

## MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based ecumenical ministry building simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with people in need.

## 2011

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## FAITH...HOPE...LOVE...WOMEN

As we enter the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the Women Build project, it is remarkable what this group has accom-

plished! Although very few of us had formal building skills, the willingness to learn new terminology, work in an environment that ranged from 95 degree summer days to Oregon's torrential downpours, and knowing that we are moving one step closer in

*"I am a firm believer in the power of personal contact to bridge differences." —The Dalai Lama*

helping curb sub-standard housing were enough to keep 150 individuals motivated. Our volunteers (70 of whom are college students) are involved with construction work or behind the

scenes in fund raising

or as site hosts. The Women Build project has put more hammers in more hands and, together, we are building a lovely home for

the Silvey family. We are all looking forward to February's dedication, to gather with fellow volunteers, to view the power of a key, which will unlock a dream for this family of four.

*"All of us who have different kinds of faith look for ways to put our beliefs into actual, practical action." — President Carter*



## Eugene Celebration House

Excellent progress has been made on the first of two Eugene Celebration sponsored houses. The house is being built in partnership with our Partner family, Don and Donald Freeman. The father and son team have been sharing their time and energy on the worksite virtually every build day, getting to know the many volunteers working on their home and learning a lot about home construction in the process.

Eugene Celebration together with their presenting sponsor Northwest Community Credit Union and added sponsorship from Jerry's Home Improvement Center are sponsoring two houses over a three year period. Their first sponsored house is the seventh house in our Meyer Estates subdivision at 49<sup>th</sup> and A Streets in Springfield. The second Eugene Celebration house will be built in Eugene, at a soon to be determined location, beginning later in 2011.

The Freeman house has been closed in so work crews can have a dry worksite for the winter. Work crews from the sponsors, other groups, and individual volunteers are scheduled through Habitat's volunteer coordinator. Contact us for details. House sponsors have first priority on workdays so groups wishing to ensure they have building opportunities are encouraged to explore becoming house sponsors (contact executive director, Don Griffin, for information about full and partial sponsorships).

Site supervision for the Freeman house is provided by our two AmeriCorps Members volunteering with us through the national direct AmeriCorps program of Habitat for Humanity International. In addition to the site supervisory and other building work done by the AmeriCorps Members, they are also supporting our construction process in numerous other ways designed to help us increase our building capacity and efficiency.

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*News from the Board President*

Well, another year has pasted and Wow has our affiliate been blessed. In 2010 we were chosen for the 1000<sup>th</sup> home build and pulled it off very successfully. We had our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for our Springfield/Eugene affiliate. I was honored to represent Habitat as the Grand Marshal of the Eugene Celebration with Senator Merkley. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blues and Brews festival was a big success and our new ReStore is running strong.

With all the projects we have going, our affiliate is always in need of your tax deductible donations. Let me ask each of you reading this to help Habitat is our cause for a donation of your time,

money, or new/used home hardware items (ReStore). As you know donations are the life blood that keeps our mission alive. Thanks for all you do!

In 2011 we are bringing on 6 new board members, with their knowledge and experience S/E Habitat is gaining some great talent. Please help me welcome Debi Bennett, Paula Chan Carpenter, Stephen Dustrude, Blake Oelke, Pat Walsh, and Lou Woodford. Thanks in advance for your service to S/E Habitat and your community.

We have some big plans for 2011, so please stay in touch with us to see where you can help. I hope 2011 turns out to be one of your best years ever.

—Dan LaCoste, Board President

*Habitat Alive and Well in Nepal*

**Namaste!** That is the universal word for “hello,” “goodbye,” and almost every other type of greeting one can think of in Nepal, and means “the light in me embraces the light in you.”

I had the great fortune to once again experience the light and love of the Nepali people, travelling halfway around the world this past October to participate in Habitat Nepal’s Everest Build. 146 volunteers from 8 participating countries came together for 6 days to build 40 homes and affect hundreds of lives. And of course ours are now forever changed as a result.

Nepal is most famous for its geography, being home to a large number of the world’s highest peaks situated in the Himalayas. However, look deeper than the spectacular scenery and you will see one of the world’s poorest societies, with over half the population of 26 million people surviving on less than \$26 per month. A lack of stable government, poor sanitation, and an ever-urbanizing population makes eking out a living in this

beautiful country a challenge. Thank God for Habitat Nepal!

Five years ago Habitat Nepal took on the challenge of vastly increasing their presence in this country, and accomplished the monumental task of building over 5,000 homes that year. With the assistance of several other NGO’s, Habitat is closing in on achieving 10,000 homes per year and will probably accomplish this dream by 2011.

The Everest Build provided a very high profile event for Habitat Nepal, with 2 very famous Bollywood actors par-

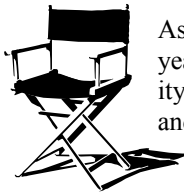
ticipating (and yes, they got as muddy and tired as did the rest of us!) and the appropriate camera crews along to document their efforts. We were even graced by the President of Nepal, his Excellency Ram Baran Yadav, who officiated at the closing ceremonies. In a true change of tide, his Excellency presented a ceremonial key to one lucky Habitat partner family, whose caste would have prevented them from ever participating in such a well-publicized event. The tide is truly turning in this remarkable place.

Once the Everest Build was complete, nine of us hardy adventurers bused 10 hours north of Kathmandu to the Tibetan border, where we embarked on a 10-day trek of a lifetime. Climbing to 15,500 feet was an incredible challenge, but we made it and lived to tell the tale. This trek is documented via geo-tagging at [www.a-trip.com/tracks/view/65124](http://www.a-trip.com/tracks/view/65124) if you wish to “tag along!” If you are considering travel in the near future, I can’t recommend highly enough Habitat International’s Global Village program ([www.hfhi.org/gv](http://www.hfhi.org/gv)). There are over 3,000 trips per year, and you will be able to experience countries and the people there in a much more rich and rewarding way than you ever could as just a “tourist.” The trips are safe, well planned and led, and you will have the great satisfaction of “vacationing with a purpose” and making a true difference in the world. See you on a build site somewhere in the world soon... **Namaste!!!** – Rick Medlen



## From the Executive Director's Chair

completing the 1,000<sup>th</sup> home



As we commence our 21<sup>st</sup> year as a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the Springfield and Eugene area, I am reminded of and enthralled by the wonderful, dedi-

cated, loving service shared by so many caring community-spirited individuals, congregations, businesses, and groups in support of Habitat's mission and the community's well being.

They come to Habitat as retired elders and grade school students, service club and fraternity and sorority members, athletes and musicians, business executives and union members, those led by their faith and those led by their sense of community, long-time supporters and first time volunteers. They come, they share what they can. We hope that each and every one is enriched by the experience.

In reflecting on the joys of our 20<sup>th</sup> year, we remember the celebratory spirit of

built by Habitat affiliates in Oregon and dedicated in our own Meyer Estates. We rejoice in start of the Women Build home that will be finished in early 2011. We recall the great joy of the success of the 2010 Willamette Valley Blues and Brews Festival. We are amazed at the fantastic support shown since the opening of our ReStore. We beam because of the fantastic house sponsors like Bank of America, Eugene Celebration with Northwest Community Credit Union and Jerry's Home Improvement, Wells Fargo Bank, Chambers Family Foundation, the women of Lane County supporting the Women Build, Wesley United Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian Church, Emerald Baptist Church, Coburg United Methodist Church, Calvary Fellowship, First United Methodist Church, and others. We wrap ourselves in the warm glow of knowing the hundreds of gifts so lovingly wrapped in our Gateway Mall Christmas fundraiser helped make someone's Christmas joyous and merry.

To begin 2011, let us all resolve to extend our caring, our commitment, our support for another year to continue making safe, decent, and affordable housing a priority in our service area. Let us resolve to support the construction of 4 houses in 2011. Let us resolve to expand the reach of the Blues and Brews Festival to 7,000. Let us resolve to continue expanding the impact of the ReStore in items donated to the store, store sales, materials reused and repurposed from the landfill. Let us resolve to expand our volunteer impact by another 1,000 hours of volunteer time donated to help with Habitat's mission.

Together, each of us doing what we are able, do make a community. Our goal may be to build affordable homes, but in fulfilling our purpose we help build community. That's something to marvel.



— Don Griffin  
Executive Director

## 2010 Springfield Christmas Parade

Thanks to U of O students and many individual volunteers who helped design a beautiful float for the 2010 Springfield Christmas Parade. And a special thanks to the volunteers and partner fami-

lies for riding on the float — they had a great time, despite the rain. The float earned a 3rd place overall ribbon and won the Tuxedo Award trophy.



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. Call (877) 277-4344**



# ReStore

The Store That Builds Homes

If you find yourself with some extra time on your hands and would like to keep active, meet some great people and help Habitat at the same time, consider volunteering at the ReStore. While you may not be putting up walls or painting a house, you are directly helping Habitat build homes for people in need.

The ReStore operates with a minimum of paid staff and relies on the generous donation of time and energy that our volunteers give. This allows us to put more of our income directly into our home building efforts. It also means the ReStore can keep

its prices very affordable. This allows us to help other families that need to improve their home, but can't afford to pay retail prices to do it.

There are a lot of jobs to do at the ReStore and we do our best to match you up with your interests. In the store, we have customer service and cashiering positions as well as opportunities to organize and supervise departments. In the warehouse, our volunteers take in donations and get them ready to sell. We always have a need for volunteers to drive and help with the donation truck.

We have opportunities for people with any level of skills or building expertise. The more you know, the better it is for us, but we are happy to educate and train people in any area. Many of our jobs require a certain level of mobility and the ability to move kitchen cabinets, doors, tile, and other building materials; however, there are always plenty of people on hand to work as a team and make it all easier.

Students are welcome to volunteer and receive community service credit and as well as valuable on-the-job work experience. We're always more than willing to provide a volunteer a reference.



The ReStore is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. We schedule volunteers a minimum of four hours one day a week. Our shifts are from 9:45 am to 2:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Some volunteers choose to work for more than four hours and sometimes even a full day. Some volunteers like us so much they come in more than one day a week. Scheduling can be flexible to meet your needs, but we give preference to people who are able to schedule regular shifts.

The best way to join our fantastic group of volunteers is to come by the store and talk to Cindy Nelson, our retail operations manager. You can also e-mail her at [cindy@sehabitatrestore.org](mailto:cindy@sehabitatrestore.org) or reach her by phone at 541-344-4809.

### REUSE REWARD Program to Start

The ReStore is launching a new program to reward people for shopping at the store, helping Habitat build homes and reusing materials. It's called the Reuse Reward Program. People who sign up for the program will periodically receive dollar off coupons to use at the ReStore. The details are simple and you don't need to spend an amount to receive a reward. We want to encourage shopping at the ReStore and the reuse of great home improvement and building materials.

Sign up forms are available at the ReStore, on our web site ([www.sehabitatrestore.org](http://www.sehabitatrestore.org)) and at the Good Earth Home Show January 21 through 23 at the Lane County Fair Grounds.

## Donate Tools!

In the ReStore, we're constantly working on projects, either for sale or for display. As a result, we're always in need of good tools, particularly working cordless power

tools. So if you happened to get a new cordless drill or skill saw in your Christmas stocking, for example, please consider donating your old, but still working one. Any tools, clamps, or fasteners are welcome and would be most appreciated.

### REUSE REWARDS CARD

#### Sign Up Form

(For office use only)

ID # \_\_\_\_\_



# ReStore

The Store That Builds Homes

(Please print so that we can get your name right)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat ReStore will use your information only to notify you of specials at the ReStore and for the Reuse Rewards Program. Your phone number will only be used to identify you in our data base. You will not be called. By signing below, I agree to accept information sent from the ReStore and the Reuse Rewards program:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Limit 1 per household)

# Help us make it happen!

Habitat for Humanity

builds more than houses-

it builds families, communities and lives.



Springfield/Eugene

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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](http://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.*

## Visit the ReStore at the Good Earth Home Show January 21 through 23 at the Lane County Fair Grounds

chocolates in the shape of tool belts and

The Good Earth Home Show at the Lane County Fair Grounds is a highlight of what can be a dreary January. The Holiday cheer has faded and spring is just a bit too far away. The Good Earth Home Show is a good way to pick those spirits up.

Northwest Youth Corps students building cold frames from donated materials. Through a generous donation of space by the Home Show organizers, the ReStore will be able to display and sell a number of items the staff and volunteers have been busily producing from the great selection of reusable materials found at the store. We will have garden cold frames, mini or patio size green houses, some nice tiled café tables, a garden arbor, and any number of other creative items we have time to make. Everything sold will be made from 100% reused materials. We'll also be selling some very fine

homes. There are so many creative ideas, you will want to get to the show and visit our booth early and often. We'll be introducing our new Reuse Reward Program at the show as well. The program rewards people for shopping regularly at the ReStore by periodically, sending out dollar off coupons to people in the program. Just by signing up, people will get \$5 off any purchase over \$15. You can sign up for the Reuse Reward Program at the show and get your first coupon on the spot.



## Donate to the ReStore

Have you been feeling a sudden burst of New Year energy and been cleaning out your home, shop, or garage? Or maybe you've decided to update the look of your kitchen and want to find a good place to dispose of your still serviceable cabinets and appliances. We can help. THINK RESTORE! The ReStore is always looking for donations of clean, gently used home improvement products.

For those of you who haven't seen it yet, the Habitat ReStore sells quality new and used building and home improvement materials to the public at very affordable prices. Our inventory is donated by individuals and businesses who care about making a difference.

The list of things we accept at the ReStore includes doors, windows,  
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