

# Habitat for Humanity, Riverside

Riverside · Corona · Norco · Moreno Valley · Jurupa Valley  
Highgrove · Eastvale · Home Gardens · El Cerrito · Woodcrest



## WE HAVE BEEN PRETTY BUSY THIS YEAR...

➔ # of Families Served: 90

➔ # of Home Preservation Projects: 87

➔ # of Homes Completed: 3

➔ # of Volunteers: 1,765

➔ # of Hours Volunteered: 8,649

➔ # of Restore Customers: 28,197

TOTAL IMPACT  
ON PEOPLE

➔ 30,052

## A Letter from our Executive Director, Kathy Michalak

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As we close out the year and celebrate the holidays with our families and friends, we must also take the time to thank all of the people that work with us all year to make our communities better. The volunteers who help on our project sites, in our offices, and in the ReStore, the donors who help us both with stocking our ReStore and providing the funding we need to support our work, our partner families who keep us motivated, and those who support us with their prayers.

Thanks to all of those supporters and our amazing team of employees, Habitat Riverside has had a record breaking year, both in terms of families served, and of new homes constructed. This year we completed 3 homes on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> & Ottawa, and one on Woodbine Street, both in Riverside. In addition, we developed our first tract, completing construction of 8 homes off Myers Street in Moreno Valley. We even constructed our first water pipeline and new street in support of that development, and we've only just begun. 2016 will see us build two more developments, one in Riverside and one in Jurupa Valley, both of which will provide home ownership opportunities to a total of 38 low income Veteran families. We will also be having our very first ever Over-The-Edge fundraiser in May where we will be rappelling down the walls of a very tall building to help us raise the walls on a lot of homes.

Thank you for your past and continued support and Happy New Year!

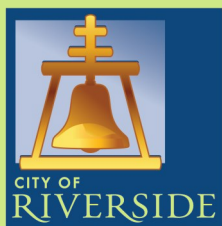
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“Owning a Habitat Home magnifies having an opportunity to be good stewards of God’s provision. To us, this means raising our children to have a heart of service, being able to show hospitality on a larger scale and witnessing firsthand that anything worth having is worth working hard for”.

- Arraceion and LaVon Mobley



Thank you to those who made this possible...



# 11th & Ottawa

## 3 New Single Family Homes



On June 27th, Habitat for Humanity Riverside dedicated 3 new, Energy STAR efficient homes to 3 families in Riverside. These families now, for the first time, have the opportunity to live in a safe, decent, affordable home.

Through the completion of sweat equity hours working on each other’s homes, these families grew to be more than neighbors, they are a community.

They celebrated the dedication

of their homes with friends, family, and each other. The love and support at the event was overwhelmingly evident, every chair

was filled, the crowd spilled out into the yard, and even the standing room was limited.

The families were able to move into their homes just a few

week’s after the dedication.

Thank you to our generous donors and dedicated volunteers that helped make this project happen.

**“I feel very excited about this next chapter in our lives. Being a Habitat homeowner means being able to have stability in an affordable home that we may not ever have been able to do without Habitat”**  
- C. Reynolds



# Woodbine St.

## A New Home for a Fresh Start



On Christmas day 2013, the Mendoza family's sense of stability, normalcy, and peace was stripped away and their world was turned upside down. Their rental home was burned to the ground. The entire house was lost, and nothing was saved from the ashes. Unable to afford a place of their own, they have been staying with a friend until they get back on their feet.

Thanks to the support from Thrivent, the family now has a new hope. Their new home on Woodbine Street in Riverside is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

For the tenth consecutive year, Thrivent Financial has committed to stabilize, strengthen, and secure communities through its partnership with Habitat for Humanity. This year, they are funding the construction and

rehabilitation of 121 Habitat for Humanity homes nationwide.

Thrivent Builds and community volunteers, many of whom have never done construction work in their lives,

have completed over 226 hours toward this home since it's wall raising on October 3rd. In December, volunteers are scheduled to be onsite every day until the

home's completion. Volunteer projects have included raising the walls, wrapping, cleaning, installing baseboards, and painting.

The Mendoza family knows that their new home will be a great start toward getting them back to a normal life. The Mendoza children are looking forward to being able to have a place to call home, decorating their rooms, and having a space to practice music and do homework.



August 2015

Construction starts.

Oct 3, 2015

Frame and raise the walls.

Dec 5, 2015

Interior and Exterior painted.

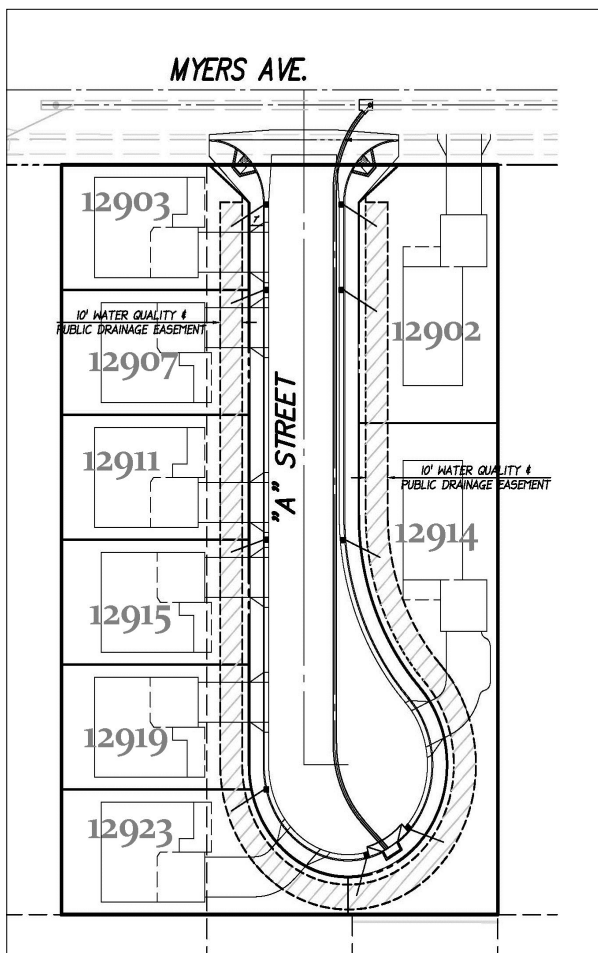
Dec 31, 2015

Expected family move in date.



# Roberts Way

## From An Empty Lot to 8 Habitat Homes



A year ago, what had once been an empty lot for more than 20 years began to take a different shape as eight single family homes were framed by hundreds of volunteers.

What is now coming together as a neighborhood will be home for eight low income families thanks to a partnership between the City of Moreno Valley and Habitat for Humanity, Riverside.

Leveraging funding from HUD, a piece of land owned by the City's housing authority, private funding from Bank of America, and the help of hundreds of volunteers, Habitat for Humanity, Riverside is almost done building their first affordable home development.

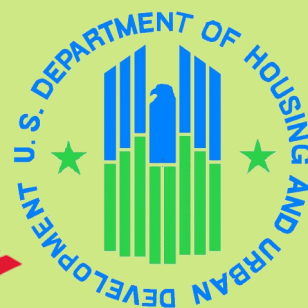
The project should be ready for homeowners to start the new year in their Habitat home.



We couldn't  
have done it  
without you...



**Bank of America**



# A Journey From House to Home



## Grid Alternatives Installs Solar Panels for Habitat Homes

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Grid Alternatives "Troops to Solar" event in November for the Roberts Way development in Moreno Valley. Grid Alternative volunteers helped with the installation of solar systems on eight Habitat homes. Veterans volunteered alongside volunteers from Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank, and the UCR Kiwanis' Circle K Club. Moreno Valley Mayor Jesse Molina attended the event and Habitat for Humanity, Riverside provided the BBQ lunch!



**GRID**  
ALTERNATIVES



# Home Preservation Programs

## Mobile Home Repair Program

The MHRP is an interior and exterior home rehabilitation service for mobile home owners in Moreno Valley whose homes are in need of improvements to health and safety. By rehabilitating existing mobile homes, we improve the structural integrity of the city's housing stock while preventing homelessness. The MHRP is funded by an annual allocation of Federal HOME investment Partnership Funds and contracted by the City of Moreno Valley.



## A Brush with Kindness

Habitat for Humanity, Riverside's "A Brush with Kindness" program is an exterior home preservation service that offers painting, landscaping, and exterior minor repair services for homeowners in need. A Brush with Kindness helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, and reclaim their homes with pride and dignity.

## Thank You to all of our 2015 ABWK Volunteers!

Aerotek	LDS Church	UCR UECC AmeriCorps
Alpha Omega	LDS Quorum	UCR- Delta Sigma Pi
Agile Sourcing Group	Lowe's	UCR Future Pills
Altura Credit Union	Loma Linda University	UCR Global Brigade
Bank of America	NAIOP	UCR Campus Chapter
Bericap	Pacific Dental Services	UCR International
Cal Baptist University	The Pick Group	UCR Kappa Sigma
Calvary Presbyterian Church	Protection I	UCR- PTS
DalTile	Ramona HS Campus Chapter	UCR School of Business
DaVita Dialysis	University of Redlands	UCR Softball
Defender Direct	Riverside City College AGS	UCR Veterans
Emerald Escrow	Riverside County Sheriffs	UCR-C.A.S.A.
Fossil	Simpson Strong-Tie	Union Bank
G4S	Smith & Nephew	United States Marines
Individual Volunteers	Sysco	US Bank
Invitation Homes	Team Rubicon	United States Reserves
Kaiser Permanente	University of California Riverside	USAFR
Keller Williams Realty	UCR AGS	UTC Areospace Systems
La Sierra HS Honors Society		Van Daele Homes



# Neighborhood Revitalization Program

For families to succeed, sometimes the dynamics of their neighborhood have to change. Neighborhood Revitalization is a holistic approach that expands Habitat's traditional partnership with homeowners and volunteers to include neighbors and local organizations for a far greater impact.

Neighborhood Revitalization serves more families by collaborating with residents, nonprofits, businesses, local governments, and communities of

faith to create and implement a shared vision of revitalization while responding to community aspirations with an expanded array of products, services and partnerships. Neighborhood Revitalization starts at the grassroots level — with people in the community determining the goals for their neighborhood, empowering residents to revive their neighborhoods, and enhance their quality of life.



## Past Progress & Future Projects

### Projects Done in 2015

1. Replacing a broken down fence with secure wooden fences
2. Neighborhood Clean Up Day
3. A Brush with Kindness Home Preservation Project

### Projects Planned in 2016

1. Critical Home Repair
2. Planting drought tolerant landscaping for whole neighborhoods
3. A Brush with Kindness Home Preservation Project
4. Painted Intersections

# ReStore

2180 Iowa Ave. Riverside CA, 92507

Open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 6pm



Our donors keep the store well stocked!



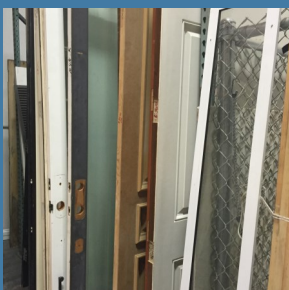
Furniture



Vanities



Home Decor



Doors & Windows

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

The Riverside ReStore received over 1,955 donations in 2015.

Through the sale of donated goods, Habitat for Humanity ReStores provide on-going financial support to their affiliate. Donating overstock, seasonal, discontinued, and obsolete inventory to the Riverside ReStore saves businesses money on waste disposal fees, handling, and labor and equipment costs, while opening up needed warehouse space for incoming inventory. Donations to Habitat for Humanity ReStores are tax deductible, as allowed by law.



ReStore Staff

DONATE



We accept donation drop-offs Monday-Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

To Schedule a Free Donation Pick Up:

Contact our Director of Retail Operations at (951)787-6754 ext. 114 or

[Donations@RiversideReStore.org](mailto:Donations@RiversideReStore.org)

**Thank you CEVA Logistics and Flexsteel for your generous support!**

CEVA Logistics and Flexsteel have been committed supporters for over 5 years. With your continued donations, the ReStore has been able to grow and serve our community, our Habitat homeowners, and support all our local projects.

# SAVE THE DATE!

- ▶ A Home for All Seasons — December 1st - 31st
- ▶ Ramona High School Lap A Thon — March 12th
- ▶ Over the Edge & Brew Fest—TBA



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## Habitat for Humanity, Riverside's Year End Campaign: A Home for All Seasons

From December 1st to 31st, Habitat for Humanity, Riverside is promoting "A Home for All Seasons", a campaign to promote public awareness and giving to support our veteran services, including our upcoming CalVet REN projects.

Supporters are encouraged to donate and spread the word about our services.

Extend your hand this holiday season and give a hand up to veterans in need of safe, decent, affordable housing by supporting Habitat for Humanity, Riverside.



**Double your Impact:** Habitat for Humanity, Riverside's Board of Directors has challenged us with a \$2,500 matching grant during A Home for All Seasons! Until December 31st at 11:59 PM, donations made to Habitat for Humanity, Riverside will be DOUBLED up to \$2,500! [Click here to donate!](#)



### Ramona H.S. Lap-A-Thon

Ramona High School Habitat Campus Chapter's annual Lap-A-Thon is scheduled for March 12th! Be healthy, raise money for your favorite cause, meet Habitat families, and support students who are taking action to make their community a safer, healthier place to live.



### Cars for Homes

Do you have an old or unneeded car, truck, boat, or other vehicle sitting in your driveway, or taking up space in your garage?

Consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity, Riverside through Cars for Homes! Not only will you be helping Habitat provide decent, affordable housing, you might be helping the environment as well.

Your old car...  
their new home.

**DONATE ONLINE**

or call 1-877-277-4344

# AmeriCorps

National members work alongside community members, volunteers, and staff to directly serve families in our communities. VISTA members work behind the scenes to build capacity in an effort to bring people out of poverty. AmeriCorps members increase Habitat for Humanity Riverside's ability to serve more families by assisting in neighborhood revitalization, new construction, home rehabilitations, and building our administrative, organizational, and financial capacity.

## Meet our 2015-2016 Members



**Julianna McDonnell,**  
VISTA  
Member,  
Safety  
Program  
Development

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country.

*"It is incredible to meet so many compassionate, like-minded people and to be a part of an organization that is doing so much amazing work!"*

*- Julianna McDonnell, AmeriCorps VISTA*

Since 1994, more than 8,000 people have served with Habitat AmeriCorps, meeting the needs of more than 20,000 families and engaging more than 3.1 million volunteers.

Julianna grew up in Minnesota and recently graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a degree in Geology. After moving to Riverside, she decided that she wanted to get to know the community by serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. During her year of service, Julianna will develop and implement new safety and disaster preparedness programs and policies for Habitat for Humanity, Riverside. She hopes that this experience will help her achieve her goals of attending graduate school and working towards a career with an environmental non-profit organization.



**Stephanie Morales,**  
National  
Member,  
Community  
Outreach  
Coordinator

Stephanie is native to Southern California and is looking forward to working with fellow members in her community as an Outreach Coordinator supporting Habitat Riverside's Neighborhood Revitalization program. Before Habitat, Stephanie studied Marketing and Advertising at Riverside Community College and was an intern in the Disney College Program located in Anaheim, California. While living Anaheim, Stephanie witnessed firsthand the lives of individuals who were struggling economically, which in turn, inspired her to change her initial career path. Now, as an aspiring Social Worker, she looks forward to engaging more with her community and bettering the lives of everyone around her.



**Cristian Aguilar,**  
National  
Member,  
Construction  
Crew  
Leader

Cristian was born and raised in Orange County and has been living in Riverside since he started college at UC Riverside. With only a couple of courses left, Cristian is on track to graduate in 2016 with a double major in both Neuroscience and Biological Anthropology. As an AmeriCorps member, Cristian hopes to not only enhance his leadership skills, but to also gain a broader understanding of all the disparities of being a low income family. With this great experience, Cristian plans to become a doctor and help break down language, cultural, and economical barriers that exist in most parts of Southern California.

# Meet Our New Habitat Staff



**Sarah Verduco Singh**

After completing a year of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA member with Habitat Riverside, Sarah joined the team as a Resource Development Coordinator in September.



**Mariam Plowman**

After having worked with HFHR in 2013 with the Veteran Employment Training Program through CAP, Mariam was welcomed back as our Contracts & Grants Administrator last August.



**Louise Kopitch**

Louise joined the team June, 2015 as our Operations Manager. Louise brings 25 years of management experience with a strong background in human resources and organizational development.



**Matt Friedlander**

Matt joined the team last August as our new Director of Resource Development. Prior to being hired at HFHR, he held the same position at the United Way of the Inland Valleys.



**Mike Kreiser**

Mike joined the team in February to replace Trevor Bailey as our Construction Projects Manager.

## In Loving Memory of Ralph Hosley



Ralph passed away on October 24th, 2015. Ralph worked as a Warehouse and Driver's Assistant in the ReStore.

**"Ralph was a soft spoken good natured man with a heart of gold who always gave 100% of himself."**

**- Cindy Tyrolt  
Director of Retail Operations**

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Building strong communities.

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