



# Habitat for Humanity Riverside



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Board Members Maria Sambito and Nick Adcock presented a welcome home basket donated by Procter & Gamble.

## A Home for the Holidays

Alma and Micky have been working toward creating a better life for their family by building up their credit, saving money, going to school, and working to advance professionally. Despite their efforts, they have been unable to afford a decent and safe place to live and have been living in a small room with their son, Noah.

On November 17th, Alma and Micky's family celebrated a new beginning. Alongside loved ones and new neighbors, they were presented with keys to their new home during a Home Dedication Ceremony on Roberts Way in Moreno Valley. Having lived in Moreno Valley all their lives, they strongly valued the community they were a part of and hoped to raise their son in the area. Alma noted that after she heard about the opportunity to purchase a home with Habitat, she felt like it was meant to be, "I prayed for the home every night".

Alma and Micky are most excited for Noah to have a place to run around and grow, "Providing Noah with the opportunity to grow up in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment is our ultimate goal."

Volunteer labor, efficient building methods, modest house sizes, and zero interest mortgage loans make it affordable for families to purchase Habitat homes. Alma and Micky's home is Energy Star rated, and includes utility savers such as a tankless water heater and solar panels.



Alma and her new neighbors, Rachel and Sheena, who moved into their Habitat homes on the same street earlier this year.



# Home Preservation

In addition to building new homes, families partner with us to improve places they already call home.

By focusing efforts on preservation, health, and safety issues, families are enabled to stay in their home and the affordable housing stock that is already in place in our communities is preserved.

**Thank you to our Home Preservation Partners:**



## 2016 Home Preservation Projects

**18**  
in Moreno Valley  
**32**  
in Riverside  
**8**  
in Corona  
**2**  
in Jurupa Valley



*"There is not enough words to express our gratitude for the help provided by Habitat."*

*Homeowner, Geri*

Putting aside money from a very tight budget to pay for home repairs was simply not in the cards for this Moreno Valley family. Their wall heater had not been functional for a long time and they were using a space heater for warmth. The home had electrical issues as well. The skirting around the home was in bad shape allowing small animals and pests to live under their home where they caused damage to the insulation and supporting structure. In addition, the bathroom was in need of upgrades for improved mobility and safe access.

In partnership with the City of Moreno Valley's Mobile Home Repair Program for qualified low income mobile homeowners, Habitat for Humanity Riverside repaired the skirting and structure, repaired and upgraded the bathroom and replaced the heater. Habitat Riverside also addressed the electrical safety issues. This couple now has a safe and healthy environment where they can thrive.



**Bank of America & Habitat for Humanity celebrate a 30 year partnership!**

*"Through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity, we're delighted to help our local residents access the resources they need to gain economic mobility, and in turn, build a thriving Inland Empire community."*

Al Argüello, Inland Empire Market President, Bank of America.

In August, Bank of America presented Habitat for Humanity Riverside with a check for \$50,000. This will help fund supportive services and financial education classes for our upcoming CalVet REN project in Jurupa Valley.



## Welcoming LaRandi Lowe & Brendan Cooney!

AmeriCorps National Members serving as Construction Crew Leaders

*"I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to learn and serve with Habitat for Humanity Riverside and am looking forward to all the knowledge I will gain, connections I will make, and fun I will have this next year."*

*"As I begin my year serving with Habitat for Humanity Riverside, I look forward to helping my affiliate achieve their mission to provide people with a safe and decent place to live, and give back to a community that has given me so much."*

# Coming Soon...



## Over EDGE

Registration will open soon for our May 2017 event and you do not want to miss it! For sponsorship opportunities, event details, or to sign up for our mailing list, visit [www.HabitatRiverside.org/OverTheEdge](http://www.HabitatRiverside.org/OverTheEdge)



### Thoughts from our Executive Director, Kathy Michalak

As we close out a very productive and successful 2016 and prepare to launch into an even busier 2017, I want to use this space to thank the thousands of people who support the important work that so many organizations do in our communities. Together we truly do affect the quality of life for the entire community.

Here at Habitat Riverside we are so grateful to so many. Our individual donors whose support is just as critical as the large grants; to City and County agencies that work so closely with us. To our volunteers who multiply our impact and reach. To our partner families, public and private funding partners and of course, our dedicated staff members. We are blessed. May all of you also be blessed in the coming year. Merry Christmas.

A big THANK YOU to our donors!  
For a list of 2016 donors, visit  
[www.HabitatRiverside.org/Sponsors](http://www.HabitatRiverside.org/Sponsors)



The Riverside ReStore provides a diverse selection of new and used home improvement materials, furniture, and decor, where proceeds support safe and affordable homes for families in our communities. Be the first to know about weekly sales, new inventory, special events, and more!

Sign up for the  
**Treasure Hunters**  
E-mail

[www.RiversideReStore.org](http://www.RiversideReStore.org)



Welcome aboard,  
**Lynn Brokaw!**

"I'm looking forward to seeing how much of a difference I can make."

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# A Home for all Seasons

Kicking off on #GivingTuesday, November 29th, and running through December 31st, Habitat for Humanity Riverside will be promoting *A Home for All Seasons*, a campaign to promote awareness, giving, and partnerships to help families in our local communities achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.

## Through shelter, we empower.

This holiday season, please give your financial support, your time, your voice, or your in kind donations to help create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Learn how you can get involved:

[www.HabitatRiverside.org/AHomeForAllSeasons](http://www.HabitatRiverside.org/AHomeForAllSeasons)



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