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HABITAT FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM



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Habitat for Humanity

has always committed its resources to build decent, affordable homes. Affordability isn't just the price of the home to the homeowner and the no interest Mortgage . . . It's building an energy efficient and low maintenance home. The average U.S. Habitat applicant pays approximately 15% of their income for utilities. For several years now, our homes have been completed with Energy Star rated appliances, doors and windows. Our affiliate is exploring ways to increase the efficiency of our homes and has a goal of reaching Energy Star certification and possibly LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification as well.

LEEDS goes beyond Energy Star requirements in that LEEDS considers environmental factors such as landscape design, water use, erosion, use of recycled products in construction, transportation issues and site waste (scrap materials, etc). Our recent Millard Place homes meet LEEDS standards for insulation and other areas. Current ideas we are exploring are radiant (floor) heating, insulated foundations and building products manufactured from recycled materials...Our upcoming Spirit Lake house will likely have the new foundation style which will include insulated forms (eliminating the old wooden forms used to hold the setting concrete) which are more energy efficient. We'll keep you posted on additional changes we make as they are approved and implemented.

Reuse, Recycle, Reduce, ReStore

Families are the reason we exist. They are the focus of our mission.

How the ReStore benefits the community:

Donated materials may be used in our projects or sold in the ReStore, and the proceeds help fund the construction of Habitat homes.

- All the new and used items in the ReStore are sold at a substantial discount providing home improvement bargains.
- Promotes recycling and keeps building materials out of landfills by providing a place to sell items that might otherwise have been dumped there.
- Individuals and businesses are able to make donations for potential tax deduction. (Please check with a tax professional.)

Overstocked, discontinued, new and used building materials donated by manufacturers, stores, contractors, and individuals generates funds to help support our efforts to build simple, decent, affordable homes.

Habitat for Humanity families' mortgage principal payments are "recycled" into a fund that is used to build more homes for more families in need.

Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho is one of 3 organizations in Kootenai County that provide the opportunity for community service hours. When someone is ordered by the court to do service, we gladly accept their help. Of course, we have criteria, screen, and closely supervise them. Habitat is all about helping them help themselves as they help us. This year so far, from January through September, we have been the recipient of 1,947 community service hours in our ReStore. Thank you volunteers.

- Renee' Taylor, ReStore Manager

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is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose objective is to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make a decent shelter a matter of conscience. By bringing together all members of the community to work in equal partnership, HABITAT hopes to build new relationships and a sense of community as well as new homes.

HABITAT serves all clients without regard to race, color, ethnic origin, handicap, creed, religion or sex.

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

The twelve unit development in Post Falls is completed. Through the efforts of many volunteers, a lot of love and hours of prayer, this piece of dirt has been transformed into a vibrant community of homeowner families living and contributing to the city of Post Falls. No longer simply an

adventurous undertaking by Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho, Millard Place is truly home to these deserving families.



We are proud of this success, but realize that there is much more work to be done.

We have building sites in Spirit Lake and in Coeur d'Alene. Plans are to commence building at the Spirit Lake location in partnership with the family and the young men from three area high schools, who will learn building skills and earn transferable credits to the North Idaho College Carpentry Program. While construction is taking place, we will prepare the adjacent three lots for building, which will commence in late spring/early summer of 2010.

The City of Coeur d'Alene awarded Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho over \$45,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to be applied toward infrastructure completion for our Hazel Avenue property. It is anticipated that our affiliate will be able to assist a minimum of four families meet their housing need at this site. We are searching for the additional monies to ready this site for building. This property will be developed for a summer 2010 groundbreaking. Fundraising and volunteer organization for planning this project has begun in earnest. To get involved please call the Habitat office.

We have great plans for the future and we need you more than ever. Property development is extremely expensive and the effort required to have a buildable site is substantial. In the current economic environment, Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho is monitoring our balance sheet carefully; but we must find innovative ways to fund our mission and ministry. The number of families needing help with housing continues to escalate as the amount of donations continues to trend lower. Please consider a gift of your time, talent or treasure. We have a proven record of getting things accomplished and our ministry is just too important to be ignored. Thanks in advance for your help.

In Partnership,

Jem Brann

This month the board voted to eliminate the Executive Director position. For budgetary reasons this decision will allow us to keep building homes. We could no longer afford to fund this position. Originally we received a large grant which was spread out over several years to hire an E.D. That grant money was exhausted last year. Revenues have come in lower than our projections. We have been affected by the economy just like all other contractors. The good news is we have a strong board, a great staff, a great volunteer base and wonderful families that we serve. The executive committee is in charge and building homes. Thank you all for your support. Our mission remains steadfast.

Rick Shipman, Chair

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

About 10 years ago I joined on as long-time volunteer Bob Speck's sidekick helping with the aluminum can recycling project. Bob has now retired and my husband Gene and I are the 'Can Coordinators'. We spend about 12 hours a week picking up the collection boxes. We have over 100 companies and homes in the Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Post Falls and Rathdrum area. Some fill their 33 gallon recycle boxes in a week, some in a month and some take a year, People are becoming more aware of the importance of recycling. Last year we collected 6400 pounds of cans!



Can Coordinators Gene and Lorna Wasson at the Fair in August

This year HfH was invited to join the 'Green Team' at the Kootenai County Fair to help collect plastic bottles... it was overwhelming. Habitat made 50 wire recycling bins for the thousands of plastic bottles that otherwise end up in the garbage. Next year, there are plans to double that amount.

On July 1, 2009 Lorna Wasson began her two year term as the secretary on the Board of Directors and as a member on the Executive Board Committee.

She is a dedicated volunteer who is also on the hospitality crew and has worked on a past Women Build.

You can drop off your bagged aluminum cans in a bin located outside of the Habitat ReStore and/or at various businesses throughout the area.

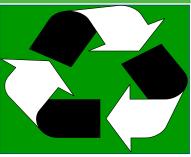
This program is making a positive difference by recycling.

Not only are cans disappearing from highways and byways, but money is coming into Habitat's pocket-book.

If you would like a aluminum can collection box delivered to your business or home, please call Lorna Wasson on her cell Phone **819-2501**.

Donate your vehicle to help build homes.





America Recycles Day comes every November 15th, and most Americans would be surprised to discover what the most heavily recycled consumer product is: the Automobile!

Did you know that 94% of the metal within vehicles is recyclable, and every year the steel industry recycles more than 14 million tons of steel from end-of-life vehicles?

With the national focus on recycling, and November 15th being the unofficial start of the "giving season", supporters can "recycle" this November 15th (& beyond!) by recycling unwanted cars, trucks, boats and RVs through the Cars for Homes[™] program. You can also contribute by shopping at the local ReStore, or donating building materials, tools, time, talent and treasure to help Habitat for Humanity build homes. Donors are not only saving energy and other natural resources, but are also helping local families build decent, affordable shelter.

To donate your vehicles contact Cars for Homes[™] by calling toll free at 1-877-277-4344 or online at <u>www.carsforhomes.org</u>



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Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho appreciates all the volunteers, donors, and contributors who support this affiliate's house building goals and our mission.

Volunteers are needed on our Resource Development Committee

This is an invitation to all who wish to assist in the development of our 1st annual fundraising dinner.

We need as many people as possible to work on this exciting project.

Please call our Volunteer Committee Chair Mariann Bethke at 772-9226 or e-mail to volunteer@northidahohabitat.com