

Celebrating
75 HOMES
& COUNTING

Habitat for Humanity Riverside

Riverside · Corona · Norco · Moreno Valley · Jurupa Valley ·
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Summer 2016

So far this year...

8 families purchased and moved into their new homes.

48 home preservation projects were completed, including 12 critical home repairs.

Over 800 volunteers completed 3,472 hours.

15,558 customers shopped at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Riverside.

Over 70 people rappelled down 16 stories in support of Habitat's veteran services.

Thoughts from our Executive Director, Kathy Michalak

“ It is summer time and already Habitat for Humanity Riverside has had a record breaking year! From the January dedication ceremony for eight homes at Roberts Way in Moreno Valley, to the dedications of three homes at 11th & Ottawa, and one home on Woodbine Street in Riverside, we were able to provide new homeownership opportunities to 12 families! And we hit new heights with our first Over the Edge fundraiser at Mt. Rubidoux Manor in Riverside, with more than 70 people raising money to support the funding of our veterans services by rappelling down the side of the tallest building in Riverside in May. Watching two female veterans rappel down 16 stories with an American Flag stretched between them while the crowd below cheered and whistled was inspiring! We can't wait for Over the Edge 2017, so stay tuned!

We couldn't have accomplished so much without the amazing support of our community partners. From the contractors and volunteers who literally dig in and help us build, repair, and renovate homes, to the banks, the cities, the county, private foundations, and generous donors who help fund our efforts through financial support, land donations, and gifts in-kind. We were able to do so much already this year because of how our communities came together to support us.

We are truly blessed and thankful for each and every one of you. ”



Roberts Way, Moreno Valley

Habitat for Humanity, Riverside's first completed development.



In Moreno Valley, two adjoining lots on Myers St., owned by the Housing Authority of Moreno Valley, had sat vacant for over 20 years. The chain link fence was bent over and transients and others were using it at night. On January 30th, after thousands of volunteer hours and support from the entire community, Habitat for Humanity Riverside held a dedication ceremony for eight brand new homes. Over 200 guests cheered as Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez, several City Councilmembers, and Assembly Member Jose Medina presented each family with the keys to their new homes.



Soroptimist International of Riverside, a service organization who support women's and girl's issues, presented Sheena with a new washer and dryer.



"I am holding back tears; I'm so excited that this day has finally come!" Homeowner Sheena

All of the homes are Energy Star rated, and include utility savers such as tankless water heaters and solar panels. Habitat Riverside's Executive Director Kathy Michalak noted, "It's not enough to provide the opportunity for home ownership to these low income families, we need to ensure that it's a quality home with sustainable features that allow the families to thrive long term."

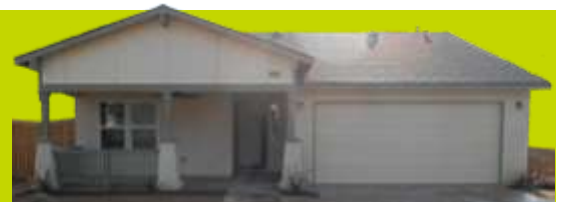
This project involved bringing in a new water line from Heacock St. along Myers to the new development, as well as a brand new city street. As the developer, we were allowed to name the new street (Roberts Way) in honor of our Executive Director Emeritus, Karin Roberts.



Mayor Gutierrez & Assemblymember Medina shown here congratulating the new homeowners with welcoming gifts.



Woodbine Street, Riverside



Thrivent Builds



In 2013, the Mendoza family found themselves essentially homeless, living with friends after their rental home and all of their belongings had burned in a fire, leaving them

without resources to move into a new place. On January 22, 2016, the family got a fresh start, receiving the keys to their new home during a Home Dedication Ceremony.

The family worked side by side with 91 volunteers from Thrivent Financial and the local community who together contributed over 400 hours to help build this home, from the wall raising on October 3rd to the final touches on January 20th. The family personally contributed more than 500 hours of "sweat equity."

This project was made possible through a partnership with Thrivent Financial, who for the tenth consecutive year, has committed to stabilize, strengthen, and secure communities through its national partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Keeping Homes Low Cost and Sustainable with these Features:

- Tankless water heater
- Fluorescent and LED lighting
- Motion sensing switches
- Low-VOC paint
- Radiant barrier roof
- 5/8" drywall
- Dow insulation and air sealing products
- Ceiling fans
- Low-flow plumbing features
- Energy Star Rated windows
- Energy Star Rated appliances
- Drought tolerant landscaping
- Water wise irrigation
- Energy Efficient A/C
- Solar skylight tubes to bring daylight to interior rooms



Home Repair Programs

Often due to age, disability, income, or family circumstances, homeowners struggle to maintain their homes. Recognizing this issue, especially among seniors, Habitat for Humanity Riverside has partnered with cities and private funders to provide home repair program options for qualified homeowners in need. The *Moreno Valley Mobile Home Repair* program addresses issues, particularly health and safety concerns, with low income mobile home owners. Our *A Brush with Kindness* program addresses minor exterior repairs, landscaping, and exterior painting. Our *Critical Repairs* program addresses larger issues such as wheelchair ramps, entry deck and step repairs, and other home preservation projects. The goal is to not only build homes for families in need of a decent place to live, but to also preserve the safe, decent, and affordable housing stock already in place.



Putting a Senior Back on his Feet.

For the past 6 years, Art, a WWII veteran, had been unable to safely leave his home because the ramp at his front door was rotting from the foundation up. In addition, the stairs by his back door were in disrepair and missing a safety rail. For the last month that he lived in these conditions, Art stayed inside refusing to leave because he was too afraid for his safety and the fear of injury.

At Habitat Riverside, we believe everyone deserves a safe and decent place to live. This July, we came out and removed the damaged ramp and repaired the steps.



Art's daughter was particularly grateful for the repairs. As a token of her appreciation, she painted two gorgeous pictures (top right) for our office. "I want to thank all of you for your kind services. Having the work done on the front of the mobile home is so wonderful... Something so simple to some can be like the gift of a million bucks to others."

Art can now safely and confidently exit his home using both entrances. With his new found freedom, he enjoys taking daily walks around the neighborhood.

A special thank you to our home repair partners:



City of Arts & Innovation



Thank You Volunteers!

BeriCap	Lowe's Women	UCR AMSA
Calvary	Build Group	UCR Gamma Beta Phi
Presbyterian Church	Peace Corps	UCR Mujeres Unidas
Coast Guard	Protection One	UCR Phi Alpha Delta
DLE Group	Ralph Lauren	UCR Sigma Phi Alpha
EDD	Ramona Campus Chapter	UCR Volleyball
Eden Lutheran	Red Robin	UCR Women's Soccer
Galleria at Tyler	Sherwin Williams	UCR-NSCS
IAWP	Simpson Strong-Tie	US Air Force
Inland Empire EDD	The Home Depot	UTC Aerospace System
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La Sierra Women's Soccer	UCR AGSM	
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Lowe's	UCR Campus Chapter	
	UCR Delta Sigma Pi	

Getting things done with AmeriCorps

I learned a lot during my year of service. As an AmeriCorps VISTA Member, I saw how my actions can have a positive impact in the community and in my own life.

-Julianna, reflecting on her year of service.

Through a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, we hosted three AmeriCorps Members who served in program development, and as community outreach coordinators and construction crew leaders.

Goodbye to our 2015/2016 Members



Neighborhood Revitalization



Neighborhood Takes Action

Our *Neighborhood Revitalization* program responds to community aspirations with an array of products, services, and partnerships to empower residents to revive their neighborhood and enhance their quality of life. Habitat for Humanity Riverside acts as a catalyst, promoting networks and common interest among the community based on agreed upon goals.

Jurupa Valley residents, alongside Habitat Riverside's *Neighborhood Revitalization* team, completed it's first Painted Intersection project after residents agreed they wanted a project that would slow down traffic as well as unite the neighborhood.

"My husband and I enjoyed the sense of community as we shared in this project with people whom we'd never met. Now I feel like a part of the neighborhood." Karen, resident

Residents held a contest to pick a design based on the theme "The Beauty in Jurupa Valley" and chose the design by local artist, Christine Chavez. In early May, community members got together to paint the design on the intersection of Demeter Place and 28th Street. Jurupa Valley officials hope this will be the first of many community art projects in the area.

Thank You to our 2016 Corporate & Business Donors!

- 1st Baptist Church
- AARP
- Ace Hardware
- Advanced Pneumatic Tubes
- Advantage Infusion Care
- Aeropostale
- AT&T
- Bail Hotline
- Bank of America
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- CEO Strategic Solutions, LLC
- CEVA Logistics
- Champion Lumber
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- City of Moreno Valley
- City of Riverside
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- Eden Lutheran Church
- Excel Cabinets
- Ferguson Plumbing
- Fence Specialties
- First Presbyterian Church of Corona
- Flexsteel
- Floor & Décor
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- Green Lite Window & Door
- Grove Community Church
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- Lewis Management Corp.
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- Monster Media
- Moreno Valley Mall
- Narr's
- Norco Collage Veterans
- Oaktree Riverside LP
- OutSource Group
- P & G
- Patriot HVAC
- Paul Davis Restoration
- Perkins & Sons
- PMI
- Prime Source Building Products
- Printing Industry Credit Union
- Proclaim Construction
- Provident Bank
- Ramona Campus Chapter
- Raincross Promenade
- Reliable Hardware
- Renee's Antique
- Reno Hardware & Supply
- Riverside Medical Clinic
- Riverside Winnelson Co
- Roquet Construction, Inc.
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- RSI
- RTA
- Rupert Installation Management Service Inc.
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- Schucte Contractor
- Schupp Construction
- SEKO Logistics
- Sherwin Williams
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Smith & Nobel
- Swift Transportation
- TGM
- The Grossman Law Firm
- The Home Depot
- Thrivent Financial
- Topaz Lighting Corp.
- Truist
- UCR Campus Chapter
- University United Methodist Church
- Valspar
- Vermillion Sapphire Enterprises, Inc.
- VR Services
- Walmart
- Weber Plywood & Lumber
- Wells Fargo
- Wesley United Methodist Church
- Whirlpool
- Winn Kitchen and Bath

Homeowner Support Classes



Often the responsibilities of homeownership can be challenging for first-time home buyers. To prepare Habitat partner families for long term success in their homes, we offer supportive services and classes to help transition the new homeowners into homeownership. Thank you to Inland Valley Plumbing, Armada Electric, Greenview Landscape, and GRID Alternatives, who recently volunteered their time and talents to share their experiences with these classes. 5

Fundraisers

Over the Edge

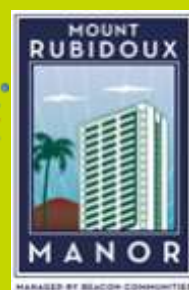
In late May over 70 participants rappelled down the tallest building in Riverside, Mount Rubidoux Manor, to support our veterans services. Leading up to the event, participants created peer to peer fundraising pages and received support and coaching to raise a minimum of \$1,000.

"Edgers" were fitted with full-body safety harnesses, helmets, and industrial descenders before heading to the roof. One by one, they caught their breath, stepped up to the edge, and rappelled down 16 stories!



Why would these people rappel off a 16 story building?

Because they believe everyone deserves to have a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. Funds raised support our veteran services, empowering veterans and their families by surrounding them with supportive services and giving them the opportunity to purchase a safe and affordable home, or to make their current home safe by renovating it. This includes support for our upcoming CalVet REN communities, bringing affordable homeownership opportunities to families in Riverside and Jurupa Valley.



Over the Edge 2017 will be announced soon! Information on www.HabitatRiverside.org/OverTheEdge

**Two everyday ways to give,
without spending a penny.**

1. **amazon smile**
You shop. Amazon gives.

2. **Ralphs COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

Designate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase as a donation to Habitat for Humanity Riverside at no extra cost to you! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service!

Raise money for Habitat for Humanity Riverside while grocery shopping with Ralph's and Food 4 Less Reward Cards! Link your Ralph's or Food 4 Less Reward Card or account number with the Community Contribution Program for Habitat for Humanity Riverside and 1-4% of your purchase will be automatically donated.

To participate, cards need to be re-registered online every year after August 31th!

To sign up for the program, visit Ralphs.com or Food4Less.com and click on the Community Tab.

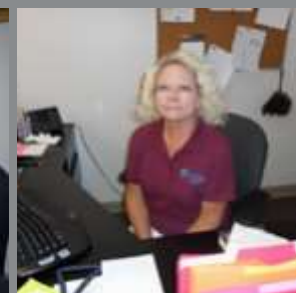


Welcome to the team!



Lauren Hahn

Lauren joined us in May as our Family Services Manager. She has volunteer experience with Habitat and 10 years of banking experience.



Yolanda Vega

Yolanda joined the team in June as our new Administrative Assistant. She has an administrative background of 13 years.

Favorite Finds from the ReStore

From vintage decor to new building supplies and furniture, the Riverside ReStore is a treasure hunter's paradise and an investment to bring decent and affordable housing opportunities to your community.



Following Earth Day, our Riverside ReStore was honored by the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources with a Sustainability Award for its leadership and contributions to sustainability practices. The Riverside ReStore diverts tens of thousands of tons of reusable materials away from local landfills every year.



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safe, decent, and affordable place to live.**



No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to have a decent life. We deserve to feel strength and stability day after day. We deserve to know we have the power to take care of ourselves and build our own futures. Through shelter, we empower, because you, me, we— we're all humans, and every one of us deserves a fair chance.

Your support gives families the opportunity to help themselves. Homeownership allows families to save more, invest in education, live in healthier environments and have more financial stability. It's the foundation for success and a better future.

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.

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