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Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!



Merry Christmas from your local Habitat for Humanity affiliate! LEFT TO RIGHT: Cindy Tyrolt, Sim Mai, Scott Andrews, Karin Roberts, Kathy Michalak, Christine Morgando and Steve Pepenella. Not pictured (because they were busy in Santa's workshop) Cheryl Creamer, Hilda Galindo and Kristii MacEwen.

9/24/2011 Homes for Heroes Home Dedication

You're not seeing double. Jerome Saxton (left) and Tyrone Saxton (right) are twin veteran brothers who received the keys to their side by side Habitat houses. On September 24th, Habitat for Humanity Riverside celebrated the completion of our

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New builds

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Homes for Heroes project in the city of Jurupa Valley in partnership with Thrivent Builds and Bank of America. Our newest twin Habitat family additions both served in the Army for 2 years and then in the National Guard Reserve for 6 years.

Participant's of Community Action Partnership's matched savings program Individual Development Accounts, both brothers attended 15 classes in financial literacy, budgeting and homebuyer education courses. Combined, both Saxton families (and it was a family affair; see extended family picture) volunteered over 750 hours towards their homes.

At the home dedication celebration, Habitat and the Saxton families received wonderful community support as we saw attendance from the City of Jurupa Valley council, Thrivent Builds, Bank of America, the Economic Development Agency, Community Action Partnership, TORO, Fair Housing Council, other Habitat families, Habitat volunteers and of course, our Board Members.

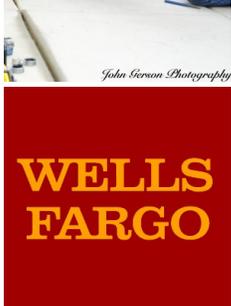


ABOVE: One big, happy family-The entire Saxton family comes to celebrate Tyrone & Jerome's new homes. LEFT TOP TO BOTTOM: The Saxton's pose with Laura Lopez from TORO and their new, donated lawn mower and trimmer. Thrivent volunteers Ann Morandi and Connie Fortier serve a welcome home cake. Emotions run high as daughter Teirani Saxton realizes she is about to move from an apartment to her new home.

11/18 & 19 /2011 Graham Street Solar Panels



Remember the Graham Street homes in Moreno Valley from last year? Lead by Solar Installation Supervisor Greg Graham (orange shirt) Grid Alternatives installed solar panels on the Frausto's Habitat home with the Wells Fargo Green Team volunteer group. John Gerson, volunteer photographer, was on site as usual to take some great, and sometimes candid, shots.



12/3/2011 Crestmore Groundbreaking

Crestmore groundbreaking: Just as we finish one project (Homes for Heroes Dedication, page one) we begin another right down the street. Despite the Santa Ana winds, the event received full attendance from the new Jurupa Valley City Council. The Economic Development Agency of Riverside County, Community Action Partnership, Supervisor Tavaglione's office, Habitat Board Members, and local churches also attended. Some of our current partner Habitat families attended to show support and welcome the Dominguez family to the neighborhood.

The Crestmore new build will fulfill a portion of Habitat Riverside's current agreement with the Economic Development Agency of Riverside County to rehabilitate or build two homes every year for the next three years. The Economic Development Agency is funding 100% of these projects. Each home will be sold to a qualified family in need with a 0% interest mortgage.



TOP TO BOTTOM: Partners including city officials and local organizations break ground together. New Habitat family member Tamara Dominguez meets Jurupa Valley City Councilmember Brad Hancock. HFHR Executive Director Karin Roberts and NRI Project Manager Scott Andrews recognize Deputy Murphy for his diligence in protecting our community. Mayor Laura speaks at the groundbreaking.

Rebuilds

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (Round 3)

Aero Lane

Aero Lane is Habitat Riverside's first purchase with Round Three's Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds. In August, Wells Fargo volunteers demolished makeshift walls, haphazard ladders that previous residents were using as stairs, and literally took the inside of the house out by the wheelbarrow load. Aero Lane is due to be completed in late December. Pictures of the kitchen-living area below demonstrate how Habitat Riverside can rehabilitate a home in a mere 4 months.



Ridgewood Drive



Ridgewood Drive is currently in "rehab mode" and will be completed by January 2012.



Samantha Place



Samantha Place is one of our more “colorful” homes and is planned to be completed in March 2012.



Solano Drive



Solano Drive is newly acquired and Habitat Riverside has begun rehabilitation.



34th Street

The 34th Street rebuild will fulfill the second portion (first being the Crestmore new build) of Habitat Riverside’s current agreement with the Economic Development Agency of Riverside County to rehabilitate or build two homes every year for the next three years. The Economic Development Agency is funding 100% of these projects. Each home will be sold to a qualified family in need with a 0% interest mortgage.



Community Support



LEFT: Picture of our graduating Habitat families. BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jesse Limon presents from Fair Housing Council of Riverside County. Katrina Lankster presents from Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. Jurupa City Councilman Brad Hancock speaks on behalf of the new city.

Session 4: Community Involvement 9/22/2011 - Our 2010 Habitat families came back for their final Post Purchase Workshop.

Jesse Limon from the Fair Housing Council offered his insight about the importance of committing oneself to the community. Great neighborhood experiences were shared, such as how Joann Gale Christmas caroled in her neighborhood and delivered Christmas cookies with the youth group from Calvary Presbyterian. The Frausto and Gaston families noted while their houses were being built their neighboring house was in disrepair. But since their houses have been completed and maintained, their neighbor has been taking better care of their house.

Katrina Lankster from Community Action Partnership's Dispute Resolution Center & Peer Mediation presented. Many of the families were surprised & interested to learn mediation is being taught in their children's schools.

Jurupa Valley City Councilman Brad Hancock introduced himself to our 2010 Habitat families since the majority of them are living in the new city. He engaged Habitat families about their community resources and stayed after hours to meet every one of our families.



Vice President of HFHR Board, Dan Robertson, Retires

After 5 years of volunteer service, Dan Robertson resigned as Habitat for Humanity Riverside's Vice President from our Board of Directors. Dan also served as Chair Person for the Family Selection Committee. His commitment and insight as Vice President helped Habitat for Humanity Riverside grow into a more productive non-profit that can now help more families.

Unfortunate for Habitat Riverside, but a wonderful opportunity for him, Dan Robertson accepted a position as CEO of a credit union in Lodi, California. Habitat Riverside hopes we remain connected with Dan Robertson and that a non-profit in Lodi will recognize how fortunate they are to have Dan as a volunteer.



TOP: Speech! Speech! Retired Vice President Dan Robertson (left) says farewell. RIGHT: Dan Robertson was often present at Habitat Riverside events. Here he attends our most recent Homes for Heroes Dedication Ceremony.



Internship Ends for Christopher Contreras

Christopher Contreras came to Habitat Riverside as a volunteer in Fall 2010. Starting out as an extra pair of hands at one of our Neighborhood Stabilization Program Home dedication ceremonies, his responsibilities quickly expanded as Habitat Riverside realized tapping into his talents could advance the organization. In addition to conducting research for grants, Christopher led Habitat Riverside's collaboration for the annual Backyard Bash and overhauled our website. Christopher went on to assist and lead volunteer groups as a Helping Hands project assistant.

After reviewing the completion of all of Christopher's successful Habitat projects, it's hard to believe he was only with the organization for a year before he was accepted into University of Southern California where he is currently enrolled in their Master of Public Policy program and will also be certified in Geographic Information Systems.



TOP: Christopher pitches in at our ribbon cutting ceremony on February 3, 2011. BOTTOM: Christopher is a friend to everyone.

Helping Hands...

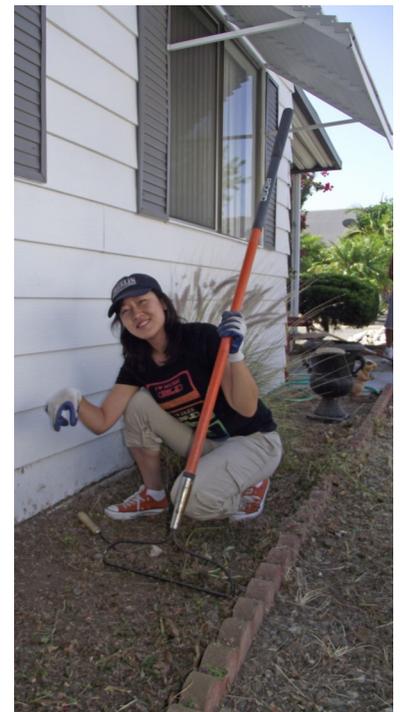
I have been blessed in that Habitat for Humanity has painted my house and most recently replaced the carpet on my deck. It is so appreciated.

Alvin-II Sorrento, Moreno Valley

The Helping Hands program has truly grown into a program that impacts more than the people they serve. Thanks to funding support provided by the City of Corona, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County, and the City of Moreno Valley, Helping Hands completed it's 100th project this year. Volunteers and mobile home owners alike are thanking Habitat for Humanity for making this amazing service available.

Great paint job. The mobile home looks new.

Theresa, II Sorrento, Moreno Valley



2011 Volunteer Groups

1st Presbyterian Church Corona	Knights of Columbus, Corona	Southern California Edison
ACM Technology	La Sierra University	Starbucks Riverside
Aerotek	Leadership Corona Class of 2011	Strongtower Apostolic Christian Church
Air Force Sergeants Association	Levis	Target Distribution Center Rialto
Bank of America	Magnolia Presbyterian Church	UCR Habitat Campus Chapter
Cal Baptist University	New Beginnings Church, Corona	UCR School of Business Students
Citicorp	New Day Christian Church	UNFI
City of Corona employees	Orangecrest Christian Church	University of Redlands "Into the Streets"
Davita Dialysis Center of Hemet	Pacific Mobile	University of Redlands Alumni Assoc
Eli Lilly	Pfizer	Wells Fargo Bank
Habitat Volunteers	Prudential Realty Group	
Home Shopping Network	Ramona High School Habitat Club	
Kaiser Permanente	Ring Container	
Kimberly Clark	Rotary, Riverside	
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You and the volunteers did a wonderful job painting my mobile home. It looks great. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Joy-Buena Vista Mobile Home Park, Corona

Mobile Home Repair



Thank you & your crew of Habitat for Humanity for the wonderful paint job on my mobile, it looks great & I just love it. God Bless you all.

Shirley-Village Grove, Corona



Thanks-Thanks-Thanks!

Terry-King Arthur's Estates, Riverside



Thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. We are so thankful for your kindness and giving of your time..

Arlene, King Arthur's Estates, Riverside

I feel truly bless[ed] because at this time, I'm going through a lot and you came right on time...this seems like "Extreme Makeover" to me!

Mary-King Arthur Estates, Riverside

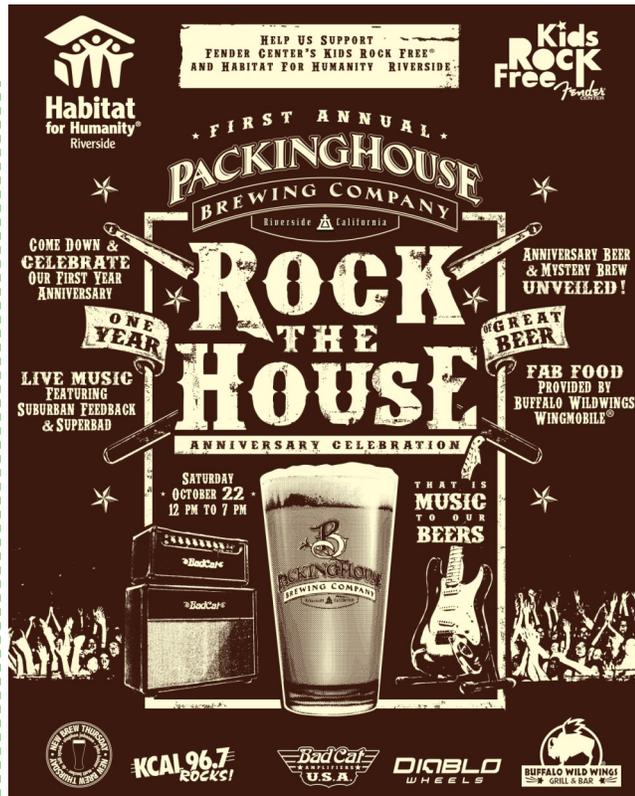


Donors & Sponsors

10/22/2011 Rock the House!

Packing House Brewery celebrated its one year anniversary by throwing a party and donating a percentage of the proceeds to Habitat for Humanity Riverside and Fender Center's Kids Rock Free.

Habitat manned one of their three beer stations, a prime spot outdoors for the live music. Habitat was happy to see support from our Board, partners and friends. In the pictures you will see everyone, patrons & volunteers alike, having a great time celebrating Packing House Brewery's success and rocking out for charity.



10/25/2011 Christmas came early for our 2010 NSP Habitat homeowners. TORO donated lawnmowers and trimmers for our 2010 and 2011 Habitat families. TORO's donation will have a lasting impact since Habitat homeowners are first time homebuyers and will almost certainly not have lawn care tools in their inventory to use.

Thank You to Our 2011 Donors



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	McConnell, Laura	Starbucks Riverside Store #10666	
	McLeskey, Mia	Straight, Susan	

ReStore



Make Purchases
with a RePurpose
ReStore • Riverside

Have You Ever Turned a Traffic Cone into a Stepping Stone or an Industrial Lighting Fixture into a Flower Pot?

Our ReStore prides itself as an eco-savvy solution for local businesses. Their donations of excess product, inventory and construction materials prevent those usable goods from entering a landfill; and may be a tax deduction too.

As passionate stewards of the environment we started pondering alternative uses for bulk industrial donations, and our “Make Purchases with a RePurpose” program began.

Since its inception we have accomplished great and zany things, while diverting non-biodegradables from landfills.

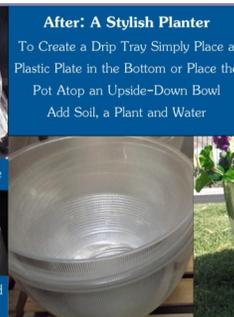
We Post Our RePurpose Tutorials at RiversideReStore.org



After: Eco-Savvy Stepping Stones
Simply slip the base off over the tube, wash and align in your garden. You can also fill the center with decorative stones or gravel for a waterless & weatherproof option.



Share
Your
Ideas
With
Us!



After: A Stylish Planter

To Create a Drip Tray Simply Place a Plastic Plate in the Bottom or Place the Pot Atop an Upside-Down Bowl Add Soil, a Plant and Water

Before: An Industrial Light Fixture

Light Bulb Conveniently Removed and Metal Fittings Recycled

View Select Product & Our Blog www.DiggersList.com/RiversideReStore



Did You Get a Few White Elephants For Christmas? Regift Them to the ReStore for a Tax Deduction!

The ReStore welcomes private donations of new and gently used home improvement goods, appliances, furnishings and construction materials. Your donation supports Habitat for Humanity Riverside’s homebuilding mission and may be tax deductible. Whether you are remodeling your home or simply making room for holiday guests, your reusable items help us build safe, decent, affordable homes in the communities we serve.

Contact Cindy at (951) 787-6754 x114 to schedule a pick-up.



Community Events Calendar

ReStore riversiderestore.org/calendar

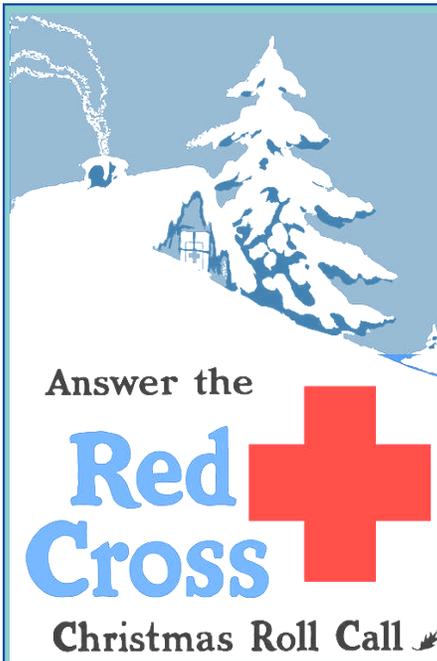


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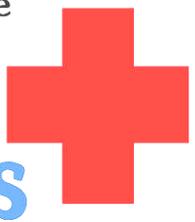
Lowes Moreno Valley

**Norco Naval Base Energy Event • Riverside Adult Ed. Community Day
CAP Bridges Out of Poverty • Child Leader Project's Dia de los Muertos
Ed. Options Center Back to School Night • Grid Alternatives Dedication**



Answer the

Red Cross

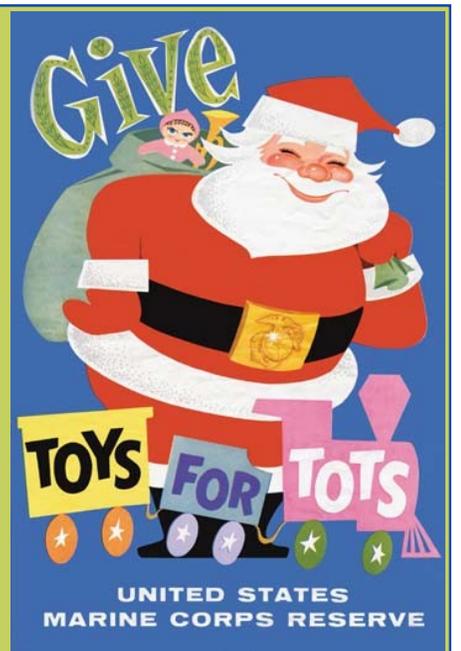


Christmas Roll Call

Donate
Blood
at Habitat
Friday
Dec 16th
12-6pm

To Make an Appointment Please Call Kristii at
(951) 787-6754 x 111
or kmacewen@habitatriverside.org

Donate
a Toy to
a Local
Child
in Need



New, Unwrapped Toys will be collected
until **Fri, Dec. 23rd** in the ReStore &
Habitat lobby.

Community Outreach

12/4/2011 Alternative Christmas



Shop for Christmas and do good in your community! Thanks to the faithful Habitat Club at Ramona High School and Martin from Armada Electric and HVAC, Habitat for Humanity Riverside sold beautiful, handmade ornaments at two Alternative Christmas fairs as a method of both fundraising and meeting the community. The Habitat Club at Ramona High School decorated bulbs and personalized gift boxes and Martin hand-sawed wooden ornaments.



Habitat Riverside was invited by First United Methodist Church on Brockton and First Baptist Church of Riverside to attend their Alternative Christmas Fairs on December 4th, 2011. The Habitat office split up the troops and gathered our homemade goodies. 100% of the proceeds donated to Habitat Riverside at these fairs will benefit Habitat's mission of providing affordable homeownership to low-income families. Thanks to our great volunteers, those lucky enough to receive these Habitat Riverside gifts sold at the Alternative Christmas will receive a truly unique, heartfelt gift as they helped their local non-profit.



LEFT TOP TO BOTTOM: Ramona HS helper Elizabeth and Habitat Staff Kristii MacEwen attend United First Methodist Church. Ramona HS's Habitat Club gets together to decorate ornaments for Habitat Riverside to fundraise with at Alternative Christmas Fairs. Handmade ornaments and gift boxes by Ramona HS's Habitat Club. RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM: First Baptist Church of Riverside's Karen Christiansen and HFHR Executive Director Karin Roberts at their Alternative Christmas. Handmade ornaments hand-sawed by Martin from Armada Electric and HVAC. Ramona HS Habitat Club's President Brittney New helps decorate an ornament.



11/10/2011 Thank You Valspar

Each year Habitat Riverside uses more than 1,500 gallons of paint donated by Valspar. As a national partner, Valspar donates through our Gift In Kind program and saves Habitat Riverside tens of thousands of dollars in paint. Paint is used in our home building program and in our Helping Hands program.

Ramona High School has shown a special interest in Habitat Riverside and has proven on many Helping Hands projects they are able and willing. NRI Project Manager Scott Andrews and Helping Hands Project Manager Kathy Michalak decided to involve the school in helping us say thanks.

Families, affiliates, and communities are all affected by Valspar's generous donation. What better way to say "Thank You" than to ask Ramona High School students to spell it out on a football field?



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