

From the CEO

Spring is almost upon us when everyone is talking Padres and the flip flops come out! It's a time when things are reborn, and the possibilities of what can be are stronger than ever.

At San Diego Habitat for Humanity this particular spring is a time of extraordinary promise and opportunity as we begin what will be the busiest time ever in our home building and in the rehabilitation of existing homes, all for San Diego families.



Over the next 36 months we will have 133 homes in various stages of feasibility study, groundbreaking, or construction. You are reading this correctly — the number is 133. Considering that in our entire 23 year local history we have been able to complete 127 homes, to say this will be our busiest time ever is an understatement.

We are confident that with you, our supporters and, particularly, with each volunteer who miraculously builds hope and a future for Habitat families, we can bring this number of 133 to reality for the hardworking families we serve every day. We welcome your prayers and your action to help make this a reality.

It takes much more than just volunteers and donors (without whom we clearly could not do our work) to make San Diego Habitat's mission possible. We need not only your commitment of time as well as your financial contributions but also your help in asking others to share your passion and commitment to the mission of San Diego Habitat for Humanity.

While many contribute to Habitat International (helping to build homes for families in need abroad and building Habitat awareness in the U.S.), we find all of our support on the local level to build and rehabilitate homes for our San Diego Habitat families. We receive no direct financial support from Habitat International.

Might your church, your employer, your friends and associates also become committed to San Diego Habitat as you have, serving especially deserving local families? Would your church host meetings for new Habitat families where their hope for a better future begins? Would you or others whom you know work to get Habitat homes in your community? Do you know people who could contribute materials to help us build simple, decent homes? It all matters.

I urge you to step forward and continue to help us not only with your time and treasure but also by bringing others prayerfully into our mission and ministry. Together we can make our ambitious plans for the 133 new Habitat homes a reality for San Diego, strengthening our great community and forever change the future of a family.

In Partnership,

Bradford W. Bates, President/CEO

San Diego ReStore Helps You Get Ready For Spring

As the weather begins to warm and the flowers begin to bloom, lots of us begin Spring cleaning and home improvement projects that have been put off all winter.

Let the ReStore help! With 17,000 square feet filled with new and gently used home improvement items at discounted prices, Habitat's ReStore offers high-quality, inexpensive solutions for do-it-yourselfers and professionals alike. The best part? Proceeds from the ReStore are used to buy building materials for new affordable homes for families in need. We are able to build nearly 4 homes a year through your purchases and donations to the ReStore!

Not only does San Diego Habitat's ReStore provide great discounts on home improvement supplies, it also is a wonderfully green member of our community. The ReStore rescues and re-sells surplus and discarded materials - items that would normally end up in a local landfill. In 2010 alone, the ReStore diverted 4,000 tons of waste from local landfills! We'll even pick items up! If you have items you'd like to donate to the ReStore to help needy families and to do your part in keeping our community green, please call 619-283-4663 x506 to schedule a pickup.

Stop by and take a look at the great deals at 10222 San Diego Mission Road in Mission Valley, or visit us online at www.sdhfh.org. Be sure to visit us on March 19th for our huge Spring Sale - every department will be discounted up to 70%! ↗



Volunteers help customers at the San Diego ReStore, a 17,000 square foot facility with many products for the home.

Thank You!

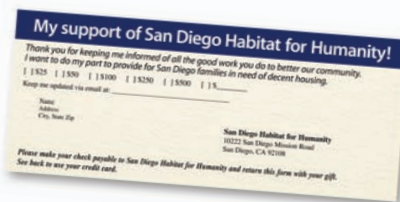
Thank you to The Home Depot Foundation for their generous partnership and dedication to partnering with Habitat to eliminate poverty housing in San Diego. The Home Depot Foundation recently donated \$445,000 to sponsor the building of TWO homes in the Libby Lake community of Oceanside! Home Depot employees will also join our Habitat partner families and volunteer at the build site in May.

Many thanks, also, to the Parker Foundation, who generously donated \$30,000 to San Diego Habitat for Humanity to help further its mission of strengthening communities and transforming lives by making affordable homeownership a reality! ↗



Make a Difference!

San Diego Habitat is an independent affiliate and receives no funding from Habitat for Humanity International. We exist only because of the help of our generous supporters who volunteer labor and make contributions of land, money and materials. YOU can help local families today by making a donation. **Please include the response slip with your gift today.** Call 619-283-4663 or visit www.sdhfh.org for more information. ↗



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Mission Statement

San Diego Habitat for Humanity, a faith based organization, works in partnership with families to strengthen communities and transform lives by building new homes, rehabilitating existing homes, and making affordable homeownership a reality for people in need in our community.

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Habitat News

Spring 2011

11 Homes Completed In Carlsbad!



The new Carlsbad condominium community of Roosevelt Gardens

With the help of our generous sponsors, volunteers, the City of Carlsbad, wonderful supporters like you and our hardworking Habitat partner families, SDHFH has recently completed the Carlsbad condominium community of Roosevelt Gardens, creating 11 affordable homes for local families in need.

We held a home dedication on

February 27th, where many distinguished guests, including Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall, wished the families well and sent them blessings as they embark on their new lives filled with renewed hope and success. To all of the families who have made Roosevelt Gardens their new abode, welcome home! ↗

New Communities, New Opportunities

We are pleased to announce

that construction on Escondido's Elm Street 16-unit community development will begin this April. If your congregation is located in the Escondido area, this is a fantastic opportunity to engage your members and participate in making your community an even better place to live. If your congregation is interested in supporting or volunteering in Escondido please contact Sarah Marchi at 619-283-4663 x319 or at sarahm@sdhfh.org for more information. ↗



Escondido's Elm Street 16-unit community development



Upcoming Events:

- March 12**
Volunteer Orientation
9:00am, North Coast Calvary Chapel, Carlsbad
- March 17**
Volunteer Orientation
7:00pm, La Jolla Presbyterian Church, La Jolla
- April 5**
Volunteer Orientation
7:00pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Del Mar
- April 16**
Volunteer Orientation
9:00am, location TBD
- May 9**
Volunteer Orientation
7:00pm, location TBD
- May 21**
Volunteer Orientation
9:00am, San Dequito United Methodist Church, Encinitas
- March 19**
Spring Sale at the ReStore
9:00am, North Coast Calvary Chapel, Carlsbad
- June 7**
Hats Off to Women
- August 1 through 5**
2011 Habitat Builders Blitz

Please visit www.sdhfh.org for more details about our upcoming events.

Hats Off to Women – Join us June 7th!

Attention, Ladies! Hats Off to Women is an event that celebrates women in our community who share like-minded business goals and a passion for helping others. At Paradise Point Resort on June 7, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, we will announce the 2011 recipient of the Groundbreaking Award which recognizes the accomplishments of an exceptional local woman who is making a difference in her community. The event will commemorate the beginning of the 2011 Women Build season. Women Build, sponsored by Lowe's, is an event that encourages women in San Diego County to make a difference by building a home alongside a hard-working family. Together we can put our talents to good use to make affordable homeownership a reality for a deserving family! To purchase tickets to Hats Off to Women or to get involved with Women Build, please visit our website at www.sdhfh.org.



Energy Conservation and SDG&E

San Diego Gas & Electric continues to be a dedicated partner of San Diego Habitat for Humanity, helping us to build sustainable, energy efficient homes in San Diego County. In fact, SDHFH has teamed up with SDG&E as one of its Green Partners! We are pleased to utilize SDG&E's new Smart meters in all of our new communities. Smart Meters allow for two-way communication between residents and SDG&E. They record your energy use information daily, making it easier for SDG&E to better manage overall energy needs and quickly detect power outages as they happen. Smart Meter technology allows residents to make smart choices about how to save energy and money on their SDG&E bills. You know exactly when you use energy and what it costs to use it. Pretty smart, huh?



SDHFH Recognized by Charity Navigator

SDHFH has been recognized by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most utilized evaluator of charities, with a top rating of 4-stars for sound fiscal management. This rating distinguishes SDHFH's excellent financial health – how responsibly it functions day to day in addition to how well it is positioned to sustain its programs over time. SDHFH has been found to outperform most other charities in America, as only one quarter of the organizations evaluated by Charity Navigator receive the 4-star rating.

One of the most significant findings notes that SDHFH recently cut administrative costs from 17% to 9%! That means 91 cents of every donor dollar is being spent directly on building materials for affordable homes for local families.



Check Out Our New Website!

On March 1, 2011, San Diego Habitat for Humanity unveiled a new and exciting website! It is a vibrant and interactive experience where you can find information about Habitat's history, programs, volunteer opportunities, partner families and more. Making your donation online is easy and fast. Check in with us at www.sdhfh.org. To keep up with the latest updates, you can also visit us on Facebook!



Find us on Facebook under Habitat for Humanity San Diego

HABITAT FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Thanks to friends and supporters like you, these are a few of the families who have been approved to build and buy their own Habitat for Humanity homes this year!

Beverly Stavron

"Becoming a homeowner has instilled a sense of security and the knowledge of knowing that I will be able to afford to live on my own. It has also given me a sense of personal pride for where I live." – Beverly Stavron



Beverly Stavron

Beverly has worked as a waitress at the El Camino Country Club for the past 16 years. She is known as a customer favorite. Over the years, as Beverly's rent increased, she was barely making ends meet. A serial rapist had moved into the apartment next to her and she did not feel safe in her own home. After her car was burglarized, Beverly was scared, alone and stuck.

She learned about San Diego Habitat for Humanity and the possibility of owning her own home. She moved into her Habitat home with her two cats in June of 2010. She has found great peace and stability, being seen as the "neighborhood grandma." She is grateful that she finally has a safe place to live that she can call home.

The Wright Family

"Owning a home will drastically change our future. We want to spend our weekends doing home improvements, gardening, and socializing with neighbors." — Shelley Wright

Jonathan and Shelley Wright have two young children and Shelley is pregnant with the family's third child. Jonathan is an environmental planner and Shelley is a stay-at-home mom.

For years, the Wright's have lived in a tiny apartment with cracks in the walls, an inefficient heater and an overflowing toilet. The neighborhood is not safe for the children to play outside. Shelley was laid off in 2009 and since then, paying rent has been a major struggle.

Jonathan and Shelley long to provide their children with a safe, stable place to live and play. They are excited to begin their sweat equity hours with friends and family by their side.



The Wright Family

The Ferris Family

"Being a homeowner is a huge accomplishment. It will hopefully inspire other single parents to work hard towards their goals and dreams. It will also be a personal satisfaction to know that I have overcome the odds and have been able to provide security, stability, and a place to call home" — Cassandra Ferris



The Ferris Family

Cassandra Ferris and her three children, Annalyse (6), Deonjala (11), and Mikkah (14), live in a small apartment in Oceanside. With leaks in the walls, mold in the bathroom and kitchen, and a toilet that frequently overflows, the Ferris' do not feel safe in their apartment or their neighborhood.

Despite her challenges with housing, the family stays busy. Cassandra's daughters are doing well in school and her son is on his high school football team. This family has a lot of friends, co-workers and family in the area that will help with sweat equity. She feels that because she has been selected for a Habitat home, she will be able to provide a stable place to live for her children.

The Moreno Family

"Owning a home would provide so much peace. I would know that my wife and children would have their own space." — Alberto Moreno

Alberto and Margarita and their three children, Monserrat (14), Alberto Jr. (12), and Leonardo (7), have lived with Alberto's sister for the past seven years. Alberto has worked for BAE Systems for over ten years and Margarita is a stay-at-home mom.

In his sister's home, Alberto and his family live in her garage. In the winter, air easily enters through the garage door. Police helicopters can often be heard overhead and the children are not allowed to play outside. Alberto and Margarita long to provide their family with a peaceful and secure place to live.

The Moreno's heard about San Diego Habitat for Humanity and were accepted into the program. The Moreno family is so excited about the prospect of owning their own home. They have friends from church who will help them complete their sweat equity hours.



The Moreno Family

New SDHFH Volunteer Requirements

Volunteers are the true foundation of San Diego Habitat for Humanity. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our nearly 6,000 dedicated volunteers, and we welcome people from all walks of life to join us in building hope for our partner families. In order to best prepare you for your experience, we ask that every person who volunteers with us attend a scheduled Volunteer Orientation. Orientations are held twice a month and will give you an opportunity to see the many ways you can help us eliminate poverty housing in San Diego. Upcoming orientations are scheduled for March 12, March 17, April 5, April 16, May 9 and May 21. Please visit www.sdhfh.org for location and time details, as well as for information about how to sign up today! We are looking forward to seeing you!



Abraham's Village

The children of the three most populated religions in the world—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—call Abraham the father of their faiths and consider themselves his spiritual descendants. Abraham's Village is a project whereby people of all religions will unite with San Diego Habitat for Humanity and its partner families to build homes for people in need in our community. SDHFH is pleased to announce that this groundbreaking project will kickoff in July, and will produce 4 affordable homes in Imperial Beach.

At a time when our world seems increasingly fractured by violence, where religious differences are often used as a wedge to divide, Abraham's Village illustrates that the shared values of the world's traditions can unite us to build a more peaceful and compassionate society. Regardless of our religious differences, we can all agree that every man, woman and child deserves a safe and decent place to lay their heads at night, on terms they can afford.

To find out how you can help us make Abraham's Village a reality, please visit www.sdhfh.org.

