

HABITAT NEWS

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Sacramento Habitat looking for Home Sponsors for the final phase of Indian Lane



and her two children.

Denise works full-time. She spends her day off on the jobsite, doing “sweat equity”.

Says Denise, “It’s always been my dream to be a homeowner, so that I can leave a legacy for my two children and offer

them a safe environment.”. The family of 3 currently live in a 1-bedroom apartment because it’s all Denise can afford.

In her application letter to Habitat, Denise admit-

ted to, for a long time, “feeling embarrassed” and “struggling alone”.

Denise now sings a different tune as she works alongside the volunteers and fellow Habitat homeowners who are digging the foundation for her future home.

Says Denise, “I’m just so grateful”

Sacramento Habitat is currently looking for Home Sponsors to help fund the construction of the final 5 Indian Lane homes for Denise and the other four families so they can have a safe, decent place to call home for themselves and their children.

If your organization, business, church, or team is interested in being an essential part of this project and changing the lives of a family in need please contact Laine Himmelman at (916) 440-1215 ext. 1108 or LHimmelman@shfh.org for information on how you or your organization can help.

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity currently has 5 families lined up for the 5 remaining homes on the ambitious 14-unit Indian Lane development in South Sacramento.

One of the 5 homes is for single mom, Denise McCoy

About Indian Lane -

Indian Lane is Sacramento Habitat for Humanity’s largest and most ambitious project to date. The multi-unit, LEED-certified, Transit Oriented Development will eventually feature 14 single family homes. It is the only development of its kind in the County of Sacramento. The third and final phase of Indian Lane is set for construction to begin in late September and conclude just in time to get the families in their homes for the holidays.



CEO CORNER



There's a lot happening at Sacramento Habitat for Humanity (SHfH) in 2014:

- **Merger** – in June 2013, SHfH was approached by HFH of Yolo County Board President Marty Swingle and asked to consider the possibility of our two affiliates merging. After over a year of operational coordination and lots of paperwork, the merger process is almost complete. People have asked why merge? Building homes is much more complicated today than it was four decades ago

when Millard Fuller founded Habitat. Our Boards of Directors realized that we are all "One Habitat". By merging our resources, we can serve more families together than apart and help achieve our vision of "A world where everyone has a decent place to live".

- **Indian Lane Project** – we're entering Phase III, the last five homes, of our largest 14 home development project on Indian Lane. This 14 LEED certified home project, located across from the Florin Road Light Rail Station, is a transit oriented development (TOD) and the first of its kind in Sacramento.
- **Tithe** – over the last 29 years we have tithed 10% of our "unrestricted funds", over \$917,000, to build homes overseas. 2014 is our 25th anniversary tithing and partnering with HFH of Nicaragua.
- **Homes Built** – SHfH has completed 105 homes in the County of Sacramento and 231 homes overseas for a total of 336 homes worldwide in our 29 year history.
- **Zero foreclosures** – we are thankful that our 105 Habitat families have honored their commitment with timely mortgage and impound payments resulting in zero (0) foreclosures.
- **Lives changed** – as Sacramento HFH achieved its 100th home built milestone in January 2014, our Family Services staff reached out to these 100 Habitat homeowners. We sent surveys and conducted 1-on-1 interviews ultimately receiving 51 surveys and conducting 35 interviews. Since becoming a Sacramento Habitat for Humanity homeowner...

76% of families with school age children have seen an improvement in study habits

72% of homeowners who got a new job got a better job

69% combined decrease usage of welfare and food stamps programs

59% of families have had at least one family member start or complete higher education or job training programs

57% of families have more savings

Thank you to all of you who have donated your time, talent and treasure helping Sacramento HFH achieve its mission of "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope".

Ken Cross
Sacramento Habitat for Humanity CEO

Meet the Habitat Families who will be receiving keys on September 6th!

Please join us on Saturday, September 6th at 10am on 7114 Indian Lane Sacramento, CA for a very special Dedication for 3 Habitat homes.

Watkins Family

Byron Watkins is a single dad who supports his mom and autistic daughter. The family currently lives in an overcrowded 2-bedroom apartment which suffers from everything from structural damage to mold. Though Byron has worked in the Habitat ReStore for the past 9 years, from working alongside the families he never felt like he "deserved it". This past year, at the urging of his Habitat family, Byron finally applied.



"It's been such a great experience. ...the construction guys are like my heroes" - Byron Watkins

Thao/Lee Family

The former Thai refugees, avid Sacramento Kings Fans, and family of 6 currently live in a severely overcrowded 2-bedroom rental. The Thao/Lee family has long wanted to move into a larger home, but simply couldn't afford it. Both Chee and Choua worked side by side building their Habitat home. Now, with the birth of their new son Tyreke (named after Tyreke Evans) their new Habitat home could not have come at a better time.



"I'm thankful to Habitat and all the volunteers for making my dream come true" - Chee Thao

Mulissa/Wondimu Family

The Mulissa/Wondimu family came to the United States from Ethiopia. The family of 5 currently lives in a 1-bedroom apartment because it's all they can afford. With 3 young children, Eshetu who works as a security guard and Tejinesh who works as a nursing assistant, look forward to providing their children with rooms of their own and a backyard to play in.



"We cannot wait for our new home. We're so grateful" - Eshetu Mulissa

Lenly Xayavong reminds us that it sometimes takes a community to make dreams come true



On Saturday, July 26th a teary eyed Lenly Xayavong stood alongside her three children, sister, and mother to address a crowd of familiar faces after receiving the keys to her family's new Habitat home on Chennault Court.

The faces of the volunteers, donors, sponsors, colleagues, Habitat families and staff who made up the 100 plus person crowd were the same faces the hardworking single Mom had been working side by side with while building her home over the last year.



Representatives of the Sponsors of Lenly's new home Citi, Coldwell Banker, Intel, Travelers, Lowe's, and United Surgical Partners presented symbolic gifts to the family...with the last gift being the keys to the home.

As Lenly attempted to individually thank all those who had touched her home, she became overwhelmed with emotion.

"I'm just so grateful", she squeaked out while wiping the tears from her face.

Lenly allowed her excited 6-year old son, Izaiah, the honor of cutting the ribbon to their new home and being the first to turn the key.

As Izaiah turned the key, he couldn't help but exclaim proudly, "This is my house! This is my house!" while jumping with joy and running from room to room.

The rest of Lenly's children were just as thrilled as this was the first time any of them had seen their new home. The family of 5 had been living in a 2-bedroom apartment and none of them have ever had rooms of their own.

While the crowd toured Lenly's new home, a slideshow in the kitchen showed photos of signatures signed on Lenly's home— a tradition which Lenly began where volunteers, after working on the home, signed their name in sharpie on a piece of the house.

Said Lenly, "I wanted the volunteers to sign my house so they would know that they'll always be a part of it".



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- Lenly Xayavong



(Brenda Edwards and Sara Fox of Travelers, one of the partial Home Sponsors on Chennault, pose with Lenly after her dedication ceremony)

BUILD THE HYP!

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity rolls out new program to engage Young Professionals through networking, mixers, and builds



There's a new Young Professional Group in town and they're called "HYP".

If you're a Young Professionals between 21-40 who has a passion for what Habitat does and is looking for opportunity to network, meet other socially conscious young professionals in your community, and build on a Habitat jobsite—this might be the group for you.

HYP Members receive discounted admission to HYP Mixers and invitations to HYP Quarterly Builds.

This past month, HYP hosted their

first Mixer Event at The MIX and welcomed over 113 attendees.

Bridget Bugbee, Chair of the Sacramento HYP leadership council, saw the event as a great start for the group.

"We're just going to keep growing!" says Bridget, "Everyone keeps asking me when the next event is!"

The first official HYP build is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th. The build will be the first of many quarterly builds only open to HYP members.

HYP Membership is \$60 annually and includes discounted Happy Hour admission, invitations to HYP only builds, and a "Build the HYP" t-shirt.

For more information on HYP, visit www.shfh.org and click "HYP" under the Get Involved tab or contact the HYP staff liaison, Laci Dewater at LDewater@shfh.org or (916) 440-1215 ext. 1109.

Keep up with HYP on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/sacramentohyp

Volunteer for Habitat ABROAD!

Sacramento Habitat to host two more Global Village trips to Nicaragua this November

This November, Sacramento Habitat for Humanity is hosting two more Global Village trips to Nicaragua.

The 9-day builds at Sacramento Habitat's sister affiliate in Nicaragua are scheduled for November 1st-9th (Women Build) and November 15th-23rd.

If you are interested in participating in one of Sacramento Habitat's 2014 Global Village Trips, please contact Ken Cross at KCross@shfh.org or (916) 440-1215 ext. 1105.

For more info visit www.shfh.org and click "Global Village Trip" under the "Get Involved" tab



Sacramento Habitat for Humanity merging with Yolo Habitat to serve more families in need

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity is going to have a new name thanks to merger efforts with Habitat for Humanity of Yolo County. The affiliate will soon be serving both Sacramento and Yolo Counties as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento.

Says Sacramento Habitat CEO Ken Cross who has been managing the merger process, "Merging with Yolo County just makes sense. It's going to allow us to consolidate our resources and support to serve more families in need."

The merger process, according to both Sacramento Habitat CEO Ken Cross and Yolo Habitat Executive Director Roger Ashton, has been fairly smooth thanks to Yolo Habitat being a volunteer run Habitat affiliate with no paid staff or base of operations to absorb.

The merger is set for completion before the end of 2014 and will include a new name, logo, website, and much larger service area for the affiliate –meaning families who live in Yolo County who previously would have been unable to apply for new Habitat homes in Sacramento County will now be able to.

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity also looks forward to piloting their

Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) efforts in the Yolo County Bryte Broderick Neighborhood of West Sacramento.

Says CEO Ken Cross, "We're not looking to just absorb Yolo County. We're really looking at this as an opportunity to leverage all of our resources from Yolo and Sacramento to help better serve the families and communities of both Counties"

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity also looks forward to creating and increasing partnerships with local Yolo organizations, businesses, and churches.

Says Laine Himmelmann, Corporate Development and PR Officer for Sacramento Habitat, "Over the years, because Yolo was a smaller affiliate, we often got Yolo volunteers who would come to us to build, so we're really excited with this merger to be able to grow those partnerships and our volunteer base in Yolo since now we're going to have an active presence in that community through our NR program"

The Sacramento ReStore is also looking forward to the merge with Yolo which will open up greater opportunities to partner with some of the larger retail centers and manufacturers in the Yolo area who have previously been out of Sacramento Habitat's service area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6th, 2014

Home Dedication

7114 Indian Lane
Sacramento, CA

10:00 am

September 6th, 2014

1st HYP Build

HYP Members only

7:30am-3:30pm

April TBD, 2014

"The Next Chapter" Gala
Fundraising & Auction
Event

Further details to come

We are currently looking for high-end auction donations.



Teams sponsor their day of building through Habitat Team Build Program



Planning a Team Building outing for your business? Consider following in the footsteps of BakeMark, Belami, Caltronics, Colliers Internatinoal, Core-Logic, Dal Tile, eRepublic, Johnson Controls, NARPM, Rexel, TauxAudit.com, and Zurich who all opted to forego typical team build activities and give back to their community by participating in the 2014 Sacramento Habitat for Humanity Team Build program which includes a day of building on site, \$100/person donation, lunch, and Habitat Hammer Time T-Shirts for the team. Interested in setting up a Team Build Day? Contact Laine Himmelmann by email at LHimmelmann@shfh.org or (916) 440-1215 ext. 1108

There's a new Sherriff in Town!

Introducing Monte Morris, Sacramento Habitat for Humanity's New Director of Construction



Sacramento Habitat for Humanity welcomed a new member to the staff on June 23rd.

Monte Morris, the new Director of Construction for the affiliate, comes from a long line of construction professionals and looks forward to putting his extensive construction background and expertise towards the Habitat cause.

In regards to what brought him to apply for the position which includes taking on the hefty responsibility of Habitat's largest building project to date (Indian Lane) and first Neighborhood Revitalization project, Monte, undaunted, said simply, "I really believe in the Habitat for Humanity mission...how

Habitat affects the lives of families and brings people together"

Just recently Monte, alongside his wife and two-year old daughter, had the opportunity to see his first Habitat Home Dedication for Lenly Xayavong.

Says Monte, "It was even more touching than I expected. As she [Lenly] spoke, she began pointing out different finishes on the house and explained when she looks at all of these things, she would always be reminded of doing the work with the different volunteers and staff and how much all those people meant to her. That was really great to see."

Exchanging their briefcases for Hammers, Sacramento Habitat's 2nd Annual Attorney Build is in full swing



Sacramento Habitat for Humanity's 2nd Annual Attorney Build is in full swing on Indian Lane.

This year's Attorney Build Partners include Downey Brand, Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld, Orrick, Porter Scott, and Wilke Fleury who have all donated both the funding

and the labor to make this home possible for the Zabala family.

Come out to Indian Lane on any given Saturday and you can find our lawyers on their day off hammering away to get this home ready! That's what we call "buildable hours"!

INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR FIRM PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR'S ATTORNEY BUILD?

For Attorney Build Sponsorship Information

Contact :
Laine Himmelmann at
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Chasing what matters... JPMorgan Chase helps sponsor another entire home



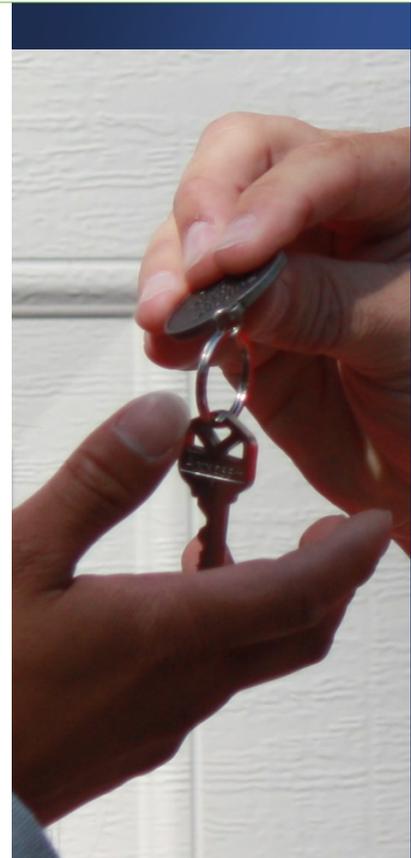
It's not often that a company will walk into the office of Sacramento Habitat CFO Anne Gambino and ask how they can sponsor an entire house. It's even less often that a team will do it 2 years in a row, but that's exactly what happened with members of the JPMorgan Chase team back in 2012 and then again in 2013.

On September 6th, Tai Mamea, Senior Lending Manager at JPMorgan Chase, will have the opportunity to present the Thao/Lee family with the keys to their new Habitat home during their dedication ceremony.

Tai, along with other members of his team and his son, also participated in helping build the home through several organized build days in addition to the company's \$75,000 sponsorship to fund the project.

Heather Lambert, who helped organize the groups build days, said even amidst putting up the siding of the home in a pouring rain storm, "we had fun and did as much as we could!"

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity looks forward to continuing their partnership with JPMorgan Chase as they work together to build homes for future Habitat families.



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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15 seconds is all it takes to make a donation that can impact a family's life forever.

Your gift of \$25 buys a box of nails, \$50 buys a smoke detector, \$100 buys a toilet ...every gift counts.

Visit www.shfh.org/donate.asp to donate online or mail checks to :

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity, 819 N. 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811



Have you visited the ReStore lately?



The Sacramento Habitat for Humanity ReStore is often described as a "Home

Depot meets Goodwill", but lately through some phenomenal and generous partnerships with companies like Ashley Furniture, Costco, HD Supply, and Daltile—the ReStore has had more brand new furniture and materials than ever before.

The ReStore, which helps support the affiliate's overhead, has doubled their revenue from last year through the combined support of material donations, ReStore volunteers, and regular customers.

Says ReStore Receiving Coordinator, Jim Griffin, "The ReStore did really well this year, but we want to keep doing better because the more we bring in, the more we sell, the more families we can help!"



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