

# Habitat for Humanity

## Riverside

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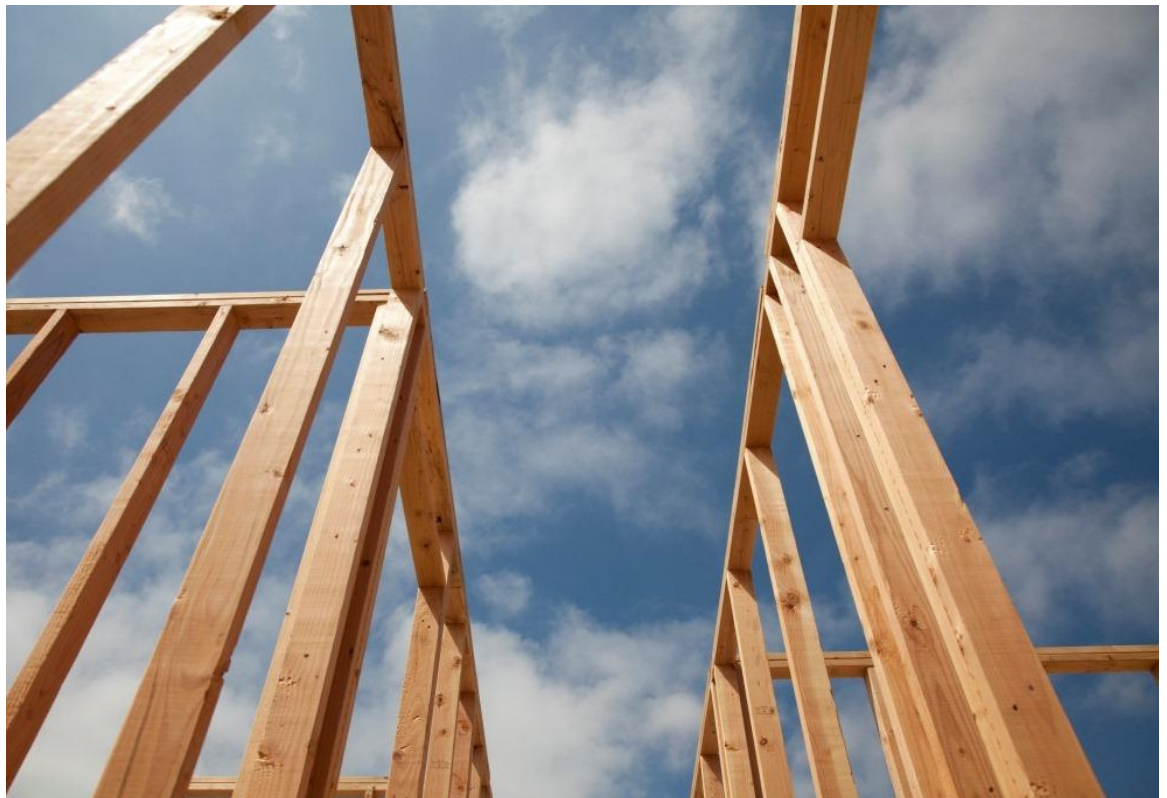
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As 2014 comes to an end,

2015 begins. In the coming year,

- 11 families will use their new homes to build a foundation for their families in Moreno Valley and Riverside.
- 26 veterans and their families will begin a journey of first time home ownership with our Veteran Enriched Neighborhood in Jurupa Valley.
- 80 homeowners will see volunteers work in their yard to install new wheelchair ramps, abate weeds, and paint a fresh coat on their home.

For every time Habitat finishes a project in your neighborhood, we like to say

**Home is where the start is.**



# In Progress...

Volunteers from Bank of America, City of Moreno Valley, and Discovery Church take two Saturdays to raise walls on eight homes on Roberts Way in Moreno Valley. In two Saturdays, they've changed the lives of eight families forever.

To the right, staff from City of Moreno Valley, including Council Member George Price pushes up the first wall up of the day.



## 8 HOMES ON ROBERTS WAY, MORENO VALLEY

Funded by the City of Moreno Valley's Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Bank of America, eight new EnergySTAR efficient homes are giving hope to eight low income families who otherwise would not be able to purchase their first home. Future Habitat homeowners met their new neighbors before they move into their new home by building together. Below, future Habitat homeowners Rachel, Roger, and Jose took turns raising walls on each other's homes.

Below, Congress Member Mark Takano and Assembly Member Jose Medina stop by to lend a hand.







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Building 8 homes takes a lot of support. To date the community has invested 843 volunteer hours, 13 months of planning/building, and \$1,151,000.

Right, future Habitat homeowner Sheena Hidey builds a wall for her neighbor.

Below, Bank of America presents \$50,000 to support this neighborhood.



## COMMUNITY BUILDER

"I have lived in Moreno Valley for 10 years. I just want to say after reading about this program & all the awesome volunteers & their hard work & how each family pulled together & helped work on each other's home.

**This is how communities should be.** Coming together with a helping hand no matter what the need may be, large or small. Sometimes just a simple hello, smile or acknowledgement is all a community needs. So in my opinion, this is BEAUTIFUL. AWESOME JOB EVERYONE & WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOMES NEW FAMILIES. God Bless". ~Moreno Valley Neighbor, Kathy Tracy





# In Progress...

Future Habitat homeowner Casey Reynolds writes a welcome on the entrance to her daughter's room. This will be the first time Aubri will have her own room.



Above, City of Riverside employees with future Habitat homeowner LaVon and Arracion Mobley. Below, Calvary Presbyterian Church Riverside completed their home first with future Habitat homeowner Andrew Ferguson.



Below, Leadership Riverside Class of 2012 raises walls with future Habitat homeowner Casey Reynolds.





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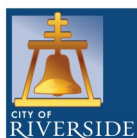
Funded by the City of Riverside, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, The S.L. Gimbel Foundation, and the mortgages of current Habitat homeowners, 3 new EnergySTAR efficient homes are providing first time homeownership opportunities in the Eastside of Riverside. On 11/8/2014, volunteers from the City of Riverside staff, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, and Leadership Riverside Class of 2012, worked alongside future Habitat families to build their homes.

After building her home with her husband and staff from the City of Riverside, LaVon Mobley reaches to scribe a message on the entrance of her house that will stay forever.

Council Member Andy Melendrez, Ward 2 worked side by side with volunteers and families.



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# In Progress...

## Committed Support

Habitat for Humanity Riverside would like to thank those who are supporting the start of this program.

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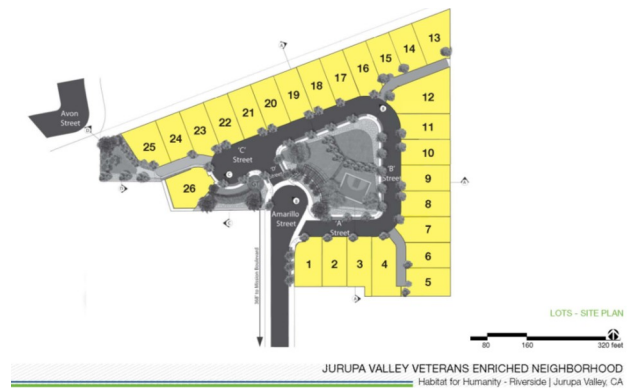
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Heroes

Habitat for Humanity Riverside is preparing to launch the build of the Veteran Enriched Neighborhood after the first quarter of 2015. But this doesn't mean we haven't been busy working with the Economic Development Agency of Riverside County to progress the donation of the parcel while working with the City of Jurupa Valley on the development package so we can build as soon as the land is transferred. The development package is currently in its 2nd review in preparation to submit to the City's Planning Commission.



While Habitat Riverside plans, our prequalified Veterans and their families begin their enrichment courses. Below, Veteran Muro plants an herb garden he can maintain in his apartment until he buys his house. Subsequent workshops include cooking healthy from a garden and preparing healthy meals with a slow cooker. Thanks to Community Action Partnership of Riverside County for funding these healthy veteran/healthy families workshops.

Know a veteran who could benefit from this program? Contact Veteran Outreach Coordinator Lee Crisp at [lcrisp@habitariverside.org](mailto:lcrisp@habitariverside.org) or (951)787-6754 x 117



# A Brush with Kindness



## Note the cupcakes of gratitude.

Kaiser Permanente volunteers come back for the third year in a row with 60 employees to paint five mobile homes in one day. One extreme makeover by Kaiser volunteers for Rancho Caballero Mobile Home park in Riverside equals five families overwhelmed with joy. Above, one of the homeowners gave cupcakes to their volunteers after they were done.

“Kaiser was great as always. Most of them were repeat ABVVK volunteers and there were so many professionals, we finished all 5 projects fairly quickly.”

-JENINE GARCIA, UCR FEDERAL WORKSTUDY INTERN

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## Doing More Than Painting

Keeping families in their homes is just as important as affordable homeownership.



Habitat for Humanity Riverside is preserving housing stock through major interior and exterior repairs to mobile homes for low income families in Moreno Valley by launching a mobile home repair program funded by City of Moreno Valley's HOME funds.

An idea dubbed Aging in Place, we aim to keep affordable housing affordable for seniors and low income families; ensuring that every person has a safe, decent place to call home.



# Partnerships

## Mentorships benefit the individual and the organization.

In June, Habitat for Humanity Riverside was honored to host two Bank of America Student Leaders, Saul Gonzalez and Roberto Gutierrez. Every year, Bank of America connects promising high school juniors and seniors to internships that prepare them for a brighter future. Student leaders are awarded paid summer internships with local nonprofits and participate in a week long Student Leadership Summit in Washington D.C.

During their eight weeks with Habitat Riverside, Saul and Roberto learned every aspect of running a nonprofit. Jobs for the week included assisting in volunteer days, Habitat family home visits, dignitary meetings, marketing design, surveying the community, store management, office administration, and shadowing our Executive Director. Roberto revamped our brochures during his week with Marketing and Saul helped our AmeriCorps lead our first resident-led neighborhood improvement project.

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“I learned volunteerism has a universal effect;  
it improves the lives of people in a home, a  
neighborhood, a city, and even the volunteer.”

ROBERTO GUTIERREZ

Below, Alexis Casiday, retired veteran from the U.S. Navy works in our ReStore while she transitions from service to civilian life.



Above, Bank of America Student Leader Saul Gonzalez prepares a banner for a resident-led neighborhood project. Below, Student Leader Roberto Gutierrez, replaces siding on a mobile home before A Brush With Kindness volunteer day.



Habitat for Humanity Riverside is participating in Community Action Partnership of Riverside County's Veteran Employment Training and Pre-Apprentice programs. Both programs pair participants with a mentor in a business environment to provide paid skill development and gain marketable job skills.

Also placed at Habitat Riverside are veteran Claude Fields (Veteran Employment Training), John Muir High School student Joal Tuscano (Pre-Apprentice), and Norte Vista High School student Andres Zaragosa (Pre-Apprentice).







## Being able to do more.

Through AmeriCorps volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Riverside is expanding our reach of helping just one family at a time to reaching entire communities.

In August, Habitat Riverside welcomed five new AmeriCorps members to serve at our affiliate. For the 2014-2015 service year, our affiliate was awarded two National members and three VISTA members.

AmeriCorps National members commit to 1,700 hours of volunteer service to empower residents of the communities that Habitat Riverside builds in. National members are working alongside community members, volunteers, and staff to connect citizens to their communities. They increase Habitat Riverside's ability to serve more families through new construction, rehabilitation of homes and repairs for families in need.

AmeriCorps VISTA members are passionate and committed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. VISTA members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at Habitat for Humanity Riverside. They focus their efforts to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic development, and otherwise assist low-income families.



Above, National member Angel Araiza, HFH International Specialist Lucia Vergara, and National member Joseph Gonzalez take a peek at the progress of our new builds in Riverside. Below, UCR Community Garden Coordinator Fortino Morales gives a tour to VISTA members Tatiana Magallanes and Hazen Buckley.



Above, VISTA member Sarah Verduco promotes our Riverside ReStore to volunteers on the build site.

“I recognized that by serving with Habitat for Humanity Riverside, I can continue to work towards improving my community. As an AmeriCorps National member, I’m looking to build communities that residents can be proud to call home.”

JOSEPH GONZALEZ



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## WELCOME

Habitat for Humanity Riverside warmly welcomes our new Neighborhood Revitalization Manager. Although new to the Habitat family, Patty Carver brings the experience of organizing large community events and mentoring volunteers making her the perfect match for Neighborhood Revitalization Manager.

Patty retired in 2004 as a Supervising Probation Officers from Riverside County. Like many of us who find ourselves working at a nonprofit, she traded in her retirement and returned to the work force assuming the position of Outreach and Missions Director at East Hills Community Church in Riverside where she deployed volunteers to take on large Critical Home Repair projects over the summer often in partnership with Habitat Riverside. Patty Carver, event and volunteer coordinator extraordinaire, joined the Habitat family in October to take on Neighborhood Revitalization and AmeriCorps Host Site Manager position at the Riverside affiliate.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Congratulations to the Ramona High School Habitat Campus Chapter for their award of \$3,000 from the State Farm matching grant. Ramona High School students will need to match the grant by fundraising \$2,000.

Save the date for Ramona High School Habitat Campus Chapter's annual Lap-A-Thon taking place on March 14th, 2015! Use this date to be healthy, raise money for your favorite cause, meet some Habitat families, and support students who are taking action to make their community a safer, healthier place to live. Right, Habitat Riverside's Operations Manager Sim Mai 80's it up during 2014's Lap-A-Thon. For more information, follow Habitat for Humanity Riverside's Facebook.



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