



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
of Hood County

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# Hammer & Nails

*Building a world where everyone has a decent place to live*

## Homeowner Smiles



Mark & Lanae Rodriguez  
**Home Dedication #103**  
May 11, 2019



Johnny Peck & Denise Pena  
**Home Dedication #104**  
June 1, 2019

## We Remember



**Harry Kelly**  
Faithful long time volunteer

## 2019 Application Dates

Saturday, September 14, at 8 am  
Sunday, September 15, at 2 pm  
Saturday, September 21, at 8 am  
Sunday, September 22, at 2 pm

**Location:**

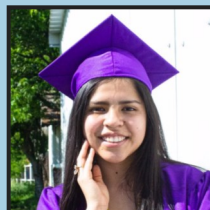
**Rancho Brazos Community Center**  
3701 Sundown Trail  
Granbury, TX 76049

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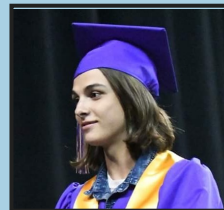
## Habitat Family Graduates

**Congratulations!**



**Abril Martinez**

Ismael and Alicia Martinez' daughter!



**Ryan Riggs**

Cheyenne Smith's son!

(Habitat Homeowners: please share photos with us!)

## Premier Partnership



Habitat for Humanity of Hood County is proud to announce a

Premier Partnership with Premier Homes in Granbury, Texas. Premier Homes reached out to Habitat inquiring as to how to form a partnership with us that could have a year long impact on families in Hood County. One of the ideas floated around at that meeting was having Premier Homes donate a portion of each home closing to Habitat for Humanity of Hood County.

“Being a lifelong resident and business owner in Hood County I felt it was important to look for a way to help families fulfill their dreams of becoming homeowners,” explained Jason Britt, owner of Premier Homes. “The first organization we thought of contacting was Habitat for Humanity because that seemed like a natural fit being in the homebuilding business”.

Jason Britt and his family have lived or worked in Granbury since the 1970's. Both he and his parents have run many successful businesses in Hood County. (Continued on back)

## Why I Volunteer



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I was 12 years old when I heard President Kennedy make one of the most memorable comments about volunteerism when he said “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country”. He challenged every American to contribute in some way to

the public good, not just military service, but as citizens to make a better life for people. He went on to say, “let us go forth to lead...knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own”.

My introduction to “volunteerism” began early, when my Dad insisted that I go with him to help build a friend’s house. Although not very enthusiastic, I quickly realized it wasn’t about the work, but about helping people. I witnessed friends, family, and strangers (soon-to-be neighbors) working together while volunteering their time and skills to help others make a better life for their families.

After a 33-year career and raising 2 boys into adulthood, these “minor” distractions gave way for me to focus on true volunteerism. Retirement brought new challenges with more “free” time. So I asked myself questions like...do I want to fish, golf, travel, read, or simply remove all stress and become a couch potato. Susan quickly eliminated the latter idea, so I moved on. What became crystal clear in my deepest thoughts was that God had blessed me with a truly great life, not perfect by any means, but much better than I had expected.

Susan, remembering my childhood volunteerism testimony, sought out the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Granbury in 2004, and in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina destroyed the southern part of my home state of Louisiana, we joined the American Red Cross as Disaster Relief volunteers. We also have been active volunteers on church and homeowner association projects. Today, after 15 years, we still volunteer for all of these, but for me the Habitat ministry is a fond reminder of my early days of volunteerism...hard work, family-style lunches under trees, and best of all, the huge smiles at days end because family and friends had come together in partnership to help others build simple, decent, affordable housing for families in need.

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So, why do I volunteer? The answer is quite simple...helping others is what I believe is one of God’s most important works we can do. As my Dad reminded us often, we did not have much, but we could always provide a helping hand for others. That’s why I volunteer for Habitat—to give back; provide a hand up, not a hand out; to see the smiles on dedication day, especially on children; to watch friendships develop among homeowners and volunteers; and of course, LUNCH!



Join all of North Texas by making a gift to Habitat for Humanity of Hood County on North Texas Giving Day!

### Premier (continued)

Jason established Premier Homes in the late 1990’s and has seen tremendous growth in his company. Premier Homes has built beautiful homes all over the greater Fort Worth area. Granbury and Hood County have always been at the heart of Premier Homes homebuilding. The newest subdivisions, Saratoga and Highland Park Bay, have already broken ground.

“We are thrilled about this new partnership with Premier Homes in Granbury,” says Carol Davidson, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of Hood County. “Jason and his staff’s excitement about sharing their success in business with families in Hood County is a wonderful blessing to the ministry of Habitat. Their concern for helping make life better for all in Hood County is commendable.”

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