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Silvey Family Home Dedicated – Women Build Celebrated!

The rain held back, the temperatures were almost balmy, the day was joyous, and the occasion was remarkable. On Saturday, February 12th, Liz Silvey and her 3 children were lifted up by wonderful friends, dedicated volunteer builders, generous donors and sponsors, and fabulous friends



of Habitat during the memorable dedication ceremony of their new and wondrous home in Habitat's Meyer Estates Subdivision in Springfield.

It was the family's day. It was also the day of more than 150 women who helped build the home in Habitat's first Women Build in over a decade. It was the day of over 80 women whose generous donations helped buy the building materials and supplies. And it was the day of Wells Fargo Bank and the City of Springfield whose grants helped make possible the completion of the 6th home in Habitat's 10-home development.

In the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, of helping all God's children find safe, decent, affordable housing, women volunteer builders graciously welcomed men to the worksite and incorporated the men's time and talents into the building process.

To keep momentum going, Women Build organizers are starting to make plans for the next build. Look for more information on that build in future "Habitations".

Introducing the Freeman Family!

Don Freeman and his adult son, Donald, were living in a small leaky trailer on his daughter's property. "It was hard to keep things dry," he says, "and also cold because if more than one heater was used the breaker would go out." By chance, his daughter saw an advertisement about Habitat and started the process that has now led to Don and Donald being close to moving into a new home at Meyer Estates.

Don moved to Eugene/Springfield from Colorado as a child in 1959. He worked as a logger for most of his adult life until he was disabled. Before getting involved with Habitat neither Don nor Donald had ever done any building, but they jumped right in. "That first year we were out there every build day," he says. They still work on the build, though they are closing in on 600 hours of sweat equity.

Don had more trouble when it came time to choose colors for his house, he and Donald wanted a blue house with white trim, but a fam-

ily member pointed out that other houses had that color already. "We had lots of people trying to help," Don says, "lots of women giving suggestions." His daughter had some ideas, and also the women who were then working on the "Women Build" house out at the same build site. In the end the men chose charcoal with a blue/brown trim. They are eager to see it on the actual house, but they have to wait for warmer, dryer weather to paint. They have learned not to be in a hurry. "It's a long process," he says, "but fun." In the end they will have their own house, "You know... something to call ours."



Jerry Prud'homme working with Don and Donald Freeman.

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Dedication and B E Y O N D!

For over a month, the Silvey family has used their shiny brass key to open their front door.

They walk into a home that is filled with their favorite things and each family member is creating new memories. However, indelible memories for 100 + volunteers have already been created and have become the foundations for projects outside of Meyer Estates.

The University of Oregon Women’s Lacrosse Team has been the backbone for creating a Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter. Two of the four board members are Lacrosse women and Stacey Ziegenhagel, a two year volunteer with HFH, is the vice-president. The students are in the process of creating a network of sub-committees and are already involved in projects within our affiliate.

The Presidents of the Panhellenic boards at the U of O are working with the campus chapter in hopes of raising money to fund a “Greek build” during the 2011-2012 school

year.

A second year law student at the U of O, Kyle Smith, is heading a Bike and Build team across America this summer. He will be in charge of 28 college students from other universities and they will ride and work on Habitat houses as they make their way to Oregon from New Hampshire. Five hundred dollars of the \$4,000.00 he needs to raise will be gifted back to our local affiliate for future builds. (<http://bikeandbuild.org/donate>)

Law students at the U of O have volunteered their skills to help write grants and research legal information that may be needed by Habitat.

Two of the Women Build volunteers have participated in Global builds to Nepal and Sri Lanka. Both of these women were novice builders when they started the Women Build project in May.

These are a few of the projects that began after the dedication and continue to reflect the values and tenets of Habitat for Humanity.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the 27 student volunteers from the University of Oregon,

teers from 12:00 to 2:30 in the afternoon. It was a very diverse group of volunteers that greeted each other in multiple languages in a very “aloha” way.

where S/E Habitat for Humanity is completing the 7th House and starting to build the 8th of 10 houses with Habitat Partner Families.

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

All this was made possible with the help of Todd Thompson, City of Springfield, Public Works Department, Maintenance Division that provided supplies

the Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity volunteers, and the neighbors that participated in the MLK Day of Service around the Meyer Estates neighborhood, 49th and A Streets in Springfield.

The day started with a group of 17 volunteers in the morning from 8:45 AM to 12:00; followed by a second group of 18 volun-

Several groups were welcomed by neighbors, as they helped them with some of much needed small projects like yard clean up and fence repairs, the rest of the volunteers cleaned the streets and bagged yard debris for 10 street blocks around Meyer States

and coordinated the pick up and disposal of 60 large bags full of leaves.

Mahalo, Kamsahamnida, and Muchas Gracias to all of you, for outstanding participation in the MLK day of Service.

News from the Board President

2011 sure came fast! Things continue to go great for our affiliates. With the acquisition of property in Eugene, we will hopefully be able to build before the end of the year.

We are excited about building in the Eugene market since the majority of our development has been outside of this market. The continued partner-

ships we have throughout the community have helped us to achieve our goals sooner.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!

As our ReStore continues to thrive and show profit it will not be long until it will be able to support the building of additional homes in our community.

Lastly, our Brews & Blues festival in August is rapidly approaching. Although it is coming together nicely we

still need to spread the word so we can get as many people as possible to attend this great fundraising event for us. It is a true pleasure and honor working with the Board of Directors and staff at Habitat for Humanity. We are very blessed to have such an amazing group of people. Thank you for your time, dedication, and hard work.

— Dan LaCoste,
Board President



Volunteer Corner

A big thanks to all the volunteers who have been helping assemble the **newsletter**. If you would like to be part of the group putting the newsletter together every 3 months give Vikki a call.

We want to urge people who would like to take **photos** of the build to call Vikki too. Jeff Workman has been an onsite photogra-

pher for several builds, but we can use other regular photographers. Photos are used for newsletter, scrapbooks that go to the family, and other events. We like to get them monthly if possible emailed or on disc.

We are starting to **update our volunteer list** once again. If you have a new address, phone number or email, please let us know. If you have moved out of area or no longer want to volunteer, help us take you off the list.

Welcome! Jane Vered!

We want to welcome Jane Vered who has been hired as our new accountant twenty hours a week. She recently finished her Masters degree in accounting from the U of O and volunteered for a time with the Tamarack Wellness Center where she took an interest in working with non-profits as a career.

She has a back ground as a neonatal R.N., and worked for ten years in medical business and account management before returning to school to get her Masters. Jane has three children, one of whom is graduating this year. In her off time she likes to read, take walks, and says she is "constantly working on my house." Habitat is excited to have her on our staff.



SPOTLIGHT ON... Lisa DeHaas

In the two years that Lisa De Haas has been a volunteer with SE Habitat she has stood out for a number of reasons: her enthusiasm, her energy and her willingness to jump in and take on all kinds of tasks. Lisa works as a board member, pounds nails out at the build site, helps with fundraisers and home shows and is an inspiration to people she works with.

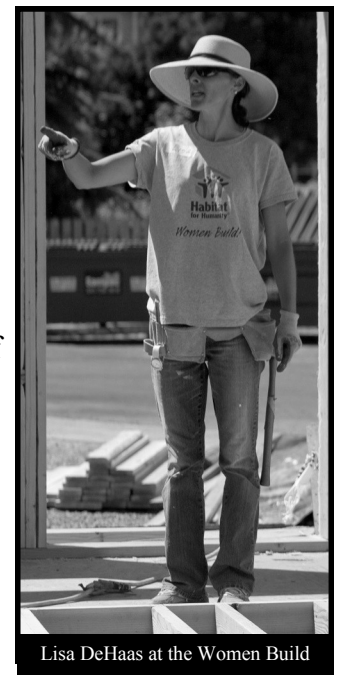
She was the organizer behind the recently completed Women Build. "I did some research and felt we were ready for that challenge," she says. "In working with women volunteers you share a communion that is unique and lasting. The stories, the interactions that promote kindness, genuine interest and good natured teasing creates an environ-

ment that brings you back weekly. All this, while helping to alleviate poverty."

Lisa taught Spanish at Oak Hill School in Eugene and has three children, now 25, 22, and 19 years old. "Our family is spiritually driven, mindful of the needs of others, and filled with lots of energy," she says. Her son is a vice-principal on the south side of Chicago, a daughter volunteers as a track coach when not studying, and another daughter volunteers with mentally challenged adults.

She says her building experience before joining Habitat was "hanging pictures in my home." She has learned fast and is currently helping to get a U of O Habitat

chapter off the ground to bring more young people out to the build site. "To see high school students and college kids working and sharing stories with "elders" is a great sight," she says. Knowing Lisa, there will be a lot more of that happening in the near future.



Lisa DeHaas at the Women Build

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ReStore
 The Store That Builds Homes

The ReStore Marks its First Year of Operation!

It's hard to believe that the ReStore only opened a year ago in March. The store has become a popular destination for people looking for affordable building and home improvement materials and a great success for Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity.

Among the ReStore's supporters are remodeling contractors who regularly donate great reusable cabinets, fixtures and other materials leftover from jobs. They also shop for good deals as well. Several of our regular contractor customers say that they always stop at the ReStore first before heading to Jerry's, Lowe's or Home Depot. While the ReStore doesn't always have what they are looking for, the money they can save at the ReStore makes it worth checking.

Valuable donations also come from a number of retail and wholesale operations that

have surplus building materials. The new, but surplus, merchandise we get in regularly is great for everyone. It helps raise a lot of money for Habitat, allows people who might not be able to afford new materials, and saves the companies that donate money. The cost of handling surplus materials can be significant for a company and takes up valuable warehouse space. Donating to the ReStore also ensures that things don't end up in the landfill.

We also receive a steady stream of donations from individuals. We have had everything from solar hot water systems to a hydroponic growing system come through the donation door. Some of our most valuable donations are working appliances. We check every appliance to make sure it works properly and thoroughly clean everything.

The most important ingredient that makes the ReStore a success is our volunteers. We simply could-

n't operate without our enthusiastic, cheerful and hardworking volunteers. Some volunteers come in once a week for four hours and some for the whole day. It can be hard work at times and occasionally a little dirty, but very rewarding. Our volunteers have formed some great friendships among themselves and there's always a lively conversation taking place. The nice thing is that our customers have commented that our people is one of the things they like best about the store. We're sure you'll agree.



Building Community

Eagle Scout Greenhouse Project Helps the ReStore!

Reid Gottschalk is working towards his Eagle Scout badge by designing and building a new and improved version of the ReStore's mini-greenhouse that was very popular at the January Good Earth Home and Garden Show. Reid spent several weeks working on plans, building a prototype, and leading a group of volunteers to build several mini-greenhouses for sale in the ReStore. Two greenhouses based on Reid's design were built by staff and volunteers for the Spring Home & Garden Show. These greenhouses sold within the first ten minutes on Thursday, the first day of the show. Reid is with Boy Scout Troup 60 which is associated with the Eugene Church of Christ. He has been in the Troup for about 5 years. There are around 25 other Scouts in the Troup.

This is the third project that Scouts from local Troup 60 have done for the ReStore. Last year, Scout Stephen Brown designed and supervised the building of lumber storage/display racks for the store and Scout Zack West designed and super-

vised the building of countertop laminate storage racks for the warehouse. Both Stephen and Zack used these projects to help earn their Eagle Scout badge.

These projects and the involvement of students from the University of Oregon and local schools are important for the ReStore and Habitat for Humanity. The ReStore relies primarily on volunteers for a wide variety of things. This allows the ReStore to keep its overhead lower and put more of its income towards Habitat's mission of building decent, affordable homes for people in need. It also helps bring a greater awareness to the work that Habitat does in the Eugene/Springfield community.

One-hundred percent of the materials used to make the mini-greenhouse came from donations to the ReStore. Recently, the ReStore received a large donation of old wood windows. Fortunately, the windows were a perfect size to construct a mini-greenhouse. Six windows go into each mini green-

house. The mini-greenhouses also use some composite decking materials as part of the base to prevent the wood from rotting. The composite decking is made from wood waste and recycled plastic. The windows, cedar fence boards, a few surplus 2" x 4"s and 2" x 2"s and some hardware are all that's required to make a very functional patio or deck-sized mini-greenhouse.

The mini-greenhouses will sell for between \$195 and \$225 and be available periodically at the ReStore.



Reid Gottschalk assembling a mini-greenhouse.

Help us make it happen!

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builds more than houses-

it builds families, communities and lives.



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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 _____

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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.



From the Executive Director's Chair

Repetition can be comforting, can be strengthening (as in physical conditioning), can promote learning, and can be skill building. It can also make us rather complacent about some basics in our lives — the light that lights up the night, the internet connection that opens the world to our view, the car that takes us to work.

The Japan tsunami that reached Brookings and the March 13th wind and rain storm locally help awaken a sense of awe at the power of nature and give my complacency a serious, well-deserved jolt. How fortunate am I to get up each day in a warm and cozy home?

In a sense, Habitat's mission is to help bring some stability, some

consistency, to a family's life through safe, decent, affordable housing. That stability helps enable families to face a lot of other difficulties, uncertainties, and tragedies in life.

May we all be moved to help those whose lives were so devastatingly buffeted by water and wind regain some stability in their housing, so they may begin to piece together their lives. May we remember how important the work of Habitat is in our community and around the world and be moved to help as we are able.



— Don Griffin
Executive Director

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"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something . . . I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

—Jimmy Carter, Habitat for Humanity champion

Join former President Carter in making a difference by donating to Habitat for Humanity on your Oregon income tax return. Write in code "1" on line 68a in the Charitable Checkoff section to help build the most important place in Oregon: home.

Charitable Checkoff 2011



Help build a home with Habitat this tax season

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| \$10 buys a box of nails | \$250 buys shingles |
| \$25 buys paint | \$500 buys a furnace |
| \$50 buys a window | \$1,000 buys lumber |
| \$100 buys a sink | \$5,000 builds a room |
| \$150 buys a front door | \$75,000 builds the home |



How to Donate

Step 1: Locate box 68a on your Oregon income tax form

Step 2: Write in code "1"

Step 3: Enter donation amount in box 68b





Car donations can help a family in your community build a house and the hope of a better life! By donating a car to Habitat's Cars for Homes™ vehicle donation program, you help Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity build and rehabilitate houses in partnership with families in need of a hand up, not a hand out. It is quick and easy to recycle your used cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, construction

equipment or other vehicles—running or not! Plus, you may be eligible for a tax deduction if you itemize. (Consult the IRS or your tax advisor for details.)

Donate a car, truck, boat or RV to Cars for Homes™ — Habitat's official car donation program.

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