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S/E Habitat Building the 1,000th House

The Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity affiliate has been selected by Habitat for Humanity of Oregon to be the host site for the 1,000th Home built by Habitat affiliates in Oregon over the past 25 years. The build site will be the fifth home in Meyer Estates, our 10-house development in Springfield.

The Todd Wilson and Crystal Bishop family has been selected as the Habitat Partner Family for the home. They have been working very faithfully on their sweat equity hours and are ready and very willing to get underway on what will become home for them and their two children. While the groundbreaking date has been forecasted for late February or early March, the House Dedication date has been set for 10/10/2010!

The build will be an Apostles Build with several local congregations joining together to sponsor the home. Additional sponsorship for the home will be provided through a City of

Springfield HOME grant, The Chambers Family Foundation, and other funding sources. Construction volunteers from the congregations, other groups and individuals, and Habitat “regulars” will build the home.

“We are so honored to be associated with this important milestone,” said Don Griffin, Executive Director of Springfield/Eugene Habitat in the news release announcing the selection. “Knowing that we are a part of such an impressive statewide total makes our work that much more meaningful,” he added.

“A lot of hard work and a lot of amazing people have helped get us to this point,” said Patricia Day TenEyck, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, in the news release.

“But the reality is that Oregon has thousands, maybe tens of thousands, of hardworking families still living in substandard housing. We won’t stop with 1,000 homes. Affiliates across

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The Ambrose Family Moves In

Blessed with a bright, fall day, a crowd gathered on A Street. They sipped coffee and smiled and watched the kids ran around in front of the newly completed house—the third Habitat house in Meyer Estates.

The Ambrose family stood surrounded by friends and volunteers who had help make their dreams come true. They were ready and anxious to turn the house they built into a home.

From their unsafe rental with no where to go, the Ambrose Family has accomplished an amazing feat with the help of friends and community through Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial.

“It’s incredible—the amount of patience it’s taken. Our lives have had a lot of obstacles,” said Lisa Ambrose.

Looking for better options three years ago in April of 2007, Lisa began looking into Habitat and applied only to be told they weren’t accepting applications. With perseverance, Lisa reapplied in August and so began their long journey to homeownership.

Pictured here at the dedication on November

14th, Lisa and Darren Ambrose with their three children Iverson, 11, Isaac, 5, and Lyla, 1, are given the keys to their new home.

Lisa says they are all still settling in and in need of some more furniture. “Not feeling so uncertain is an amazing feeling,” she said.



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News from the new Board President:

As a new Board President, what do I say after one of the most exciting years Habitat has experienced? First and foremost, thank you to my friend Rick Medlen who has completed his two-year term as president, leaving some very big shoes to fill. Rick’s leadership, vision and dedication to Habitat have been incredible. He has taken Habitat down a road of growth and prosperity, which will result in serving many families in need for years to come. Many heartfelt thanks to Rick!

It seems like just a few days ago we were discussing plans for the FIRST annual Blues and Brews Festival, lead by Kathy Pyfer in August; a project that required 300 volunteers to operate was a massive undertaking. What a success this event was! I can’t wait to see the second annual Blues & Brews Festival.

At the same time we were planning this event, we were simultaneously planning the opening of a Habitat ReStore. The board was very optimistic but a little overwhelmed with these two major projects to manage. Habitat wouldn’t be able to accomplish these much-appreciated projects without YOU and your support. I would like to say thank you and congrats to everyone that participated in the success of both projects. If you haven’t already, you should stop by to see how the ReStore is evolving.

Oh...Did I mention we built three new homes? Which, of course, is the whole reason our

organization exists!

There are many things I am looking forward to in 2010.

- Our board of directors. We have some of the brightest, most dedicated people from almost every walk of life. We are truly a blessed organization.
- An even more successful 2nd Annual Willamette Valley Blues and Brews Festival with the vision of Kathy Pyfer and leadership of Rick Medlen.
- The new ReStore will be one of our biggest achievements with Tim Armstrong as our new Director.
- I believe we have one of the finest executive directors an organization could find. Don Griffin brings the vision, insight, knowledge, passion, and leadership needed to run an organization on the rise.
- And that is what is happening with the Springfield/Eugene Habitat affiliate.....we are on the rise to better serve the communities we live in, and I will enjoy seeing it grow.
- And most importantly, seeing the joy our hard work brings to the many families that desperately need homes.

***-Dan LaCoste
Board President***

1,000th Home (cont’d)

the state have accepted Habitat for Humanity of Oregon’s challenge to build the next 1,000 homes by 2020. That’s 1,000 more homes in 15 fewer years than the first 1,000. But I believe we’re all up for the challenge. In fact, we’ll keep building until all hardworking Oregon families have a safe, decent and affordable home.”

As with all Habitat homes, the 1,000th Home will be purchased from Habitat by the Partner Family, through a zero-interest, no-profit mortgage. Volunteer hands building the home, in-kind contributions from generous vendors, donor and sponsor contributions, and even mortgage payments made by current Habitat homeowners, provide the caring support that, in the end, builds community.

Springfield/Eugene Habitat is grateful and excited for this wonderful opportunity to further its ecumenical Christian, affordable housing mission.

Habitat Wish List!

For the ReStore:

- Photoshop software (licensed copy)
- Laminator, large
- Pricing sticker guns
- Colored Chalk, all sizes & colors
- How-to books
- Home improvement books & magazines

For the Office:

- Printing calculator
- Digital Camera w/ USB port
- Letter size hanging file folders
- Colored copy paper
- CD-R & CD-RW
- CD jewel cases

From the Executive Director's Chair



As we emerge from the winter holiday season, many of us reflect on the joys of gift giving and receiving, the time spent with family and friends, and being thankful for the blessings we have received. Many of us also look with anticipation to the coming year with its new challenges and opportunities. January 2010 at Habitat is certainly a time for excitement and anticipation. Our new ReStore is opening this month, we'll soon be having a groundbreaking ceremony as the host site for the 1,000th home built in Oregon by Habitat affiliates, and 2010 is our 20th Anniversary Year!

What a joyous time in our corporate life!!

And we have you – friends, volunteers, donors, board and committee members, and faithful prayers – to

thank for all that has been accomplished and the dynamic energy to continue our mission.

This year let's be vocal; let's shout our joy to the whole community; let's make sure that we do everything possible to care for our neighbors, to be faithful to our calling, to end poverty housing, to ensure that the next 20 years of Habitat's service will bring even greater joy to our partner families and the community we serve.

Young or old, tall or short, won't you join us in this glorious year:

- Volunteer with the ReStore, at a build site, on a committee, in the office, in fundraising efforts.
- Contribute to our coin canister at Gateway Mall.
- Work to gain new house sponsors.
- Make a monthly gift or consider giving through estate planning.

- Help plan our anniversary events.
- Give an alternative gift in someone's honor – A gift of \$5 buys a 2x6 stud for a house, \$30 buys one interior light fixture, \$250 buys two light fixtures/ceiling fans, \$10,000 buys a framing lumber package.
- Offer a daily prayer for guidance in our work and lives.

Above all, may you see God's love in the eyes of others and be joyous in all you do.



— *Don Griffin*
Executive Director

Volunteer Coordination

SPRINGFIELD'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas parade was a lot of fun this year with our float winning Second Place! Our gingerbread house was built and decorated by Dan Good, Kathy McChesney and the guys from Sigma Nu. Eric from Sigma Nu was the live, animated gingerbread cookie.



THANK YOU TO LUNCH PROVIDERS

Area restaurants have been very generous to Habitat and our hungry volunteers out at the build site. Special thanks to the following three who provide regular lunches:

- Chipotle Mexican Grill at 460 Coburg Rd., Eugene, for giving four lunches per month
- Monroe Street Cafe at 1123 Monroe St., Eugene, for giving one lunch per month
- Domino's Pizza at 1135 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield, for giving one lunch per month

Please make an effort to support these wonderful donors.

A BIG THANK YOU

As the new volunteer coordinator I feel really amazed by our great volunteers. From my perspective the newsletter could just be a list saying thank you to person after person who makes this organization what it is. There are too many to list individually, but for all the people who wrapped gifts at the Gateway Mall--thank you. For all the people who came out to the building site--thank you. For all the people who have made calls to volunteers for the ReStore, gift wrapping, lunches, and other events--thank you. For all the volunteers who came in to help with the newsletter and edit it--thank you. For the people who came in to build the walls, paint and clean in the ReStore--thank you. For the special people who come in several hours per week to staff the office, work on the database and help me do a better job--thank you. Ultimately, your gift of time and energy will result in a family moving into their first home.

-**Vikki Stea**
Volunteer Coordinator



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 four 2-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 one’s 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 our office at 741-1707 or application orientation schedules and additional information.

The Man for the Job: Steve Price, Build Site Supervisor

It all started five short years ago. Steve was signed up and ready to roll—or hammer. But he never got the call. Tired of waiting, Steve sent an email to Habitat for Humanity expressing his willingness.

Next thing he knows, he’s supervising construction for a Habitat house on 42nd Place in Springfield.

“It just happened,” he said. And he’s been a site supervisor for Habitat ever since.

After working as a mechanic on heavy equipment in El Paso, Steve made the move back to his Northwest roots.

Steve, who’s also a retired military man, had known about Habitat for quite a while and had been wanting to get involved. When medical reasons made standard employment difficult, Steve opted to turn his time to volunteering.

As it turns out, working with different people is Steve’s favorite part of site supervising—but it can also be the most

challenging, he says.

Being the site supervisor, one of Steve’s responsibilities is to educate the new build volunteers on the different duties in house construction. The challenging part of this, he says, is finding a place where everyone is comfortable working.

Another inherent challenge, Steve explains, is adapting to changes.

“It’s challenging when you have a set plan, and all of a sudden things change,” he says.

Roddy Toyota, Construction Supervisor, works closely with Steve and agrees things can get challenging, but Steve’s the one for the job.

“Steve’s able to read personalities and work on the fly,” Roddy said. “As site supervisor, you have to be able to wear several hats and dance on your toes.”

Of course, Steve says he enjoys the challenges and the process of the entire build.

And don’t worry, Steve has other professions he enjoys—he’s a golfer and a fisher on the side.

Steve is currently taking a break from the build site and helping out at the ReStore.



New ReStore Director plans grand opening

The brand, spankin’ new Habitat for Humanity ReStore has a grand opening in motion, set for early February.

SF/E Habitat for Humanity has been blessed with its new, spacious location to fit both the offices and the ReStore warehouse.

And along with these blessings, Habitat has welcomed some new members to the Habitat family, including the new ReStore Director Tim Armstrong.

Having worked with similar stores in the past, Armstrong has brought much experience to the table in marketing, communication and planning. He says he was also a steady customer of the ReStore in Portland.

Starting with S/E Habitat in March 2009, Armstrong was on the ReStore Development Committee and became a top pick for the ReStore Director.

On developing the ReStore Armstrong says, “It just takes time to develop a large facility; there’s no way to hurry it along.”

Armstrong plans on making the most out of the ReStore facility. He has several plans in motion to make the store an enjoyable place to volunteer and shop for supplies.



They are currently working on building a small stage in the warehouse where local musicians can play on a regular basis. Although these plans are tentative, Armstrong says he already has a couple musicians interested.

Also, Armstrong plans on having a group of local school children paint a hundred-foot long mural in the building.

With these exciting, creative plans in motion, the ReStore will also be in need of a large group of volunteers to help with various duties including receiving donations, organizing, cleaning, and pricing. Applications and orientations will be available starting this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS- Help us by volunteering!

- ReStore opens, early February
- MLK Service Day, Jan. 18. 9 am-3 pm
- January Home Show, 22-24, need several volunteers for two hour shifts.
- March Home Show, 11-14, also need volunteers.

MLK Service Day at the ReStore

Visit the ReStore for a day of service and reflection to learn more about Habitat and help keep the community clean.

**9 am to 3 pm, Monday
January 18th, 2010**

*Springfield/Eugene Habitat for
Humanity ReStore*

1210 Oak Patch Road, Eugene

*For More information and to sign up
contact Penny Parks at (541)344-4809
or email her at penny@sehabitat.org*

ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

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.

The Community Partners Program has been in existence for over ten years. When you link your Albertsons' Preferred Savings Card to our Community Partner number (**49000108872**), then for every dollar you spend on groceries at Albertson's, they will donate a percentage of what you spend, directly to S/EHFH as a cash donation.

The process to link our Community Partner number to your Albertsons' Preferred Savings Card is very easy, just follow these step-by-step instructions:

- 1) go to Albert-son's web site at: **www.albertsons.com**
- 2) Scroll down to the bottom of Albertson's home page to the blue menu bar and click on: **In the Community**

- 3) On the In the Community home page, about mid-way down on the right side, click on: **Albertson's Community Partner Program.**
- 4) Then click where it says: **Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first.**
- 5) Sign in by entering your **Preferred Savings Card number** and your **10-digit phone number** and click on login.
- 6) On the sign-post on the right side of the page, click on: **My Account**
- 7) Under Add a Partner, enter our community partner number: **49000108872**, then click on: **Add a Partner** in red.

Please help us raise funds by joining this great program today. If you have any problems registering on Albertson's website, please contact Carol at the Habitat office (741-1707) and she will help you link your Preferred Savings Card with our Community Partner number.

Habitat for Humanity International affiliates around the world have built more than 300,000 homes in over 3,000 communities, housing over 1.5 million people in about 90 countries. Habitat for Humanity believes all God's people deserve a safe, decent, affordable place to live. What a powerful way to express love for our neighbors!



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