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To the thousands of volunteers who make us successful: *Happy National Volunteer Month*

Without volunteers, we would not exist. We hope you enjoy reading about our accomplishments the past three months, knowing full well we could not have done it without your generous gifts of time and money.

Homeowner Selection: How Volunteers Change Lives

While everyone else is nearly a third of the way through 2011, the year is just beginning for the Homeowner Selection team.

They have held several public meetings attended by people interested in our program; soon, those potential homeowners will begin bringing their completed applications into the Habitat office for review. By this summer, six families will get a phone call that will change their lives forever.

Did you know that you could help make this life-changing event happen without donating a dime? It's true. Volunteers are responsible for interviewing and recommending people to the board for selection into our program.

While Homeowner Services Manager Anna Wendt oversees all aspects of our families, our Homeowner Selection Committee does the work of finding, reviewing, interviewing, and recommending. While this committee only meets for a few months each year, the impact they have on our organization is huge.

They are in charge of:

- **Publicizing our selection meetings.** Held once a year, they are the only place an application can be picked up.
- **Reviewing applications** as they come in to make sure they are complete and all supporting documentation is attached.
- **A financial review** of the applicant's income, credit history, and current expenses.
- **An in-home visit.** A pair of committee members visits every applicant to see their current living conditions first hand. They discuss sweat equity and saving money for down payments. If the family speaks limited English, we bring along an interpreter.
- **Making a recommendation** to the board. Based on Habitat for Humanity International guidelines, the committee reviews each application and home visit report and decides which potential homeowners should be brought to the Willamette West Board of Directors for consideration.

"We then get the honor of notifying the (approved) applicants with a phone call to congratulate them," said Kirsten Goetz, chair of the Homeowner Selection Committee.

Vunnara Thong: Homeowner

At last year's breakfast, you met Vunnara Thong (pictured left), a woman who had escaped the killing fields of Cambodia with her life, but not her health. She came to America with her daughter Sakuna, became a Citizen, and started a new life.



Unfortunately, her new life eventually included substandard living conditions. Since her bedroom was up stairs she couldn't climb due to her health issues, she slept on the couch.

Vunnara has now purchased a Habitat home, and since it has only one story she'll be able to sleep in her own bed every night. Thanks to you, her hard work paid off and her dream came true.

If helping change someone's life forever is something that interests you, please consider joining the Homeowner Selection committee. As a committee that only meets about six months each year, it gives you time to be involved with other organizations as well.

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Our Mission:

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from Washington County and to make decent shelter for all a matter of conscience and action. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, we build simple, decent, and affordable homes by partnering with low-income families and the community-at-large.

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Arial photo of Ramble Glen
courtesy of Bruce Miller

From the Board

Dan Fako, president



Spring has finally arrived and not a moment too soon for most of us. As we move forward we anticipate a busy and productive spring and summer for the staff and volunteers of Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. By the end of the year we expect to have the first five homes ready at our 8-lot Ramble Glen neighborhood in Aloha. By this time next year, the remaining three Ramble Glen homes will be finished and we'll be well underway at our newest neighborhood: Hunting Park in Beaverton.



Our homeowner selection committee has also been busy. They recently hosted a series of community meetings for local families interested in entering our "sweat equity" homeownership program. Families must attend one of these meetings before they can apply, and the meetings are always bittersweet. There are so many deserving families looking for a hand up, but our committee members know that only five, maybe six will be chosen. The angels on this committee do a great job of treating each applicant with dignity and respect.

Helping us select new families is just one way volunteers contribute to our ministry. Besides the hands-on work of building a house, volunteers also teach basic construction skills, like how to drive a nail, cut sheetrock or use a chop saw. There's also plenty of work away from the construction site. Volunteers work with our partner families to better prepare them for homeownership. They teach home maintenance classes, like how to fix a toilet, change a furnace filter or maintain landscaping. They teach our families how to manage a household budget, how an HOA operates, and how to be a respectful neighbor. Volunteers provide Habitat's board and staff with financial advice, help us evaluate land purchases, organize events and speak to community groups about our work. If there's a task that's necessary to move this ministry forward, a volunteer has done it for us at one time or another.

Our ability to create decent, affordable and safe homes is only made possible by these generous, dedicated, and talented volunteers who partner with our staff and families. But it's a big tent, and there's still lots of room! As you read the newsletter, and see volunteer quotes sprinkled throughout, please consider how you might become more involved with this mission. If you have a little time and energy, please contact our office and explore opportunities to work with us to help make this mission a reality.



On behalf of our partner families, God bless you all and thank you for all that you do to make these homes possible.

From The Executive Director

Mark Forker



A big part of my role at Habitat for Humanity is raising money, and every time I visit our work site I'm reminded of why. There are always several dozen volunteers scurrying about, carrying tools and lumber, climbing ladders or setting up scaffolding. A truck delivering windows has to maneuver around the concrete mixer that's just about finished pouring the foundation for another house.

Out of habit, I mentally calculate the costs and joke with our supervisors that they're spending money as fast as I can find it. They shrug and remind me that's exactly what it's for. Of course, I couldn't agree more.

Asking someone for money can be really, really terrifying. Fear of rejection, embarrassment, or just being a nuisance can create lots of anxiety. However, I've tried fundraising where you don't ask for money. Asking works a lot better.

Fortunately, most people understand that I'm merely a conduit connecting them to our houses and our hardworking families. They know I'm offering them an opportunity to invest in our community. Even when they say no, I know they respect me for making the effort. I know they're rooting for me and that it's just not the right time for them.

Yet, it's still a little scary. However, I've found one really easy way to share Habitat's mission, and give someone an opportunity to become a supporter: Invite them to our annual **Frame a Future** event. **Frame a Future** is a free 1-hour breakfast and luncheon fundraiser that's both informative and inspiring. Attendees hear about our recent accomplishments, and learn about our plans for the future. They get to meet some of our local Habitat families and see a short video of one family's journey from poverty housing to a simple, decent, healthy home of their own.

This year, **Frame a Future** is on May 17th. If you've attended our previous events, please consider inviting a friend to join you this year. While it seems everyone's heard of Habitat for Humanity, most people have surprisingly little understanding of the mission beyond Jimmy Carter! I think you'll find they'll be very anxious to learn more about an organization that you believe in.

If you've never attended before, I encourage you to come and learn more about what we're doing in your community. And, it's a great opportunity to mingle with others who share your passion for giving hardworking families a hand up, not a handout. (You'll find full event details on pages 4-5.) I guarantee it will be the most inspiring hour of your year.

“ I know that I am only a small part of the big picture, but I have talents to offer and time to give.

My days are numbered. I do not want to waste them. ”



You Are Invited... To The Most Inspiring Hour of the Year

If you haven't heard already, consider this your formal invitation to attend the 4th annual Build a Home Frame a Future fundraising event benefiting Willamette West Habitat for Humanity.

That's right, "EVENT!" We can't say breakfast any longer because so many of you packed the Embassy Suites Hotel in 2010 we are nearly at capacity once again. *In order to offer some choice, and continue to grow the event while still holding it in Washington County, we are having a breakfast AND a lunch on the same day.* Therefore, if you are not a morning person, we will see you at lunchtime. If you love greeting the day, please join us for breakfast.



Hear Real Life Stories

It doesn't matter which meal you come to, you'll still hear the same stirring tales of hardworking families struggling to improve their lives and get their families out of substandard housing. This year we are featuring JD Spyker and his family. JD's story about how far he's come since becoming a Habitat homeowner is truly inspiring and goes to show exactly what your donation that morning can do to help someone right here in Washington County this year.

Is This The Year YOU Become a Table Host?

As the economy continues to struggle, our work becomes even more important. Look into your heart, and at your circle of friends, and think about becoming a Table Host this year. Instead of sitting at someone else's table, invite your family, friends, and co-workers and have your own table - doesn't that sound like fun!? Share with them the Habitat message of simple, decent, and affordable homes for all. It's not hard to do: we will supply you with electronic flyers you can send, invitations you can mail, even a telephone scrip you can use to invite your friends. *Afterwards, they'll thank you for inviting them to this important event.*

Thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors, you'll enjoy a hot meal and know that 100% of your donations that day will go to building homes this year for our families.

The Dollar-For-Dollar Match Is Available To All.

Volunteer-extraordinaire Scott Smith is back again this year with his wife Twylla issuing a challenge to all breakfast attendees. For every gift you make of \$125 or more, Scott & Twylla will match it dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000! That means your \$125 gift is really worth \$250.00; which is enough to insulate a floor, cover part of the roof, even buy a window AND a door! If everyone at your table was as generous as you, together you could provide everything necessary to heat the house.



Mr & Mrs Rivas help their two boys paint fabric squares for a quilt to be raffled at the breakfast



Our families are looking for a hand up – not a hand out - so please join us on Tuesday, May 17th from 7:30am to 8:30am or 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and remember: check in begins 30 minutes ahead of time. Together we can raise the roof for hard working American's right here in Washington County, but we can't do it without you!

Quilt Raffle

If you've been to the breakfast, you know the Habitat kids get together and paint centerpieces to decorate the tables. This year, they painted fabric squares which are going to be turned into two quilts, to be raffled off at the breakfast & lunch.

So, while we'd love it if you brought your checkbook or credit card so you can make a gift, be sure to check your wallet for cash so you can buy a raffle ticket at the door too.

Using your smart phone's barcode reader, scan (right) to RSVP to the breakfast or the lunch:

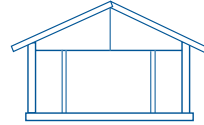


Scan (left) to go to our on-line donation page. This scan donation option will also be available at the breakfast this year~!

RSVP Today!

4th Annual

Build a Home



Frame a Future



This Year There Are Two Events To Choose From:

Breakfast, 7:30am - 8:30am (check-in at 7:00am) **OR**

Lunch, 12:00pm - 1:00pm (check-in at 11:30am)

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Please join us for a free fundraising breakfast or lunch benefiting Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. Meet our families and hear their inspiring stories. Learn how Habitat provides not charity but opportunity to worthy families shackled by poverty—and how you can support our mission!

Last year we raised over \$150,000! Right now we have 14 families earning sweat equity, waiting to purchase their homes. We need your help to raise \$170,000 on May 17th to make their dreams reality.

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Adnan & Courtney were very excited to be accepted into the Habitat program. He started putting in his sweat equity the week they were notified, and always brings breakfast goodies for all the volunteers when he's on the worksite. With your help, they will be homeowners by 2012 and their children will grow up in a safe, decent, house.

“ You meet such an awesome group of people. People who volunteer for Habitat are dedicated with positive attitudes and sunny personalities. And they come from all occupations. We have lawyers, accountants, techies, teachers, government employees, hospital workers, doctors, nurses, business owners, and more. ”

5th Annual Women Build Day

In the days leading up to Mother’s Day, construction crews of female volunteers will raise their hammers at Habitat for Humanity construction sites across the country in recognition of National Women Build Week, April 30 through May 8.



Thanks to a grant from Lowe’s, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity will once again be holding a Women Build Day the Saturday before Mother’s Day. The event is sold-out, but a wait list is available if you’d like to add your name to it.



The Mother’s Day time frame was selected for its significance to many volunteers. Families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing. More than 12 million children - one in six - live in poverty housing in the United States alone.

Not only will we have all-women crews out on the construction site on May 7th, the site leadership is made up of women as well. Willamette West is proud to count five women amongst our “regulars” crew. They can be found on the construction site nearly every day, leading volunteers and building homes.

Lowe’s is contributing more than \$1.3 million to National Women Build Week, providing \$5,000 Lowe’s gift cards, and building materials to more than 250 Habitat affiliates.

If you’d like to learn more about all the other ways women support Habitat for Humanity, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kate Schnurr at 503-844-76060 x 111 or KateSchnurr@HabitatWest.org

Yes Virginia, We Are Getting a ReStore!

Preparations are well underway to open the Washington County ReStore on Millikan Way, behind Cedar Hills Crossing mall. Alex Bertolucci, Washington County ReStore Manager, Volunteer Manager Colleen O’Toole, and Joe Connell, ReStore Director, are busy transforming the empty space into a well-designed, well-stocked ReStore which will be opened soon.

The ReStore functions like your local home improvement store. They take in (tax-deductible) donations and then re-sell them to the public for a fraction of the retail value. So whether you’re tearing out cabinets, or putting in cabinets, you win! The environment wins too: so far, 1,800 TONS of materials have gone to new homes via the ReStore instead of ending up in the landfill.



And hardworking Americans win. Proceeds from the three metro-area ReStores are pooled together and split among the three local affiliates to help build even more homes.

In keeping with the true spirit of Habitat, volunteers are an integral part of the operation, acting as cashiers, receiving crew members, donation pick up drivers/assistants, and providing general customer assistance. Individuals as well as groups are welcome. Contact volunteer coordinator Colleen O’Toole at 503-906-3823 or colleen@pdxrestore.org for more information.

New things arrive daily, so keep informed by following them on Twitter at [@pdxrestore](https://twitter.com/pdxrestore), or visit their website at www.pdxrestore.org.

“ I consider it a privilege to work with Habitat and help others to help themselves advance their families, just the simple thanks you get from the homeowners is priceless. ”

Want To Volunteer, But NOT Get Your Hands Dirty?

Did you know you could change someone’s life forever in as little as eight hours? Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity does not have to mean swinging a hammer, there is lots of volunteer work to do before the first nail is hit.

Why not attend our Habitat 101 orientation meeting and learn the different ways you can help. Help select homeowners, or mentor them after they are selected. Become a Habitat Ambassador and volunteer at community events. You could even volunteer at the new Washington County ReStore and see all the great bargains as they come in! Our committees are always looking for more volunteers to help us with our mission of getting hardworking families out of substandard housing, and some committee involvement is as little as three hours per month.

Habitat 101 orientation meetings are held monthly, alternating between lunch time and after work, and last one hour (no RSVP necessary). If you’ve been thinking about volunteering, here’s your chance to drop by. Meet the staff, learn what Willamette West Habitat for Humanity does, and how you can help us accomplish it! In fact, why not bring a neighbor or co-worker along with you!

Standing committees include Homeowner Selection, Homeowner Partnering, Faith Relations, Habitat Ambassadors, and the Board of Directors.

If you are not able to make a meeting, and really want to know more about volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kate Schnurr at 503-844-7606 x 111 or KateSchnurr@HabitatWest.org.



Once our Habitat Homeowners have been approved, they are eager and anxious to get out to the construction site and start putting in their 500 hours helping build their home and their neighbors.



Volunteer Orientation Meeting Schedule:

Lunchtime (12:00-1:00 pm)

May 12

July 14

September 15

After Work (6:00-7:00 pm)

June 9

August 11

October 13

Meet the Homeowner Selection Committee:

1. Kirsten Goetz, Chairman
2. Fran Bates
3. Hilja Davis
4. Susan Hanson
5. Sandy Hillebrandt
6. Kelly Prows
7. Mike Pirc
8. Rocky Raygoza
9. Sharon Schwinghammer
10. Sunho So
11. Susan Voigt
12. Neil Weinreb

“ I am a part of a worldwide effort to eradicate deplorable living conditions for people in need. I feel the power of belonging to such a gigantic and worthwhile endeavor. ”

Volunteers Are Worth Their Weight in Gold!

30,000 donated hours = \$625,000 in saved labor costs building homes!

We couldn't let National Volunteer Month go by without thanking the thousands of volunteers who come out rain or shine (or snow or ice) to build our homes.

Master (100+ hours)

Harry Anderton
Vern Beeson
Jerry Boone
June Boone
Hal Brockman
Ryan Carpenter
Terry Crawford
Dan Fako
Bob Fellman
Cliff Hillebrandt
Michael Hilsen
Bill Huntting
Greg Kust
Bruce Miller
Bev Mohnkern
Gary Mohnkern
Rex Morton
Barbara Munz
Jim Munz
Seth Myers
Paula Ohland
Vern Schulte
Larry Scott
John Selner
Scott Smith
Nancy Spencer
Robert Stadel
Thomas Turner
Ernie Vance
Dave VanDyke
Linda Wilson
Tom Woolcott
Kathy Zawislak

Logan Perry
Kelly Prows
Tom Reese
Alicia Rice
Ina Talalemotu
Leon Taylor
John Terpenning
JV Torgerson
Joe Torres
Brian Triplett
Wayne Waldal
Brent Warren
Robert Wood

Mary Follon
Addison Fox
John Godsey
Nita Goss
George Griffith
Leslee Hansen
Susan Hanson
Lynn Hatfield
John Henricks
Chris Herrin
Sandy Hillebrandt
John Howell
Steven Hunt

Monty Milano
Mike Monette
Pat Montone
Chris Nordmark
Judy Pearson
Jan Peterson
Mike Pirc
Carroll Powell
Brent Quebedeaux
Ken Rankin
Chris Rasmussen
Rocky Raygoza
Mary Richardson
Melanie St. John
Casey Schmidt
Sharon Schwinghammer
Jon Scott
Diana Shavey
Karyn Smith
Sunho So
Kerry Stanely
Erik Steward
Laura K. Timmins
Alisa Touzeau
Jan VanDyke
Susan Voigt
Elaine Wallick
JaReda Webb
Neil Weinreb
Stacey Wetzel
Maureen Wheeler
Patrick Wheeler
Lindsey Wilen
Salena Willner
Lori Woods
Mark Youngblood



Builder (40-99 hours)

Stan Axtman
Tony Brauner
Danielle Briggs
William Byrd
Percival Del Rosario
Glen Fahs
Chuck Falconer
Kirsten Goetz
Gary Hull
Sue Karstad
Connor Lynch
Deborah Lynch

Framer (17-39 hours)

Linda Zuckerman
Katheryn Bae
Audrey Baker
Dale Barnes
Fran Bates
Susan Bernstein
Gary Bliss
Bill Branch
Ed Brauner
Chris Christensen
Vicki Conklin
Nicole Curcio
Hilja Davis

Tyann Hunt
Pat Huntting
George Jacobs
Cindy Karstad
Bob Kirkendall
Mike Kondrat
Bob Leitner
Steve Lord
Angus Low
Tim Lowell
Ralph Marconi
Randy Marsh
Marty McMahan
Jorge Mendoza
Alex Milano

Foundation (9-16 hours)

Diane Abel
Richard Ackerman
Russ Alspaugh
Reinaldo Ayala
Erika Azua
Tiffany Bagley
David Brown
Marie Chambers
Amanda Chism
Chris Christensen

“ It’s never boring. There is always something exciting to learn and do. I’ve met so many great people who inspire me and urge me beyond what I thought my capabilities were. ”

Amanda Danley
John Dragelin
Scott Durrant
Chuck Falconer
Jon Feeny
John Fiebiger
Dan Fuchs
Holly Grennan
Evan Griffin
Emily Gross
Matt Gunsul
Dixie Guthrie
Gene Hansen
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Brienne Hirning

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Carl Johnson
Matt Johnson
Charisse Jolliff
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Addison Van Hatcher
Karina Vera-Gonzales
Becky Wagar
Seth Waggoner
Steve Walgrave
Randall Warren
Lori Watkins
Kathryn Wong
Amy Yang

Because of the sheer volume of people who come out and volunteer for eight hours, space prevents us from listing them here, but we cannot thank you enough!



Yahoo! employees help wrap a house at Ramble Glen

Thanks to these businesses who encourage and allow their employees to spend the day on our construction site working alongside our future homeowners

Acute Innovations
Black and Veatch
Coldwell Banker
Eaton Corporation
Farmers Insurance
FEI
Fiserv
Geek Squad
Genentech
Hampton Affiliates
Intel
Lattice Semiconductor
LBPS

NIKE
PGE
Re/Max
Sage Business Solutions
Simpson Property Groups
Sterling Savings Bank
Taglio Salon
Verizon Wireless
Vista Capital Partners
VW Credit
Wells Fargo
Yahoo!

Everyone likes to come out and build houses. Even Schools and other organizations get involved:

- Catlin Gabel School
- Pacific International Academy - ESL Group
- Pacific University
- Portland Community College
- Tualatin Union High School / Pay it Forward
- Western Oregon University
- Women’s Rowing Team

HABITAT TEAM BUILDERS

Sage Business Solutions (pictured below) is one of several local businesses who bring employees out to the Habitat construction site several times during the year to build camaraderie and team spirit. “It’s fun to see your co-workers all covered with dirt and paint and sweat... and still smiling!” commented Joy Wolfe, Partner Services Representative and Habitat work day coordinator. “I love that (the family members) are required to participate in the building of their future homes. Getting to know them is fun and inspiring.”

If you’d like to follow the example of Sage and bring your employees out to the job site, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kate Schnurr at 503-844-7606 x 111 to find out how.



“ I get much more out of Habitat than I give. When I get home I feel happy, content, excited...and tired. But the very best kind of tired. ”



Meet “The Regulars”

Construction Manager Mike Wille (front right) and AmeriCorps Member/Volunteer Services Coordinator Kate Schnurr pose with the “Regulars” crew during National Volunteer Week. Mike & Kate cooked a BBQ lunch to thank the crew for their ongoing dedication to our families.



Our Thanks to our Faith Based volunteers:

- Bethel United Church of Christ
- Bilal Mosque
- Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Christ Church Episcopal Parish
- Christ United Methodist Church
- Community of ChristChurch
- Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
- Lake Grove Presbyterian Church
- The Madeleine Parish
- Murray Hills Christian Church
- Oak Hills Christian Church
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Roca de Luz Eterna
- Southlake Foursquare Church
- Singles Club
- Southminster Presbyterian Church
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church
- St. Juan Diego Men's Group
- St. Luke Lutheran Church
- St. Pius X Church Cedar Mill
- Sunset Presbyterian Church
- Valley Presbyterian Church
- Village Baptist Church

“ I have met a lot of really nice people and hopefully I am leaving a small piece of me behind. I get the satisfaction of helping "kick starting" the lives of some very nice families. ”



“Habitat meshes with what I think God’s plan for my life is. He is using my talents to do His work on earth.”



The Lutheran Network House

This year we are blessed with receiving a Thrivent Builds grant for one of our homes at Ramble Glen. We are very excited to be working with the Tualatin Valley and the Southwest Portland Thrivent Chapters, made up of over 20 Lutheran churches in Washington County. This is our 3rd home sponsored by Thrivent Financial, and our 9th house that includes sponsors from the Lutheran community.

“I am excited about working on a Habitat home because it provides an opportunity to help address the problem of affordable housing in our community,” said Thomas Rinderknecht, president of the Southwest Portland Chapter and co-Building Specialist on the project. “I look forward to working with other members of my congregation, and watching the progress we can make as we build this house.”

“The Thrivent Builds partnership has helped Willamette West Habitat increase the number of families served in our community,” said Dan Fako, Board President. “We are so grateful for Thrivent Financial’s support of our efforts to provide decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need.”

The 23 churches who are members of the two chapters will raise money and send out teams to build on the site throughout the year. When all is said and done, nearly 250 volunteers will put in over 1,800 hours building the Ajano home.

The Presbyterian Network House

The Washington County Presbyterian churches continue their strong support of Willamette West Habitat with their sponsorship of the house at Lot #3 in the Ramble Glen neighborhood this year.

Of the 12 Westside Presbyterian congregations in the network, lead gifts were received from:

- ♥ Calvin Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Lake Grove Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Sunset Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Over the course of our history, the Presbyterian community has stepped up and sponsored 17 homes in 5 neighborhoods. Members of the churches congregations will take turns out at the Ramble Glen jobsite building the Douglas home on weekends.

The Faith Build

The Christian character of Habitat for Humanity is not a barrier to collaboration with peoples of other faiths; rather it is the reason we seek people of other faiths as partners in our mission. We believe that to be Christian is to affirm and bless people regardless of the color of their skin, their country, their creed, or their lifestyle. The people who comprise Habitat for Humanity share the desire to express the love of God through action. They want their hands, feet, and muscles to communicate God’s love to greater effect than words alone.

We are so pleased to be embarking on a new journey in 2011, a Faith Build house out at Ramble Glen. Affirming that there is strength in numbers, churches of several denominations have banded together to pool their money and resources and build our final home at Ramble Glen, as a Faith Build home.

Five faith “networks” have been formed:

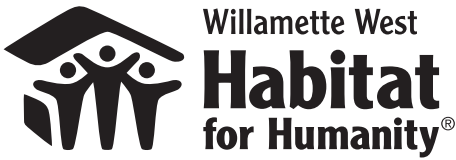
- ♥ The Catholic Network
- ♥ The Presbyterian Network
- ♥ The United Church of Christ Network
- ♥ The United Methodist Network
- ♥ The MurrayHills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Network.

Collectively, their churches will raise money for construction supplies, and provide the volunteers to build the home on lot #8 at Ramble Glen.

Christian Church Network (Disciples of Christ)

MurrayHills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continues to lead this wonderful network. This year, we’re excited to again be blessed with enough outreach funding to support the construction of one entire house at Ramble Glen. Many Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) network congregants demonstrate community by volunteering regularly at our worksites, as well as serving on various Habitat committees. Rev. Dr. R. Larry Snow of MurrayHills even spent part of a recent sabbatical volunteering with Habitat!





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- Grocery Outlet of King City
- Patricia Huntting & Jan Peterson
- Jones & Roth CPAs and Business Advisors
- John & Becky McAllister
- Mountainwood Homes
- Pacific Continental Bank
- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
- Melanie St. John
- Specht Properties
- The H Group