiliate. Seeing the completion of our first two homes in Meyer Estates and the joy on the Holman and Finnegan families' faces at the dedication ceremonies gives me a renewed vigor to make this dream happen for more and more families in our community.

Our effort to create and build a ReStore in our area is gaining ground rapidly. Habitat affiliates throughout the country are benefitting greatly from these recycling and resale centers. If you or someone you know would like to help in this effort, please don't hesitate to give our VISTA volunteer Penny Parks a call at the Habitat offices. She definitely has the vision and is our point person for putting this plan into action. With her and several others' efforts, you will soon see the sprouting of a ReStore that will serve our community for years to come and provide a stable source of funding for our expanded vision of what Habitat is capable of in Springfield and Eugene. And, of course, our ReStore will be a great place to

come search for that special bargain you need when remodeling your home.

If you are a golfer (or just pretend like I do), please join us in our first annual Raise the Roof Golf Tournament on June 19th at Springfield Country Club. Please read more about this fun, upcoming event in the enclosed ad. We have been guaranteed a bright, sunny day to enjoy the beauty of the Mohawk Valley and chase a little white ball around in the name of serving our partner families. Please consider playing, sponsoring a hole, donating a raffle prize, or just plain volunteering for a great time in the sun!

We're busy here at Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity and can always use your helping hands. We hold Volunteer Orientation seminars monthly to educate our community in all of the ways you can help create homes for our partner families. It's not just about swinging a hammer... Please contact Kate Close at the Habitat offices for more information on the dozens of opportunities available.

See you in June at Springfield Country Club!

Rick Medlen
President,
Board of Directors



THRIVENT BUILDS HOMES!

Work on the third home in Meyer Estates will commence this spring in our first partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans under the national Thrivent Builds Homes program and Habitat for Humanity International. Our build is one of 314 funded in the United States in 2009. During the past 3 years, over 1000 homes have been built through the Thrivent and Habitat partnership.

Working collaboratively to increase affordable housing opportunities for local families, Lutheran congregations in the area support the build by providing 50% or more of the volunteers and 10% of the project funds and in-kind contributions. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provides 65% of the funding and our local affiliate provides the remaining 25% of funds

through grants, donations, and in-kind contributions.

The three-bedroom home for the Ambrose family is part of the 10-house Meyer Estates development located at 49th and A Streets in Springfield. Partner Families contribute 500 or more hours in sweat equity helping build their own home and the homes of others, and participating in homeowner education sessions and other volunteer work supporting Habitat. Lisa and Daren Ambrose and their 3 children are excited and look forward to working with the many other volunteers working on their home.

Look for more information about the groundbreaking ceremony and opportunities to help in other ways with the build.

LANDSCAPING THIS SPRING?

Earn money for S/E Habitat for Humanity



Are you laying bark dust? Need some potting soil or mulch? Rexius Forest Products can take care of it. Did you know that for each retail delivery that Rexius Forest Products makes, they will donate a percentage to non-profit groups like Habitat. All you have to do is to return the "Contribution Designation Card" indicating where you would like the donation to go. Spread the word, tell your friends -- this is the perfect time of the year to take advantage of this program and raise money for Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity!!!



From the Executive Director's Corner



I've heard it asked many ways: What revs your engine? What sets your sail? What cranks your starter? What rings your chimes? What gets you out of bed? It doesn't differ much whether we're parents, students, employees, community leaders, or retired folks; we often deal with the question of what and who motivates us.

If you're searching for answers, you may want to talk to some of the volunteers who helped build the Holman and Finnegan homes. There were a few out of the many dedicated volunteers like

site supervisors Jim Brown and Steve Price who committed 140 days or more to construction. Hundreds of others came for a few hours or a few days. Some simply love the work, some love Habitat's mission, some care deeply about the family being helped, and some feel called by their faith. Whatever the motivation, it is a blessing that brings tears to my eyes and sends chills up and down my spine.

So get ready, stoke your fire, prepare yourself to help on the upcoming Thrivent Build or to assist in making our first Raise the Roof Golf Tournament a "hole-y" success. If you can't build, maybe you can help make lunches or be a site host to greet folks

and get them signed in. Don't golf? Help find a sponsor or help organize other parts of the event.

And speaking of sponsors, the faith communities committee is actively seeking churches to come together to form an apostles build – up to a dozen congregations partnering to share in building and funding a home. Give us a call to find out how your congregation can help.

Raise your hand and experience the joy of sharing in the work of Habitat.



— Don Griffin
Executive Director

Habitat ReStore: New Committee Approved

On Tuesday, February 17, 2009 the S/E HFH Board of Directors approved formation of an "Interim ReStore Committee".

The primary focus of this committee is to draft a comprehensive business plan for start-up of a retail outlet (ReStore) featuring new, used, close-out and stock over-run building materials, supplies and related items.

The purpose of the ReStore will be to provide S/E HFH with a sustainable source of income. Ultimately the Re-

Store should enable S/E HFH to serve a greater number of people in our area in desperate need of affordable housing.

We are just in the process of determining who will serve on the committee. Those already stepping forward have volunteered to put in some hard work, and will gain a feeling of making a real difference in people's lives.

Look for regular updates on the progress of ReStore development in future newsletters.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

More volunteers are needed for the event listed below. If you have a couple of hours to help out, please call Kate Close or Carol Errazki at the S/E HFH office and they will get you signed up.

June 19

Raise the Roof Golf Tournament

Habitat is currently recruiting volunteers—as well as sponsors and participants—for the first annual benefit golf tournament at Springfield Country Club. There are plenty of different opportunities for volunteers to get involved so please contact Kate Close by email at kate@sehabitat.org or call the S/E HFH office.

Volunteer Orientation Schedule

Volunteer orientations will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the S/E HFH office. The next two orientations will be on Monday, April 6 and Monday, May 4.

Home Dedications continued...

In looking back to the beginning of the journeys taken and dreams fulfilled, we look back to Pastor Oommen's blessing, which ends like this:

"A new beginning, here, a place blessed, to be a blessing to this family, and all who you welcome with hospitality, so that all who enter may then go forth to live in this world, strengthened by a sense of home, nurtured by place, enlivened by the love of family and community, emboldened to act for justice on behalf of others seeking home."

And we offer a special thanks to our commercial in-kind contributors who helped

complete these homes: ABC Roofing Supply, Alert Electric, Artisan Engineering, Best Pots, Dalton Carpets, Dougherty Landscape Architects, Emerald Excavating, Inc., Ferguson Enterprises, Hardwood Industries, Hertz Equipment Rental, Hunter Douglas Corp., IBEW Local 180, ImagINwood, Jerry's Home Improvement, Larson Manufacturing, Mobile Mini Storage, O'Hara Catholic School, Owens Corning Roofing, Rexius Products, River Roofing, Specialty Plumbing, Square D, Square Deal Lumber, The Truss Company, Timber Products, Triple D Construction, Valspar, Weathervane Windows, Whirlpool Corp., Wildish Sand and Gravel, Yale Locks, and Yandel Appraisal.



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for Humanity®

Help us make it happen!

Habitat for Humanity

builds more than houses- -

it builds families, communities and lives.

Every gift to Habitat is a testament to the caring and unselfish spirit of Habitat supporters who choose this way to make a difference in the world they live in. Yes, I would like to help Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity build another house!

___ Here is my pledge of \$ _____ per month for _____ months.

___ Here is my one-time gift of \$ _____.

___ Here is at least \$100 to join the “600 Club” (600 people pledging \$100 each, to help fulfill our mission!)

___ I would like to make an **alternative gift or memorial gift** by making a donation to Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity. Please send a gift card to the following address:

___ I would like to sign up for electronic funds transfer; please send me information.

Donate by credit card on-line through our website link, www.sehabitat.org and 100% of your donation comes to us.

Check here ___ if you do not wish to be thanked publicly (in a newsletter, other publication, etc.) for your donation. This selection applies to all donations unless you authorize otherwise.

To: Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Holiday/Occasion to be celebrated _____

From: Your Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to: S/E HFH. All donations are tax deductible as permitted by law. S/E HFH tithes on all unrestricted contributions to build homes in Nicaragua, helping end poverty housing around the world.

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can use the above coupon to give to Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity in many ways. You can make a monthly pledge, you can make a one-time gift; or, you can pledge \$100 to join the “600 Club” (600 people pledging \$100 each to help fulfill our mission.)

You can also celebrate a friend’s or family member’s birthday or other occasion with an alternative gift. Send us a check, the name and address of the recipient and they will receive a card telling them of your gift to us (not the amount).

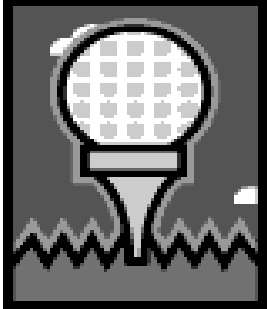
Or leave a legacy by designating the Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or IRA. Consider the advantages and contact your financial advisor or attorney.

Homeowner Applications Being Accepted

The Family Selection Committee is accepting applications to become Habitat homeowners. Families are needed for three 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom homes in Meyer Estates, Habitat’s 10-house development at 49th and A Streets in Springfield.

Applicants are selected based on 3 criteria: Need, Willingness to Partner, and Ability to Pay. Need includes determination of the need for housing and the applicant’s income. Factors such as substandard conditions, overcrowding, or paying more than 30% of ones income for housing are considered. Persons/ families with income levels from 30% - 60% of the area median income, adjusted for family size, are eligible. Willingness to Partner is most prominently reflected through the sweat equity requirement of 400 hours for a one-adult family and 500 hours for a family with two or more adults who will live in the house. Ability to Pay is a combination of credit history/debt load and income stability. Additionally, applicants must currently live in our service area or have worked in it for at least a year, and be a citizen or legal resident of the US.

Contact the office for application orientation schedules and additional information.



**RAISE THE ROOF GOLF TOURNAMENT a Benefit for
SPRINGFIELD~EUGENE HABITAT for HUMANITY**

Hosted by Springfield Country Club

Visit our website
for more
information:
www.sehabitat.org

DATE: Friday, June 19, 2009
TIME: Lunch at Noon
Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM
COST: \$500 per Foursome
\$125 Individual Golfer

HIGHLIGHTS!

- ◆ 4 person Scramble Format
- ◆ Hole in One & Raffle prizes!
- ◆ Lunch, Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls, included
- ◆ Dessert & Awards

Sponsorships Available:

- ☞ **Title Sponsor**
- ☞ **Hole Sponsor**
- ☞ **Lunch Host**
- ☞ **Driving Range**
- ☞ **Dessert Host**

Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity has been changing lives and building homes in partnership with families in need since 1990. Through the generosity of volunteers and donors we have successfully helped 41 families in our local area to build and own their homes. In addition to our partnerships in our community, S/E HFH has funded 38 homes in our sister country, Nicaragua.

Funds raised at this event directly help us serve needy and deserving families from our local community

For more information please contact:
Rick Medlen (541) 521-0501
Sonia Wildish (541) 953-7132
S/E Habitat Office (54) 741-1707

We appreciate your support of our first annual tournament! Take a "swing" at building affordable housing in our community.

RAISE THE ROOF GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration Form

NAME: _____	<u>Packages</u>	<u>#of Tickets</u>	<u>Total</u>
COMPANY: _____	Individual Golfer \$125 per ticket	_____	_____
ADDRESS: _____	Foursome \$500	_____	_____

PHONE: _____	TOTAL DUE _____		
CELL: _____	Please send check or money order to:		
EMAIL: _____	Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity PO Box 488, Springfield, OR 97477		

ATTENTION: Join Albertsons' Community Partner Program and Raise Money for Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity

For those of you who haven't heard about Albertson's Community Partner Program, it's an easy way to help raise money to support Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity's mission to eliminate poverty housing. When you link your Albertsons' Preferred Savings Card to our Community Partner number (49000108872), then for every dollar you spend on groceries at Albertsons', they will donate a percentage of what you spend, directly to S/E HFH as a cash donation. This is a fantastic program

You can go to any Albertsons Customer Service desk and they can help link your card to our number, just clip the coupon below and take it with you.

Or, you can do it yourself online. The process to link our Community Partner number to your Albertsons' Preferred Savings Card is very easy.

- 1) Go to Albertsons' web site at www.albertsons.com
- 2) Click on "In the Community" (bottom of screen on blue bar).
- 3) Click on the Albertsons' Community Partners logo.
- 4) Click on "Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first.
- 5) Enter your phone number and your Preferred Savings Card number, hit return.
- 6) Then enter our Community Partner number, **49000108872**, and you're done.

For those of you who don't have access to a computer, you can call our office at 741-1707 and ask for Carol, she will link your card for you.

If you have any questions, please call the Habitat office.

Clip this coupon and take it with you!

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