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From the Prez

Most of you have seen the Habitat homes in Hood County. They are simple, attractive houses. Much care goes into their construction. Landscaping complement the house and helps to produce a finished look. There is not much money budgeted for landscaping in order to keep house payments to a minimum. Yet, the landscaping is accomplished.

John & Sue Ellen Fry oversee the landscape aspect of the home based on their expertise and business. The ground is prepared before the sod is laid. Various grass companies have provided grass, sometimes free, sometimes at a reduced cost. There is enough sod to cover much of the front yard and sides depending on the size of the lot. Often Bermuda or rye seed is provided to the homeowners for the remaining yard. Grass has a tranquil effect as well as reducing dirt that comes into a house.

The homeowners are supplied with a tree, bushes, mulch, hose, hanger, and sprinkler in most cases. Sometimes businesses will donate shrubs and plants. Habitat volunteers often bring plants, etc. when thinning out their beds. Other Habitat families have given plants to the new homeowner.

Master Gardeners of Hood County gives each homeowner a book that suggests plants that do not take a lot of care but add color to the yard. The hope is the book would encourage their garden interests. They may look to the book for a tree, shrub, plant, or vegetable that would give them some success & pique their interest.

Some of homeowners have really added extensive landscaping since moving to their home. Take a look at the landscaping and bring your extra plantings to the next house.

Jeff Jeffcoat

Special Gifts To The Habitat Construction Arsenal

Over the summer we have received some wonderful construction weapons.

Buddy and Donna Trice donated a four wheel drive, 30 horse power diesel tractor with a front end loader to Habitat. **Donnie Johnson** of Johnson Equipment Sales noticed we did not have a box blade, so he donated a five foot blade with retractable rippers.

John Henard of Henard Construction said we needed a harrow to smooth our yards after **Bill Jackson** roughed them up with his crude dirt work, so John donated a five foot harrow. Come out and have Bill check you out in using it [should be a harrowing experience]. We also had a five foot mowing deck donated. What else could a growing affiliate possibly need? How about a six inch post hole digger that would attach to our three point hitch? If you know where we might get one donated, let us know.

Buddy Mayfield donated a bunch of hammers, paint brushes, and other building supplies. The Construction Committee can't thank these donors enough. They will make building this year's homes even easier and more enjoyable than last year.

Also this summer we had some hard working volunteers prepare our work sites for this fall and keep our shop area mowed. **Harlan Keller** made time to mow between visits to the hospital. Because of efforts like these, we will be able to start off raising the first home this fall on September 8 which is a Wednesday.

Thanks again for all of the donations and hard work this summer.

Carol Davidson

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Home Dedications

Since Habitats' last newsletter there have been two more families move into their new home! Just think how exciting this is for the **Mandel family of four and the Martinez family of nine.**

These homes were dedicated in March and in June. It was just in time for the growing season for all of God's natural beauty. As you can imagine, the families were very excited to have a decent and safe home for their children, a yard of their own to work in and play in and a neighborhood that will benefit by them being there.

Thanks to the volunteers and the support of so many businesses. You make it possible for these families to buy their home and have so many dreams come true.

Habitat and Ameriquest Hit a Home Run!

Ann Chappell, Coordinator
Habitat North Texas Council
written May, 2004

Well, I guess you could say we just hit a home run! I have just returned from the Ameriquest Park in Arlington (formerly known as the Ballpark in Arlington) where it was announced to the world that in addition to the name change, the partnership would build 3 houses annually for 30 years (the average life span of a mortgage). The new COO of the Rangers began his remarks with "Baseball, apple pie and homeownership are about as American as you can get." I was proud to have the opportunity to represent the affiliates of the metroplex at this on-field press conference at noon today.

The Dallas blitz with all the AmeriCorps volunteers is upon us. We pray for mild, dry weather and will be happy to help in any way we can.....

PS - the awesome thought is that in the end, the Texas Rangers will have partnered with the Council to help build 100 houses!

A Note from Harlan and Sprag Keller

To my Habitat Friends,

When the doctors told me about my illness, little did I know what great friends you are. When I needed help you were there. You took me to Ft. Worth for treatment, you visited me in the hospital, you sent me cards and called to cheer me up just when I needed encouragement the most. Most of all your prayers have helped me overcome most of the setbacks that have occurred. I remember you in my prayers and thank God for all of you. I hope to be able to be there when work starts again next month.

In Christian Love, Harlan Keller

You might also add to his note that I also appreciate all that the people of Habitat have done for Keller and for me. We have really appreciated all of the prayers offered in our behalf. Habitat has been his passion since the first day he started working with them. We have been blessed to have all of the friends we have. You just do not realize the friends you have until you have to go through an illness like he has. I just pray that he will be able to go back to work in September. He is looking forward to it.

Thanks again, Sprag Keller



The Church Mouse

Habitat has a new volunteer---The Church Mouse. We were glad to recruit him because he knows all that goes on in the churches. His first report came from **Acton Baptist Church**: "On March 7th there was much excitement and activity around a Habitat display. They were busy writing on a 2x4 board, of all things. Not just the big folks, but the little ones too. I got a closer look about midnight when I was making my rounds. That 2x4 was all aglow -- it was covered with God's word. Can you believe that God loves me? The board says so!

I was next called for Habitat duty on March 14th at **First Presbyterian Church**. Guess what-- they too were writing on a 2x4, but this time I knew what it was all about. I heard it called a "Scripture Board" during a "Habitat Moment" talk from the pulpit. "The Scripture Board" from each church will be nailed in place in a Habitat house. A special place has been designated for them at the head of the attic stairs. It is the first thing anyone will see as they enter the attic. It will not be covered & thus it will be there as a lasting testimony to God's love that made the house possible. Its Habitat prayer that God will use the "Scripture Boards" in a mighty way for His glory & to inspire, guide, & comfort all who see them.

On May 21st I did my Habitat thing at **Our Savior Lutheran Church**. Would you believe that those wonderful people had a Fish Fry to benefit Habitat. They worked real hard & did a great job! I ran from table to table--take my word for it, the fish & fixins were the best. THANK YOU OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH. I had so much fun there that I was excited when they invited Habitat back for a Mission Fair on June 26th. Those people are surely getting "Habitized".

I definitely am ecumenical; Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran & then over to John Wesley's hang out, **Acton United Methodist & First United Methodist**, for Mission Fairs on May 30th. The Acton bunch did the "Scripture Board"; but the higher-ups told me that FUM will not do theirs till in the Fall. Something about a new church is in the air over there.

My last assignment before I took the summer off was at **Acton United Methodist** on June 13th where I heard another "Habitat Moment" from the pulpit. I certainly am learning a lot about Habitat. Pretty good stuff!

Would you like to know more about this ministry in your church? HAVE BOARD--WILL TRAVEL!

Phyllis Anderson



Want to know where we are building and when to show up? Just check our web site at www.habitatofhoodcounty.org. See photos of construction progress and volunteers in action!

If you REALLY want to keep up to date, sign up for our weekly e-mail update by Jeff Jeffcoat. It includes specifics of the construction progress and usually includes a photo. Jeff promises no spam, no pop-ups. Only habitat news!

Sign up by e-mailing Jeff at Jeffcoat@hcnews.com



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Carol Davidson, Ray Fox, Harlan Keller, Leon Frazier, Karen Frazee, Billy Jack McGuffin

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Yes! I/We want to give a gift of hope and love that will last for years to come.

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from Debbie Hattox and Ted Tomerlin, in memory of Tom Ward

from Randall Derrick, in honor of Ruby Barfield Derrick

from Mary Drillette, in celebration of the birthday of Peggy Kelley

from Willie and Wanda Crossland, in memory of Hulon Carey

from Kathy Dowda, in honor of Ray Fox on his birthday

from Jere and Doris Lancaster, in honor of Steve Davidson

from Willie and Wanda Crossland, in honor of Steve Davidson's retirement and in appreciation for his leadership in Habitat for Humanity

from Jean Pope, in honor of Jan Pope

from Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Keller, in memory of Lila French

from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ossowski, in memory of Alisa Renee Sanders

from Eileen Williamson, in honor of Frances and Naida

Congratulations Habitat '04 Graduates!



Habitat and Habitat families are VERY PROUD! We would like to announce the Graduations of the following from our Habitat Families: Jake Berry, Julian Martinez, Jesica Mojica, Xochitl Mojica, and Stephanie Walker. This is a great accomplishment for these young adults.

In addition Habitat has the honor of having two Graduates on our Board of Directors....Kim Henderson and Natalie Tello. We wish you all the best in the future with God's Blessing.

WAY TO GO!!!



Volunteers for 3207 Edgebrook Ct.



Phyllis	Anderson	Andrew	Hoyler	Jay	Regehre
Maggie	Baird	Donna	Hoyler	Justin	Rice
Ruby	Barfield	Laura	Hoyler	Dan	Riemoni
Ronald	Barrett	Bill	Jackson	Alan	Rogers
Ryan	Barton	Jeff	Jeffcoat	Roy	Sailers
Mike	Barton	John	Jeffries	Perry	Scott
Chris	Beaucom	Harlan	Keller	James	Spencer
Chris	Beauveau	Kent	Kilbourne	Kim	Spencer
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Habitat for Humanity of Hood County is an all-volunteer organization. We have no paid staff and no office so that we can devote the resources you give us to providing simple, decent housing for God's people in need.

If you no longer have an interest in Habitat's ministry, it will help us keep our mailing expenses down if you would let us know that you no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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The Results Are In

"Habitat's Yard Sale Under the Tent" was a roaring success! **Thank you Coldwell Banker United Realty Professionals** of Granbury, for your sponsorship of this fund raiser. Coldwell Banker has been a supporter of HFH of Hood County since the beginning, in 1996.

They believe so strongly in Habitat; what we stand for, what we are accomplishing for the community and decided to make a statement by bringing more awareness to the "humanity of Habitat" by taking on this challenging Yard Sale project; they literally rolled up their sleeves and worked every angle to make it into a true community-wide event.

Just imagine.....the immense number of items it took to fill the wall to wall space under a 40'X160' tent! On the outward perimeters of the tent was furniture, exercise equipment, lawn equipment, tools, electronics and so much more.

Although the "Yard Sale Under the Tent" was a two-day sale and two days of setting up.....it was a three-month in progress project and generated a total of **\$13, 466.16** after expenses. Coldwell and Habitat are ecstatic over the success and are so grateful for the strong **community-wide involvement**.

The statement it made to "all" the workers is "we believe in Habitat---Habitat works."

Coldwell Banker, Residents of Hood County, and our ever-faithful core of volunteers ARE making a huge difference in our community. God has blessed us with many people who work hard and really do care.

One of our volunteers said it best: **"The best thing about Habitat is that it isn't just a temporary fix for a problem...lives are actually changed as Habitat families work with our volunteers and family support partners."**

The Carpenters Club

The "Symbolic Carpenters" are now 112 strong. They help build Habitat houses with their pen & checkbook. Members contribute \$100 each time a Habitat house is started in Hood Co. They may choose to commit for 1,2,3, or 4 houses each year. We are very thankful for each of our "Symbolic Carpenters" & invite others to join them.

A big welcome to our new "Carpenters" since February 18, 2004: **Paul & Sally Beckman, Joann Robinson, Bob & Carolyn Gould, Juanita Lorimer, Dawne & Ken McAlpin & Dale M. Taylor.**

If you would like more information about "The Carpenters Club", please call Phyllis Anderson at 817-579-1198 or Nita Mitchell at 817-573-5015 or you may become a part of this important group by completing the form on this page & mailing it to Habitat, PO Box 1866, Granbury, TX 76048.

Caring People and Habitat For Humanity

A PARTNERSHIP THAT WORKS!

Hammers in Motion....

Are you ready to saw & hammererer???? Start-up for the Fall building season will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 8:30-2:30. Lunch will be provided as always. We will be back on Edgebrook (directions below for new volunteers) next to the last house we built. Two foundations have already been poured. We will start on one house in Sep. and the next one about a month later. Therefore, for a while, we will be building two houses simultaneously. Mark your calendars. If you can't make it on Wed. join us on Saturday. Come for the day or hour, you will enjoy the "Habitat Experience"! Volunteers are needed.

Each day we have wonderful crew chiefs there to help everyone though the building of a Habitat Home. These houses are the future Habitat Home #27 and #28 in Hood County. What a Blessing!

Directions: From Granbury, turn on Hwy 4 at the Diamond Shamrock. Turn right on Davis. Go about a mile and turn left on Sundown (if you reach the American Legion building, you've gone too far). Turn right on Edgebrook (you will see the Habitat activity at the end of the cul de sac). For more information call 817-573-2812.

YES! I will join the "Carpenters Club." Count on me for a \$100 donation each time a HFH house is started in Hood County.
 I pledge for one, two, three, four houses per year.
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The old cliché.....one person can and does make a difference everyday of our lives is so true. We just don't always know or hear about it or it does not directly affect us.

In this case.....the person being referred to, began a project quietly from a tug of the heart to document the building of Habitat homes from the very beginning through to the completion and dedication of each home.

This has truly become a one-person ministry that shows without a doubt the love and belief this person has for Habitat for Humanity of Hood County.....and who is this person? ***This person is none other than our very own Beta Greer!*** She began working with Habitat almost from the very beginning and began her photography "Habitat" career with house #5 and we are presently on house #27!

Most of us have boxes and boxes of pictures that we have intentions of "someday" putting into albumsso if you can imagine, the time and effort (not to mention her expense) the thousands of pictures Beta has taken over the years and has compiled into several photo albums that are truly invaluable and what a story they tell. Each home, each family, all involved volunteers and invariably human interest situations develop, which are all captured on film. Additionally, Beta also puts a personal photo album together for each Habitat family and presents it to them a few days after the dedication of their home, allowing the dedication photos to be included.

Just as actions speak louder than words.....so do all these pictures. The depiction of the "Habitat Story" is very evident in the photographs, which have been taken with planning and much heart. The photo albums have been used as marketing tools for all kinds of meetings, conferences, shows and at our annual application process. They have been instrumental in recruiting volunteers, donated materials, services and monetary donations. Along the way, very special tri-folds have also been developed by Beta and have been used most effectively.

With the special honor our local Habitat affiliate had last summer of building the 50,000th (50K) Habitat home in Hood County came the "special need" of so much more photo coverage----all met by "Beta." There just are no words to describe the detail, the heart and soul Beta put into the entire 50K project ---It's all in the proof of the pudding---"the photographs!"

This one person who makes such a difference, not only does all the above.....but she also works construction, is on the Board of Directors and many other very special things; so you see.....one person can and does make a difference....just ask her husband Paul, he even gets involved once in a while!!

Not all of us can be a Beta Greer.....but we never know "how" or "when" we might can make a difference in someone's life---simply by a smile, a few kind words or a "how are you phone call!" (*p.s. Beta is open to someone stepping-in to this very important part of Habitat.*)

“COME -- JOIN -- US -- AT -- HABITAT”

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS

Kudos and many thanks to the Habitat volunteers and supporters who donated household items to our newest family, the Martinez with seven children. Sofas, beds, kitchen items, dining room set, folding chairs, linens, a second refrigerator, you name it. Through The Shopper, a beautiful much needed bunk bed with linens was donated to the family; ***a twin bed is still needed.***

The Shopper appeal ad also yielded twin beds, dresser, nightstand, bookshelf and desk for Jessica Ozuna and her three children; Habitat begins construction on their home, September 8th!

Lifted from “Cupcakes and Root Beer”
by Julie A. Manhan

.....is dedicated to Harlan Keller as he celebrates his birthday September 12th
.....and to Carol & Steve Davidson who indeed continue to touch so many lives!

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring; all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.....

Take no one for granted and embrace all equally with Joy!

**From the Hood County News,
August 24, 2004** By Pete Kendall

.....[Habitat] can use your volunteer help in the project, even if you think you couldn't possibly be of any. Call (817) 573-8480.

“We have a very loyal core of volunteers,” Aurora Petersen, a member of the board of directors, said. “Quite a few are retirees. We have between 100 and 150 volunteers active in construction.”

The slabs have been poured for the 27th and 28th houses in the Rancho Brazos subdivision. Once construction begins, they'll be ready for occupancy in approximately three months ... weather permitting. “We'll start building the 28th a month after we start on the 27th,” Petersen said, “so we'll be building them simultaneously.”.....

.....Habitat for Humanity of Hood County remains true to its roots. The local affiliate was founded in 1996 by Steve and Carol Davidson. “They're the key to our success,” Petersen said. “They're very people-oriented and treat everybody with respect. They always make you feel good.”

Did You Know?

Ladies Home Journal has an article each month featuring a Habitat family?

They also provide an internet link to learn about Habitat projects in your own neighborhood! www.lhj.com/habitat



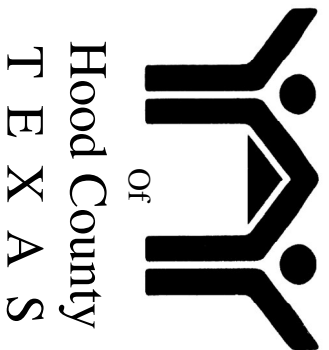
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- New Homeowners Family Support Orientation
- Ch-7 with current news
- Penny Drive in Hood County Schools
- A call for volunteers!