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Sacramento Habitat Celebrates 28th Anniversary with a Special Build and Performance on Indian Lane!



On September 11th, Sacramento Habitat for Humanity (SHfH) celebrated its 28th Anniversary with a special build and performance with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bai-

ley.

7 volunteers from the Circus's "Built to Amaze" tour assisted in building walls for SHfH's new 14-unit Indian Lane Development in South Sacra-

mento, while 10 others showed up later, dressed in neon-colored costumes, donning clown make-up and red noses, to provide a special mid-day performance for the dozens of volunteers, families, neighbors, and local school children who came out to celebrate Sacramento Habitat's 28th year building Hope and Homes in Sacramento County.

With his granddaughter perched eagerly on his shoulders to see the performance, Indian Lane Site Supervisor Terry Hardin could only grin as he exclaimed, "Today was...really amazing."

Walking for Home –

SHfH partnering with The Sacramento Kings for 2nd Annual Rhythm 'N Rims

This October 13th 2013, Sacramento Habitat for Humanity is again partnering with the Sacramento King's for their annual Rhythm 'N Rims Walk and Community Event.

The event is set to kick-off in downtown Sacramento with a 5k walk to help raise money on behalf of the Sacramento Kings Foundation non-

profit partners including Sacramento Habitat for Humanity.

Participating walkers walk on behalf of their selected nonprofit to help fundraise.

SHfH Development Officer and Rhythm 'N Rims returnee, Cynthia Anderson, has already started recruiting walkers for her team this year "Hard

Hats N Heels".

Says Cynthia, "You can join an existing team or start your own! It's a lot of fun"

Brian and Ashly Limerick, Habitat homeowners who received their home in April, have also started their own team.

"We're just excited to be able to give something

back", says Brian.

If you would like to support SHfH at this year's Rhythm 'N Rims Walk—visit www.rhythmnrims.org and select Sacramento Habitat for Humanity as your nonprofit of choice.

Questions? Please contact Cynthia Anderson at

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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives the gift of home to the Thao/Yang Family



On Saturday, September 14th, surrounded by roughly 150 guests including local elected officials, Habitat volunteers and staff, family members, neighbors, and friends—an emotional Phia Yang accepted the keys on behalf of his family to their new home on 10th Avenue in Oak Park.

The Thao/Yang family had been living in an over-crowded 2-bedroom apartment in an area where the family frequently felt unsafe, “You could smell the drugs outside.” says Phia.

Phia and Pa had long wanted to

move their family into a safe home of their own, but simply could not afford it until they heard about Habitat through a prior homeowner.

Phia and Pa put in over 500 hours of “sweat equity” building their new home and will now be taking on a 0% interest 30-year mortgage.



Thrivent Financial Volunteers

3530 10th Avenue is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ 7th fully sponsored Sacramento Habitat for Humanity home.

In addition to the \$75,000 full home

sponsorship that made this build possible, local Lutheran church members contributed over 1,300 volunteer hours helping to build the home. Lutheran churches and members also contributed \$17,000.

“It’s been more than a 6 month journey getting to where we are today, but it’s worth every minute of my family’s life because its a beginning of a new chapter for us... Habitat has been helping families around the world for years and their commitment has led them here today helping my family, not just to have a better future for my kids but a place where I can learn to be an impact on my community. We are blessed to have this beautiful home...my family will never forget this special day, it will be written in our chapters forever” - Phia Yang (upon receiving the keys to his family’s new Habitat home on 9/14)



Phia and Pa working on their home.



Keith Sippola presents the keys

Sacramento Habitat ReStore Needs Volunteers



When the image of a Habitat volunteer comes to mind, one usually imagines a volunteer wielding a hammer, but it may come as a surprise that there are lots of other ways to get involved beyond the realm of construction. According to Manager of Communications and Volunteer Services for Sacramento Habitat, Laine Himmelmann, “We rely just as heavily on volunteers for our ReStore as construction to continue our mission of building homes for families in need.”

The Sacramento Habitat for Humanity ReStore is Sacramento Habitat’s retail outlet. The ReStore is a revenue source for Sacramento Habitat for Humanity, selling donated new and used building supplies, fixtures, and home furnishings to help support the overhead costs of the local Habitat affiliate.

With only 3 ReStore employees on the floor at any given time, according to ReStore receiving coordinator Jim Griffin, operating a functioning ReStore without the help of volunteers just isn’t possible.

“We’ve had some great groups come in recently,” says Griffin, “but we could really use some more volunteers to help out. It would be great



to have more individual volunteers on a regular basis”.

New ReStore Director, Gary Palmer, who has been diligently increasing ReStore donations over the past few months, is also eager to get more volunteers in the ReStore, “We really need the help. Groups, individuals, we’ll take them all! There’s lots to do!”.

ReStore Volunteer Opportunities take place from Tuesday-Friday from 9am-6pm and Saturday from 10am-5pm.

If you are interested in volunteering in the ReStore, please contact Laci Dewater at LDewater@shfh.org or (916) 440-1215 ext. 1109

For more info on the ReStore visit www.shfh.org and click “ReStore”

Local 6th grade class shows that you’re never too young to give back



When Mrs. Schenk’s 6th Grade class at St. John the Evangelist School in Carmichael was brainstorming ideas for their class project, they decided they wanted to do something that gave back to their community.

Too young to participate in tradi-

tional Habitat volunteer routes, the 6th graders decided to paint flower pots, fill them with fresh flowers, and present them to the new Habitat homeowners at their dedications as a house warming gift.

Says Mrs. Schenk, who accompanied roughly a dozen students from her class to the recent 10th Avenue dedication where they presented the flowers to the Thao/Yang family, “The children are just so excited to be able to meet the families and be a part of everything.”

If you are interested in participating in a special youth project, please contact Laine Himmelmann at LHimmelmann@shfh.org



Sacramento Habitat welcomes 2013-2014 AmeriCorps



LACI DEWATER

Vista Resource Development Coordinator

Laci is a UC Berkeley grad with a degree in Business Administration. Laci brings with her an expertise in finance, business communication, and outreach. Though coming from a corporate business setting, Laci's always considered her true passion to be volunteer work. She's served in a variety of roles from Business Sponsor Chair of Meals on Wheels to participating as a Triathlete with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.



DANA ATKINS

AmeriCorps Family Services Coordinator

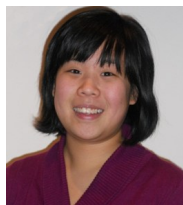
Dana is a UC Davis graduate with a BS in Human Development and minors in Sociology and Political Science. She hopes to pursue advanced degrees in public health and law. Growing up in an immigrant community made Dana passionate about learning from the lives of her neighbors and fighting for health equality. Dana has worked as a justice fellow at the Western Center for Law and Poverty and is actively involved in her church's chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.



JAMES REILLY

AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

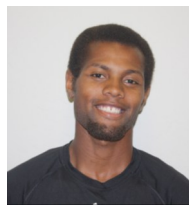
James "Jim" Reilly is a Sacramento native. Jim has spent the majority of his life working in the freight business as well as managing a record store. He has served as a regular weekly construction volunteer for the past 2 and a half years and over a year ago also joined the electrical crew. His hope is to work with Sacramento Habitat in some way for as long as he can. He is looking forward to his AmeriCorps term to expand his knowledge and abilities to better help out on the construction site.



TINN LEE

AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

Tinn is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated from North Dakota State University in Interior Design. Through her studies, she became interested in sustainable design and humanitarian work. She has previously worked with the American Institute of Architecture Students—Freedom by Design Program, which provides accessible design solutions and funding for those in need in the community.



WAYNE NEAL

AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

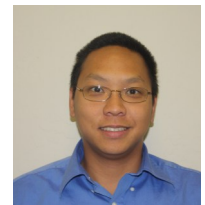
Wayne is from North Carolina and came to California to pursue his studies. He has a degree in Government from CSUS, however Wayne considers his true passion to be building tangible structures. Wayne believes that many things can change, but his goal for his term is simple: never stop learning. He hopes to apply his respect for creativity and apply it to his new position.



JASON STAMPS

AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

Jason was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. He spent 2 years serving in the military before joining the Sacramento Job Corps. He recently completed his Job Corps term in the Carpentry trade and received his Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate. He hopes to someday work as a Journeyman Carpenter. He joined the Sacramento AmeriCorps team with the hopes to receive more hands on training with Green Building and Weatherization....and to help those in need of homes.



MICHAEL LE

AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader

Michael Le is currently a full-time student at Sacramento City College. He is pursuing is AA/AS Degree in Business Administration. Michael heard about the opportunity to serve as an AmeriCorps through a former member. He hopes that his service as an AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader at Sacramento Habitat will provide him with a chance for a change in life. He is highly motivated by "the opportunity to do right", especially for his new upcoming family. Michael's fiancé is currently expecting their first child.

“Remodeling” Western Avenue —

Last January, Abdul Alaya looked at his new remodeled Habitat home on Western Avenue and said, “Western Avenue is one way now, but years from now it will be different.”

Western Avenue, in Del Paso Heights, is rumored to be one of the roughest streets in the area—but not for long thanks to the partnership with the Sacramento Housing Redevelopment Agency which has gifted Sacramento Habitat with 5 remodel homes on the block.

Scott Higgins, Sacramento Habitat’s go-to remodel guru, is currently undertaking the remodeling of the next 3 homes on Western Avenue and expects to have the homes finished between December and



Before and After Shot of 3189 Western Avenue—Sacramento Habitat’s 1st remodeled home on the block

March.

The Myradova/Karakulov family, who is nearing the completion of their 500 required hours of sweat equity and whose house is the first of the 3 Western Avenue remodels scheduled to be completed, is excited to spend the holidays in their new home.

Says Aknabat Myradova, “The children are excited too! They will finally have a backyard and room to play!”

The Sarioglo family, another family scheduled for one of the upcoming Western Remodels, is also looking forward to their new home.

Liubov Sarioglo admits, “My husband wasn’t sure about the neighborhood because it’s very ‘active’, but for me I was happy. I was glad we got Western—there’s lots of space and it’s big enough for our family!”

With 1 existing Habitat home and 3 more homes scheduled for completion over the next 4 months, the “activity” on Western Avenue will assuredly be shifting dramatically.

Says Abdul, “You put Habitat families in these homes and Western Avenue will be a different place, because we’re going to make it a different place”



e. Republic volunteers on Western share their lunch with the Sarioglo Family’s young new neighbors

Advocacy in Action—Sacramento Habitat now helping more families than ever before!

It was back in March when Sacramento Habitat first put out the call that we were actively looking for families. Now, just over 6 months later, Sacramento Habitat has families assigned to their next 20 homes.

Says CEO Ken Cross, “This is the first time in over a decade that we’ve had a full queue of families assigned. We can only attribute it

to the significant amount of outreach done these past few months through our staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, our community partners and supporters”

Says Family Services Manager, Molly Gautreaux, “We just got three new partner families approved by our board! That puts us at fifteen active partner families. We actually have had to cancel our scheduled

orientations for the rest of the year because we can’t take on any more families right now...we will probably have to start a waiting list.”

For information on how you can sponsor a Sacramento Habitat for Humanity home and help Sacramento Habitat build more, visit www.shfh.org and click “Sponsor a Habitat Home”

In Sacramento Habitat's 28th year, two families have already paid off their 30-year mortgage



CFO Anne Gambino presents Gilberto Valencia with his final papers.

mortgages are 30-year loans, though in the past that was not always the case.

Take Rajeshwar Prasad, he and his family moved into their Habitat home in 1991. On July 24th, 2013 thanks to consistently paying on time, Rajeshwar was able to pay off his mortgage in 22 years.

gage free and living in the home they built.

Gilberto says he is still very happy with his home, but is "even happier" now that he no longer owes on it.

Sacramento Habitat for Humanity offers a unique homeownership opportunity including a 0% interest mortgage with monthly mortgage dues capped at 30% of the homeowners monthly income when accepted into the program. Today's

Another Habitat homeowner and father of 3, Gilberto Valencia, paid off his mortgage on August 2nd, 2013. His family moved into their home on 20th Avenue in Oak Park back in 1998. Now, only 15 years later, the Valencia family is mort-



Rajeshwar Prasad poses with CEO Ken Cross after making his final mortgage payment

It's that time of year again— employee giving campaign season is upon us!



SHfH Fund Development Officer, Cynthia Anderson poses with Board Member David Davis at recent SMUD Employee Giving Fair

When it comes to building homes, people often think, what help does a \$10 or \$20 donation really do?

Every year, according to Sacramento CFO Anne Gambino, those \$10 and \$20 donations through CSECC, United Way, and CFC employee giving add up to nearly \$80,000-\$100,000 annually. The equivalent to a full home sponsorship.

According to Laine Himmelmann, manager of Communications and Volunteer Services, "You would be surprised what donating \$10 out of every paycheck can add up to. It's pretty phenomenal"

For the next several months, the

Sacramento Habitat affiliate is actively presenting and campaigning to organizations, both private and state-run, who are interested in having Sacramento Habitat as an employee giving partner.

Says Development Officer Cynthia Anderson, "Whether you're interested in donating, volunteering, or just learning about Habitat. We're happy to take our show on the road"

If you are interested in having a member of the Habitat staff attend your community giving event or present to your employees, please contact Anne Gambino at AGambino@shfh.org or (916) 440-1215 ext. 1416

With the first phase of Indian Lane in full swing, Sacramento Habitat is looking for sponsors for phase 2 and 3



Director of Construction, Dan Wilson, shows volunteers from Intel how to properly pour the Indian Lane footings

A few weeks ago, Sacramento Habitat began construction on the first phase of its most ambitious project to date- the 14-unit Indian Lane Development in South Sacramento.

In addition to being Sacramento Habitat's largest multi-home development endeavored to date, this project is also a LEED-Certified and Transit Oriented Development due to its location across the street from the Florin Road light rail station.

According to Sacramento Habitat CEO, Ken Cross, the completion of the first phase of this project will also mark Sacramento Habitat's 100th completed home.

With the construction of the first four homes already in process, Sacramento Habitat is now actively looking for sponsors for the next 10 homes of phase 2 and 3 of the project.



Coldwell Banker, an annual Home Sponsor, poses with their newly framed walls for the first phase Indian Lane homes

"A Home Sponsorship", says CFO Anne Gambino, "can be anywhere from \$5,000 to a full home sponsorship of \$75,000".

Gambino notes that Sacramento Habitat has recently had some new home sponsors step up that have not sponsored homes before and hopes that more organizations will follow suit to make these next 10 homes possible.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a Habitat home and bring the dream of homeownership to a family in need, please contact Anne Gambino at

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2013 TEAM BUILDS TO DATE:

**Team Builds are teams which sponsor their day of building through a \$1,000+ donation*

TEAM BUILDS: Aerojet, Bank of the West, Bullseye Leak Detection, Cooks Collision, CoreLogic, Dorothy Meehan, Dunhumby, eRepublic, Folsom Asset Management Inc., Frontier Wind, Johnson Controls, Lori Ried, Modern Farmhouse, Travelers Insurance, TriCorp Hearn Construction

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