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Riverside

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Homes for the Holidays



Dear Friends,

As the Christmas season approaches we at Habitat for Humanity Riverside are grateful to each of you for providing financial support, volunteering your labor or materials, and shopping at the ReStore. You are the ones who help move the words of Habitat's vision statement "A world where everyone has a decent place to live" into acts of kindness and love. Your efforts have resulted in 2013 being an eventful year for our affiliate and your gifts have blessed and touched the lives of those in need.

In September 2013 we celebrated with our founder Dr. Barnett Grier, his family and the community for our 25th Anniversary and we appreciate the outpour of your support and sense of community spirit.

We were able to break ground in Moreno Valley for eight homes and in Riverside for three homes which will be completed in 2014. Home dedication ceremonies took place in Jurupa Valley for five homes and in Riverside for one home. Through our Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative entire neighborhoods experience a renewal and through our A Brush with Kindness program we helped over 100 senior citizens and veterans to repair and improve the exterior of their homes. The increasing need for affordable Veteran housing leads us into our project for 2014 and 2015, the construction of 30-45 homes. These homes are solely for Veterans and their families and are in the pre-development stage.

As you take time this Christmas season to reflect on your charitable contributions, please consider making a tax deductible donation to Habitat for Humanity Riverside. Your donation dollars will stay local and will not only improve neighborhoods, but also help to fuel the local economy. We are a community where neighbors like you take care of each other.

Merry Christmas

Karin Roberts,
Executive Director

New home in Riverside completed!

Since the groundbreaking in October 2012, Beatrice Jones and her family have been patiently waiting for the day they could finally move into their new home. However, the family did not stand idly by when their home was being built. Beatrice has volunteered alongside the **Wells Fargo** women volunteers every Saturday to work on her home. Beatrice's mother, Cathy, made sure the volunteers were well fed every week. On June 29th community leaders, state and city officials, Habitat partners, sponsors, and Habitat supporters gathered for the dedication of the Jones' home to congratulate them on becoming Riverside's newest homeowners.



Beatrice, Cathy and Akili are thrilled to be Habitat Homeowners (1).



Wells Fargo Volunteers and the Jones Family on wall raising day (2).



Ward 5 Councilman MacArthur shows off the post he helped paint on the Jones' home (3).

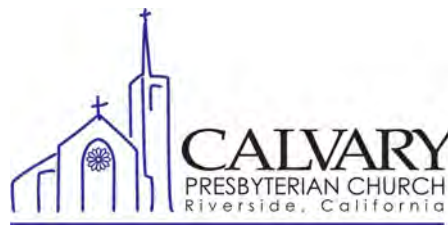


Wells Fargo volunteers continue to show their support and can finally see the finished product after volunteering 588 hours (4).



Mayor Bailey officially welcomed the Jones Family to the **City of Riverside** (5).

Thank you for your support with the Arapahoe new home project.



City of Arts & Innovation



Jurupa Valley welcomes five new families!

Habitat for Humanity Riverside and the **City of Jurupa Valley** welcomed five new Habitat homeowners on Wednesday July 17th. The Hill Family, Nellum Family, Dominguez Family, Garcia Family, and the Baisa Family all celebrated alongside many distinguished Habitat partners, Jurupa Valley city council, and state officials.

The ceremony began with a rendition of The National Anthem by Jurupa Valley's Andrea Taylor. It continued with our many guest speakers welcoming the Habitat families into their new homes. Each family attended new homebuyer courses, helped in the rehabilitating process of their homes or other Habitat homes by painting, landscaping and demolition work. They earned sweat equity by creating the very house they were meant to call home someday. It was exciting to see the final results pieced together during Wednesday's dedication for these five families.



Thank you **TORO Company** for this priceless moment shared by Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Hill upon seeing their new lawnmowers and trimmers!



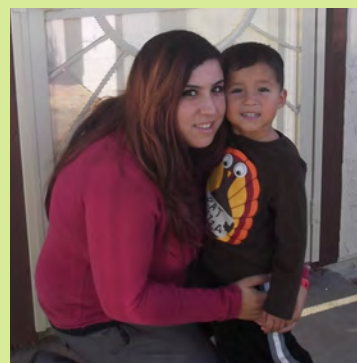
Assembly member Linder with the Baisa Family.

Thank you for supporting these five families in achieving homeownership!



Two homes on Helix

Also in the **City of Jurupa Valley**, Habitat for Humanity Riverside will be finishing up two rehabilitated homes by the end of this year. The first of these properties will be ready soon for the Garcia family.



Denise Garcia, a health assistant at Magnolia Elementary in Riverside, and her three year old son, David, will soon buy a 2-bedroom rehabilitated home in Jurupa Valley. Denise is also a part time student at RCC's Norco campus and will pursue a career in either Education or Nursing. The family currently lives in a crowded one bedroom converted garage. Denise is looking forward to being in her own home for the holidays.

8 Habitat homes on Myers Avenue, Moreno Valley



From left to right: the Youssef Family, the Juan and Mary Najar Family, the De La Cruz Family, the Cordero Family, and the Jose Najar Family

Eight new homes will be built in Moreno Valley along with new hope for eight families. Habitat for Humanity Riverside, in partnership with the **City of Moreno Valley** and **Bank of America**, broke ground Thursday, October 24th, for eight affordable and energy efficient homes on Myers Avenue. Construction is set to begin this month.

Mayor Tom Owings, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Molina, City Manager Michelle Dawson, Bank of America Inland Empire Market President Al Arguello, Legislative Assistant representing Supervisor Marion Ashley Darcy Kuenzi, Assistant City Manager Tom DeSantis, Director of Community and Economic Development John Terrell, and Housing Program Coordinator Shanikqua Freeman were all present and eager to begin this project in the city where dreams soar.



From left to right: **Darcy Kuenzi, Kathy Michalak, John Terrell, Mayor Tom Owings, Jesse Molina, Al Arguello, Michelle Dawson, Tom DeSantis, and Shanikqua Freeman.**

Five prequalified home owners, the De La Cruz Family, the Jose Najar Family, the Youssef Family, the Cordero Family, and the Juan and Mary Najar Family each took a moment to dig into their soil with the golden shovels. They were happy to meet the other Habitat families and mingle with the dignitaries of the city.



Executive Director Karin Roberts with members of **Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley.**

Members of **Soroptimist International of Moreno Valley** provided refreshments and pastries to show their support for the city as well as their soon to be neighbors.

Thank you for your support with the Habitat at Myers project.





3 Homes on 11th St. and Ottawa Ave., Riverside

On November 16th Habitat for Humanity Riverside and the **City of Riverside** broke ground for three Energy Star rated efficient homes that will be completed in the summer of 2014. The two prequalified families, The Fergusons and The Mobleys, joined the celebration and their children were excited to finally meet their soon to be neighbors. Our guest speakers, including **Robert Starr** of the **Toro Company**, **Councilman Steve Adams, CAP Riverside's** Executive Director **Maria Juarez**, and City of

Riverside's **Deputy Director of Community Development Emilio Ramirez**, all welcomed the families to the neighborhood. Thank you to **Soroptimist International of Riverside** for baking tasty cookies and cupcakes and providing refreshments for our guests.

Thank you for your support with the 11th and Ottawa project.



Meet the Mobley Family

Arraceion and LaVon Mobley are the parents of three daughters. LaVon is a stay at home mom and home schools the girls three of the five school days. Arraceion works as a jail guard for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The family currently lives in a two bedroom apartment in Corona. They are

looking forward to starting a new chapter in Riverside. Both parents are participating in Community Action Partnership's IDA matched savings program to use towards their down payment for their home.



From left to right: The Toro Company, former Mayor Loveridge of Riverside, Construction Manager Kathy Michalak, Councilman Steve Adams, Executive Director Karin Roberts, and Councilman Paul Davis.



The Ferguson Family and the Mobley Family pose with the dignitaries present to break ground at the site of their future homes.

Meet the Ferguson Family

Andrew and Jacquie Ferguson have a daughter and son and are expecting a new baby in May 2014. Jacquie is a stay at home mom and Andrew works as a Student Counselor at Teen Challenge where he has been employed for seven years. The family currently lives in a two bedroom home provided by Andrew's employer. They have lived in the City of Riverside for four and a half

years and the soon to be family of five is excited to be getting a home of their own. Andrew's colleagues and members of Teen Challenge, as well as friends from Church, are eager to participate and help the family with their Sweat Equity hours to make the Ferguson's dream of homeownership become a reality.





AMERICORPS AND NRI

108,116 Volunteer Hours

Meet our new AmeriCorps Members



Our AmeriCorps Nationals are Daniel Anchondo and Azhar Khan. Their focus is to empower residents and connect them with their community. Their findings will better enable Habitat Riverside to launch our Veterans Enriched Neighborhood model.



Daniel is a recent graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Urban Regional Planning. He has experienced the effects of low-income housing, gang violence and schools with high dropout rates. However, with perseverance, encouragement from his parents and faith in God, he has accomplished his goals. As an AmeriCorps National Member he is determined to serve families in neighborhoods like the one he grew up in, and help them thrive.



Azhar is also a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona and working with AmeriCorps will allow him to learn about planning in action, network with influential people and give him the opportunity to work with his community. Azhar noted, "As a recent undergraduate of Urban and Regional Planning, I am happy that the AmeriCorps National program has allowed me to utilize my planning knowledge. I am excited to grow in the remainder of the program."

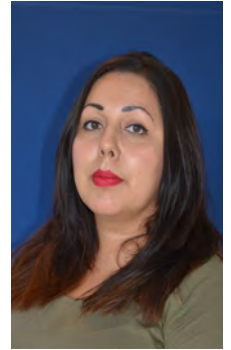
Jenna Holmes, an AmeriCorps VISTA member, is constructing a community survey program to record baseline data of neighborhood needs and assess our response to these needs.

Jenna is creating and implementing a data collection plan using Success Measures Data Systems in Habitat Riverside's NRI focus area, Jurupa Valley. Her background of working with data systems and collection through project specific assignments during her studies at the UC Santa Barbara and the Australian National University will be an asset to her yearlong member service. Jenna earned two Bachelors of Arts from UCSB, one in Psychology and the other in Political Science.



Starr Leader, an AmeriCorps VISTA member, is constructing a comprehensive donor program that will grow relationships with ReStore donors and connect them to Habitat's overall mission.

In 2009 Starr and her family became a Habitat for Humanity Riverside partner family and bought their first home. Starr received her California Tax Education Council (CTEC) License at RCC in 2010. She chose to serve in AmeriCorps because with her unique position as a Habitat homeowner she will be better able to connect Riverside ReStore donors to the Habitat mission.



NRI Corner

Within our NRI focus area of Jurupa Valley, our team has identified a neighborhood to collect baseline data at the community level. The neighborhood consists of two residential streets, Demeter Place and Razor Way. Habitat Riverside has two partner families and a critical home repair recipient in this neighborhood. With the help of these three homeowners, we have begun meeting the residents and forming great relationships. We are listening to what the residents' hopes are for their neighborhood. We have walked the streets several times in the past two months and recently finished Block Observation surveys as well as Parcel Level Observation surveys. These surveys will give us a better idea of the aesthetics of the neighborhood and what kinds of services may be needed. We are currently planning our next stage of surveying with the help of Sergio, a member of one of the partner families on Demeter Place. Sergio has been a great help in translating our survey materials into Spanish. Sergio's daughters even helped us to design the flyer and create a banner for a neighborhood meeting. We are all excited to be moving forward with NRI and the neighborhood on Demeter.



HFH International visits Riverside!

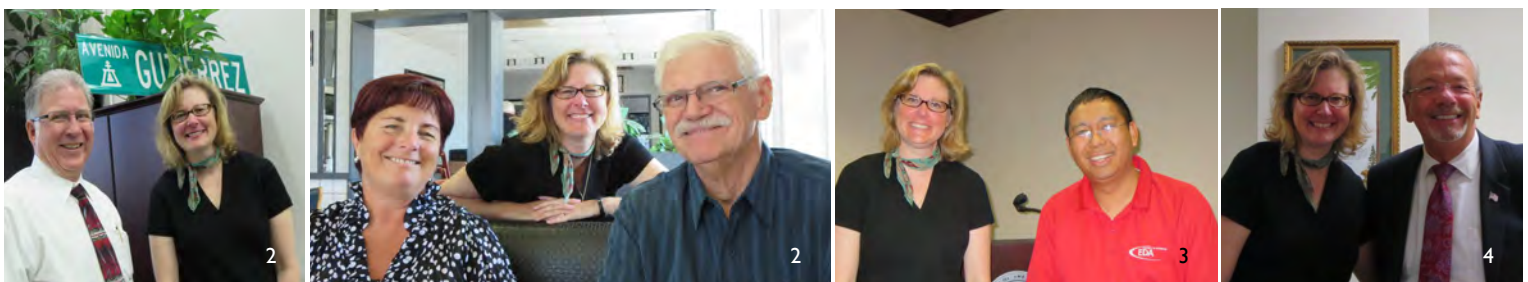
Helping us transform the idea of serving more than just one family at a time is **Rebecca Hix**, NRI Director of Habitat for Humanity International. On September 10th, Rebecca visited our affiliate and shared knowledge of the steps of NRI within our area of study.



Rebecca took a tour of the neighborhood on Demeter with Executive Director, Karin Roberts, NRI Manager, Christine Morgando, Construction Manager, Kathy Michalak, and our NRI AmeriCorps. During this visit she had the pleasure of meeting Frank Chavez and his family. Mr. Chavez, a veteran, was a Critical Home Repair recipient. He proudly showed off his new garage door, sponsored and replaced by a **Thrivent Builds Repair** grant.



Afterwards we took a walk down the street to the Mendibles home, a Habitat partner family. They then introduced us to some fellow neighbors who invited us into their home. An impromptu resident discussion about their community assets and concerns became our first step in familiarizing Habitat with the residents and to also encourage resident engagement within our NRI focus neighborhood.



Rebecca's visit also included many notable partners of Habitat Riverside. She met with **City of Riverside Councilman** and Habitat Riverside Board Member **Ken Gutierrez** (1), **City of Jurupa Valley Councilmembers** **Laura Roughton** and **Mike Goodland** (2), **Development Specialist Mervyn Manalo** of the **Riverside County Housing Authority** (3), and **Supervisor John Tavaglione** (4).

CAP Veteran Employment Training (VET) Program

Community Action Partnership has teamed up with Habitat Riverside to hire three veterans as an opportunity to transition back into civilian life and the workforce.




Mariam Plowman, a 14 year veteran of the Marine Corps, retired from service in April 2011. During her service she received many awards and she ranks as a Staff Sergeant. She is working on Safety Policy, coordinating the groundbreakings, and helps with grant requirements.

Corey James, a USMC (OEF) veteran from Detroit, MI, served for four years. He is currently going to DeVry University to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Project Management. When asked why he is working with Habitat Riverside he responded, "I see the help that one can bring to another and the joy you can give someone who is a lot less fortunate than yourself. That's what it is all about: simply doing something good for someone without wanting anything in return."

Lee Crisp, a 39 year old veteran, is originally from Laurel, MS. He retired from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of service. During that time he served in two combat tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. Lee is grateful for the opportunity to tailor his administrative, leadership, and communication skills for civilian employment and is looking forward to learning a lot in a professional environment.

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Soroptimist helps new Habitat Homeowner

The ladies of **Soroptimist International of Riverside** stepped up to help one of Habitat Riverside's newest homeowners when they heard about single mother Janet Hill. Janet and her son had previously lived in a one bedroom home where the two of them shared a mattress on the floor and did not have much else for their new home. When she received the keys to her home in Jurupa Valley she was surprised to find that her nine year old son's room was furnished and decorated in a basketball theme, his favorite sport. Her own bedroom was furnished with a new bed and linens. In the kitchen she found pots and pans, dishes, placemats, silverware and a dining room table and chairs. The final surprise was a brand new washer and dryer set, complete with detergent!



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A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

285 Projects



Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS PROJECT

Habitat for Humanity Riverside's *A Brush with Kindness* (ABWK) is an exterior home preservation service that offers painting, landscaping, weather stripping and minor repair services for homeowners in need. ABWK helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and financial circumstances, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, reclaim their homes with pride and dignity.

Wells Fargo helps out on Veteran's Day



The **Wells Fargo** team dedicated their time on Veteran's Day to painting Edward Silva's home. Mr. Silva is an 82 year old Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He lives in Moreno Valley's New Horizon mobile home park and was cited by park management for the discoloration and chipping paint on the exterior of his home. Unable to afford the new paint job Habitat Riverside and the **Wells Fargo** team "stepped" up. The stairs on three sides of the home were hazardous as they were termite infested and deteriorating. Kathy, our Construction Manager had pre-constructed three new sets of steps for each of the sides. They were then installed and painted that day by the **Wells Fargo** volunteers.



Wells Fargo volunteer **Robin Hought** and her team presented a check for \$25,000 to Habitat Riverside which will be used to help fund our new Veteran Enriched Neighborhood project in the **City of Jurupa Valley**.



At the end of the day, Dave, ABWK Project Coordinator, presented Mr. Silva with a new bed including a mattress, box frame, and comforter set.





Ramona Habitat Chapter starts the school year off right



Ramona High School Habitat Chapter joined volunteers from **Coptic Christian Church** to help Ramon, a senior homeowner from Moreno Valley's Santiago Estates. Ramon has been going through some tough personal and financial times. Habitat assisted him with painting his home and completing some exterior repairs.

The students were ready to take on the paint day as soon as they arrived. The two groups worked great together getting the entire home completed. They even had enough time to help a neighbor whose home had been painted earlier in the year with her patio lattice. Ramon thanked both groups for painting his home and appreciated the repairs that were completed for him. **Coptic Christian Church** and **Ramona Chapter** volunteers, thank you for giving Ramon "A Brush With Kindness."

Community Action Partnership visit from Sacramento

Diamond Longjel, a Senior Program Analyst from the Department of Community Services and Development at the State of California, made his annual visit to **Community Action Partnership (CAP) Riverside** to review the collaborative efforts that they have with Habitat for Humanity Riverside. Our partnerships include many A Brush With Kindness projects, the Veteran Employment Training program and many referrals of Habitat home buyers to IDA, their matched savings program.



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The Riverside ReStore is committed to the success of Habitat's homeownership mission by providing ongoing financial support through the sale of reusable home improvement products.



Located at: 2180 Iowa Ave. Riverside, CA 92507

Visit during the month of December and make a \$10 donation to help Habitat Riverside build homes for the brave. Our commitment is to build 45 homes for local veterans and their families, wounded warriors and families of the fallen. Help build it!



The ReStore is a warehouse full of discounted home improvement and construction materials. New products arrive daily, so check back often.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

More Than a Home Improvement Store

The ReStore will be open on November 29th and November 30th from 9am-5pm the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. The ReStore is always open to the public. Shop discounted brand name furniture and appliances to help you get ready for Christmas guests. The best part about shopping at the ReStore is knowing that your purchases help build homes. So fix-up your home and help a working, low-income family, own their own!



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"Lucy likes my new basket from the Habitat Riverside ReStore and thinks you should change the name to Habitat for Kittycat." -Kathryn

"Awesome customer appreciation class this past Saturday... I absolutely LOVE my Scrabble wall art!! Thanks again!!" -Ashley

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CELEBRATING BUILDING COMMUNITIES



Habitat for Humanity Riverside celebrated 25 Years of building communities in September at the Riverside Auditorium. **Wells Fargo** was represented by Board Member **Robin Hought** and the Stagecoach (1), **Bank of America's** Board Member **Patricia Chavez** used their display to thank our veterans by donating \$1 to the Wounded Warrior project for every photo taken (2) and **Lowe's of Moreno Valley** was also present with a building activity booth (3). Some of the night's notable guests were HFHR founder **Dr. Barnett Grier** (4), original Board Member **June Hall** (5), **John Fields** of Supervisor **Tavaglione's** office (6), **Assembly Members Jose Medina** and **Eric Linder** (7), **Grand Terrace City Councilmember Darcy MacNaboe** and her husband **Jim** (8), Former **Riverside Mayor Loveridge** and his wife (9), and **EDA's John Aguilar**, **Moreno Valley Mayor Owings** and **Riverside Development Director Emilio Ramirez** (10). The evening was topped off with a ceremonial wall raising by all of the dignitaries present (11). Thank you to everyone who helped us reach 25 Years!



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