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Build for Unity News!



"That's what Habitat's all about-building *with* people, working *with* them. It's partnership. It's partnership with God Almighty in heaven and it's partnership with our brothers and sisters on earth."

- Millard Fuller, Habitat Founder

Breaking Ground on the Project



Last week we celebrated the incredible groundbreaking event of our Build for Unity project on Indian Lane as various faith leaders from the Catholic, Sikh, Muslim, Protestant and other faith communities joined together to symbolize the beginning of the infrastructure on this incredible project.

For more photos from this inspiring event, click [HERE](#). To see footage from this event from KCRA, click

[HERE](#).

"Eat for Unity" Event

You are invited to a community dinner supporting and celebrating **Build for Unity**

EAT FOR UNITY

Tuesday, May 24th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sikh Temple of Sacramento
2301 Evergreen Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Join us for a traditional vegetarian meal as we build new relationships and a stronger Sacramento community. Donations to Build for Unity encouraged. Families welcome. No cost to attend.



Habitat for Humanity **Build for Unity**

Build for Unity is a new effort through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento that brings the Muslim and interfaith communities together to build homes for families in need, while taking a strong stand against cultural intolerance. This initiative is being led by the Sikh community, with the goal of having new homes built in Northern Sacramento by the end of the year.

For more information on the event, contact: jessica.curtain@hsh.org or 916.448.1212, #BULDforUnity

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Please RSVP at <http://buildforunitydinner.eventbrite.com>

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RSVP for the event HERE. To share this event on Facebook, click HERE.

Meet the Families!



Vozniuk Family

Dmytro and Anna have three children and are soon to be expecting on more. Originally from the Ukraine, the family arrived in the United States five years ago and currently lives in an over-crowded 2-bedroom apartment with one bathroom.

Dmytro works every day as a driver and Anna is a student at Sierra College where she is studying accounting. When she is not at school, she takes care of their three young children.

"I would like to go to College one day and improve my English" says Dmytro, "But my family needs to eat and my children need clothes and we need to pay the bills."

Anna and Dmytro have been especially amazed by all the volunteers who are helping them build their home and others homes.

"All these people are helping other people for no reason," says Anna, "They are just volunteers. I don't remember all the names, but almost every day



Maksymchuk Family

Liudmyla and Volodymyr also have three children and are soon to be expecting one more. They too are originally from the Ukraine.

Says Liudmyla, "We were fighting to escape poverty. I don't like to talk about it because it was so hard and my parents are still there."

Liudmyla recalls praying to God to get she, her husband, and her daughter out of the Ukraine saying, "I asked God, just please get us anywhere. He listened and he gave us a chance."

Now, five years later, the family has settled in to Sacramento. Volodymyr works as a mechanic and is studying to be an electrician. Formerly an architect in Ukraine, Volodymyr still dreams of one day continuing his education and returning to the field, but for now he works to support his family

you meet a new friend. I've met so many new friends. And some of them are not young, but they still work so hard just to help other people!"

"It is very inspiring," said Anna when told that her home would be one of the Build for Unity homes. "This is pulling people together. It's sharing. All of us together, helping to help others. It's like a family."

**Anna was unable to make the groundbreaking as she was taking her citizen test...she passed and is now proud to be a US Citizen!*

Says Liudmyla, "I am positive because God gave me a place to live and I am grateful, but I have dreamed from the start that I would one day be able to own my own home. ...I'm just always trying to be a believer and have faith. God puts me in situations where I just climb and keep the faith. And now my dream is here. It's a miracle."

**Volodmyr was thrilled to be able to take part in the groundbreaking ceremony last week on his family's future home.*

Thank You!



We have already raised 40% of the funds needed for our two Build for Unity homes! Thank you to all who have made donations and come through on their pledges including:

(This list includes donations made by faith based groups, businesses, and individuals over \$500)

- American Alliance Group, Inc.
- Amir Bashir
- Arden Executive Dental
- Buddhist Temple
- Catholic Charities of Sacramento
- Central Labor Council

- Comprehensive Medical Inc.
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- Faith Whitmore
- Fiaz Saied
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- Knights of Columbus 7241
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
- Marlon Khan
- Metawali B. Amer
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- M.H. Mohanna
- Naveed Anwar
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- Presbyterian Foundation
- Sacramento Islamic Mosque
- SALAM
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- Spiritual Life Center
- St. Francis Episcopal Church
- St. George's Episcopal Church
- St. Ignatius Parish
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Thrivent Choice Donors
- United Methodist Church of Davis
- V Street Mosque

In order to begin construction this summer, we will need all our pledges in and donations made before construction begins. To join the Build for Unity effort, please visit www.HabitatGreaterSac.org/BuildforUnity

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