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Solid Start for Habitat Riverside's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative...

“Habitat explained that they want to make communities better from the bottom up,” Humberto Manzo said, “When they offered to help, we didn’t think twice.”

One 110-degree day in Jurupa Valley, southern California, Estela Manzo (pictured above) carried two huge jugs of pineapple and strawberry fruit water to Habitat Riverside employees and Wells Fargo volunteers rehabilitating the house next door; a foreclosed property the affiliate

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New builds

The sight of tractors moving dirt, workers in holes, and Burrtec Waste Industries in the neighborhood is just another day for Habitat Riverside. The Crestmore build is starting to move along as Habitat Riverside begins the construction process. The wall raising for our Crestmore build in the City of Jurupa Valley is set for April 21st, where builders will include volunteers from TORO and Jurupa Valley City Council Members.

Joining the wall raising day will be the newest Habitat partner, the Dominguez family. The Dominguez family has lived, worked, and attended schools in the Jurupa Valley area for over five years. Many of their family members live close by and are often at local parks and stores. They are thrilled to join Habitat in building their new, affordable home in Jurupa Valley.



TOP: Burrtec Waste Industries is always at Habitat Riverside's construction site, often donating trucks and dumpsters to help build affordable homes for families! LEFT: Preparing sewage was never so much fun! LEFT BELOW: A new fence has been installed between the Crestmore lot & the neighbors. BELOW: The Dominguez Family from left to right-Hyrum, Tamara, Magdalena, and Jocelyn. BELOW LEFT: Crestmore lot is ready for wall raising day on 4/21.





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acquired in a neighborhood of foreclosed properties. Estela, who works in a sunglass factory, and her husband Humberto, who manages a carwash, worked on their own home whenever there was money to spare.

With such limited income this family could not afford to make such necessary repairs and improvements. Habitat Riverside approached the Manzos about replacing their roof, painting the outside of their house and providing energy-efficient windows, which Humberto will install. In return, the Manzos are repaying a 0% interest loan from Habitat and working as ambassadors for the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) in their neighborhood, Jurupa Valley.

NRI's core strategy is collaboration with local community organizations to strategically plan on a community level. With a network of trusted partners that engage more broadly and deeply in the community, the long-term solutions of family, community, and organizational sustainability are found within the community itself. The Wells Fargo Foundation has been a large support of NRI. Wells Fargo Volunteers have shown up on site in swarms and proved themselves a driven force. With their thriving volunteer days and their tremendous monetary support, Wells Fargo has launched Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative into a successful program.



Rebuilds



Before your support: Abandoned. Foreclosed, vacant, dirty, unkempt, eyesore, overgrown, shattered windows, weeds, mold, filthy, run down, rats, boarded up, trash, cobwebs, broken cement, feral, dangerous, illegal, taggers, drug dealers, squatters, dumpsters, volunteers, demolition, gutted, tear down, wheel barrels, termite tent, construction, drywall. *With your donations:* volunteers, paint, cabinets, flooring, landscape, grass, fresh cement, fruit trees, revitalized home, new family, good neighbors, hope. Habitat.



Having a foreclosed house on the block can change the dynamics of a neighborhood. Discarded houses tarnish the street block and attract dangerous activity. The house is ruined, inside and out. Walls and doors are punched in. Garbage and waste is shoved down the toilets. Mold infestations run amuck. The houses are broken into and walls are tagged. This desertion can change the entire attitude of the entire street to defeat. The Economic Development Agency of Riverside County and Habitat for Humanity Riverside are working to turn foreclosures into community active, constructive households. Habitat homeowners and Habitat staff alike have noticed an interesting change in the neighborhoods when Habitat purchased foreclosures with



EDA's Redevelopment Funds and began repairing the home. As the foreclosed home repairs progressed, neighbors began keeping their yards tidier. When Habitat replaced windows with energy efficient windows, our project manager saw a chance to reuse these materials on neighbor's homes in the same housing tract. Houses on the street that had broken garage doors or windows now have functional pieces to their homes that match. As Habitat Riverside introduces a hardworking, new family into the community, the neighborhood is ready to welcome them. In the next newsletter, Habitat Riverside will be ready to introduce the six new Habitat families who earned their way into this year's rehabilitation program.

Helping Hands...

What can a small city block grant do for your community?

Prepare yourself...but we don't mind if you are surprised. As of March, 132 mobile homes have been repaired. Put it together: each mobile home is occupied with underprivileged families. An average of 20 people volunteer per home. Habitat Riverside has engaged and helped **3,168** residents.

Since 2009, Habitat Riverside has been granted CDBG/CSBGs (Community Development/Service Block Grant) from the City of Corona, the City of Moreno Valley and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County for Helping Hands. With these grants, Habitat Riverside set out to find partnerships that would stretch each dollar donated. King Arthur Estates Mobile Home Park illustrates community collaboration. Helping Hands has had a ripple effect in the park. It is not unusual



for us to see neighbors working on their own units after we have painted the one next to them or the one down the street.

There is no shortage of need in King Arthur Estates. But over the last year, Project Manager Kathy Michalak has seen the huge difference in the King Arthur community. The park looks better and people are taking pride in their neighborhood by keeping things clean and helping each other out. We



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worked with one senior who was no longer able to keep up with yard work. It was pretty bad and took a heavy work day to clean it up, but Habitat Riverside focuses strictly on one-time help, not monthly maintenance. One of her neighbors volunteered to help her out for a low monthly stipend and she should be just fine from now on.

The management team at King Arthur was thrilled with the opportunity to work with Habitat and has supported our efforts to help their residents. Since a family purchases the unit, not the land, it turns out to be an affordable housing solution for many families surviving on very low incomes. Many of the seniors in all of the parks now have grown children



living with them after losing their own homes.

King Arthur management actively partners with their residents and with Habitat to ensure that the house is ready for our volunteers to come in and rehab the exterior. Unlike any other park we work with, they pressure wash every single unit we have painted within their park at no cost to us or the residents. That saves the homeowner and Habitat about \$65 per unit. They provide water and Gatorade for every volunteer work day. While we do quite a bit of minor repair work, we lack the funding to do the major replacement projects like steps and siding. Thanks to community partners like Kaiser Permanente who provided labor and materials for a large project inside King Arthur, we have been able to complete a few such projects but there is so much more need in funding support.

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Fuel Relief Fund, a locally based non-profit has provided Habitat for Humanity Riverside with gasoline cards that should cover at least a months worth of gasoline purchases for their fleet. From left to right: Karin Roberts, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Riverside; Kris Salas, Executive Director, Fuel Relief Fund; and Jennifer Weggeland, Fuel Relief Fund Golf Tournament Committee Member.

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling an end-of-life vehicle as another way to support this local affiliates. Car donations help build local housing and help preserve critical resources. Recycled steel is cheaper to manufacture, requires fewer natural resources, uses less energy, and is as strong as the original product.

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We Heart ReStore Customers!

We are constantly awed and inspired by our customers' creativity. Thank you so much for sharing your projects and telling people about Habitat for Humanity's ReStores.



What is Pinterest? A short video about how the Habitat for Humanity Riverside ReStore is using Pinterest to showcase and inspire our customers.



Good idea for an apartment. I did something similar to this, found an old mantel at the Habitat ReStore. ♥♥♥ This is so elegant, Thank you Mary!

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I used Mod Podge to attach the floor plans to shower tiles from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore (a terrific resource for pretty much everything). I



Need to hit the Habitat for Humanity Restore to buy some cheap, old ceiling fixture bulbs. Stick in my old tangled christmas lights, and presto! From Karen at the art of doing stuff. ♥♥♥



I saw an orange swing-arm lamp at Habitat Restore, but I let it get away. Now it haunts me... ♥♥♥ Someone will donate another one soon, stay strong until then :), Thank You Cheryl!

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Wood Streets Green Team

Here are photos from our emergency preparedness event with the Fire Dept., TEDx viewing party with local community gardens and blood drive with the Red Cross.

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 Sunday, April 22nd

WMWD Earth Night
 Thursday, April 19th

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Community Support



It's Official!

Ramona High School's Habitat Club is approved to become a Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter. With this partnership, the students will be able to use additional resources and materials to make a greater impact in their community.

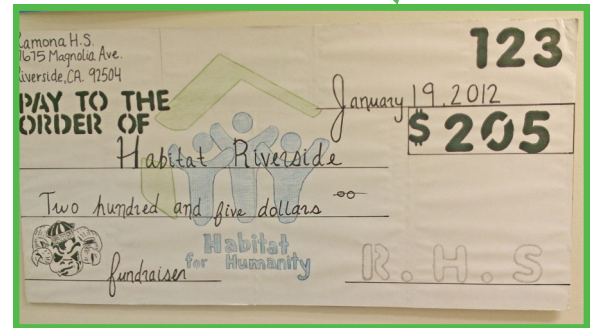
For over a year, the Habitat Club at Ramona High School has been advocating on their campus for Habitat for Humanity's mission of eliminating substandard housing and volunteering their time on Habitat projects.

There is no questioning the students commitment to Habitat's cause especially when called upon to help thank one of Habitat's biggest donor's, Valspar. The students assembled on

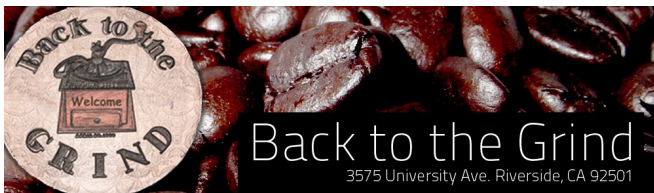


their campus football field to spell out Thank You on behalf of the homeowners who were helped by Valspar's paint donation.

The club has also donated (see handmade big check on right) to Habitat Riverside and will be holding a benefit concert on April 14, 2012 at Back to the Grind café to raise awareness and funds for affordable housing.



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