

And So It Begins Again

Meet our newest families:

The Salazar Family:

Sarah Salazar (pictured right) is the proud mother of 9- and 11-year-old boys. She divorced her abusive husband and escaped with her kids. When presenting this family to the board for discussion, Homeowner Selection Committee chair Kirsten Goetz told the board *"in all my years of doing this, it is the worst situation I have ever seen.*



This home is unsuitable for habitation." It has no foundation and a rotting roof, which leaks throughout. There are water soaked walls, exposed wiring, the floor is separating from the walls, and duct tape holds the bathroom together. Built in the late 40's, there is little or no insulation, and black mold creeps up the walls. Despite all these issues, Sarah keeps the interior of the house clean and organized, and has put an air purifier in the kids bedroom because they suffer from asthma.

The Chandrakumara Family:

Higgoda and Chamille Chandrakumara moved here from Sri Lanka where he had an accounting degree and owned a photography business with his wife. He now works three jobs, struggling to support his family. They have two sons, aged eight and three, and a 2-year-old daughter. The Homeowner Selection committee member described their apartment: *"It has mold in the bathroom and master bedroom. One room has a whole in the wall and the heater does not work."* All three kids share a room now, and Higgoda tells us, *"My wife and I would like to own a house so we can have our kids grow up in a nice, safe place."* They learned about Habitat from a loan officer when they tried to buy a home using traditional methods.

The Montes Muro Family:

Habitat families come in all sizes and configurations, and the Montes Muro family is the perfect example. Here we have two sisters who share a 2-bedroom apartment with their families. Alicia & Horacio have two young boys; the four of them share one bedroom in the apartment. Alicia's sister Dulce shares the second bedroom with her three-month-old son. Imagine three boys under three who don't have even one room to call their own. The two families converted the garage into living space, but typical of garages, it is not insulated and therefore uninhabitable during the winter. As we find so often with our prospective homeowners, the apartment has mold, and the heating and plumbing are in need of repair. Horacio does the best he can, working as a drill operator for a construction company. The families found the light at the end of their tunnel when they read a book by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, and decided to apply.

The De Leon Gomez Family:

Elia De Leon Gomez is a hard-working single mom originally from Guatemala. She recently received a promotion, and works as a cook at New Seasons Market to support her family. Elia lives in her parent's home where she shares a room with her two boys, aged two, and nine. With eight adults and two children living in the house, it is very crowded. She knew of Habitat's program from working on a friend's Habitat home, and this year decided to apply herself.



The Salazar bathroom walls are held together by duct tape and plastic

Meet the Roberts, Summers, and Gulema Bayisa families on page 5

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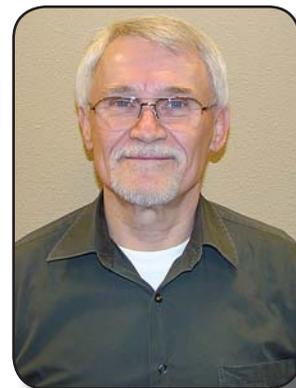
Willamette West Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from Washington County and to make decent shelter for all a matter of conscience and action. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, we build simple, decent, and affordable homes by partnering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

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From the Board *Dan Fako, president*



Recently I had the opportunity to spend a number of days working at our Ramble Glen neighborhood located in Aloha. I want to share some observations that I made during these work days. I had the opportunity and pleasure of working shoulder to shoulder with volunteers from many walks of life. Some are or have been teachers, engineers, scientists, homemakers, factory workers, students, secretaries and many more. These individuals ranged in age from approximately 20 to 75 years of age.

I found myself impressed with the fact that so many of these volunteers commented on the satisfaction that they receive from participating in the construction of these homes. The newest, and in some cases the least experienced, of these individuals have discovered that they have the ability and opportunity to learn skills and tools that they may have never expected to learn.

They helped to build and raise the walls of these new houses, install windows, siding, insulation and sheetrock which in a few months will become the home for the newest Habitat for Humanity families. They also had the opportunity to work side by side with these future Habitat for Humanity families.



Volunteers work alongside family members and board president Dan Fako (in hat) raising a wall at Ramble Glen

Reflecting on these most recent experiences I want to again express my appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors and that of the partner families to the many individuals, businesses, organizations and church groups who make it possible for Habitat to provide a hand up rather than a hand-out to these families.

Recognizing our mission, I want to extend an invitation to all of you, both new and existing volunteers to join us in the mission of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness from Washington County. Regardless of your age, gender, skills and interests there are numerous opportunities and options for your continued support through your commitment of your time, talents and of course your ongoing financial support.

God bless you all and thank you for all that you have done and will do to continue to make these homes a reality. Seventy-two families helped so far and many more on the way.

From The Executive Director

Mark Forker



They say you don't need a parachute to sky dive. You only need one if you plan to sky dive twice.

A few weeks ago, Willamette West Habitat took a pretty big leap of faith by accepting seven new families into our self-help housing program. Several months earlier, I reviewed our construction budget and thought we could accept only four, maybe five new families this year.

Then, after hearing the extremely compelling stories about each of these seven hard working families - living with leaky roofs, moldy walls, broken furnaces and rising rents - our board of directors asked me, "How can we accept all seven?"

Of course, they already knew the answer – raise more money while continuing to manage our costs. The board took a deep breath, and then voted unanimously to accept all seven families, AND to do whatever it takes to provide each of them with an opportunity to buy a simple, decent home.

It's a huge challenge, but I think we can do it.

On the cost side of the equation, our most recent audit showed that 95 cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to our programs - building or rehabbing houses, and training low-income families to be successful homeowners. We take great pride in being a volunteer driven organization, and our audit is welcome validation.



We also added a second AmeriCorps staff position for the upcoming year. AmeriCorps is the domestic version of the Peace Corps program, where a young person dedicates a year of community service for a qualified nonprofit like Habitat. Once hired, this new person will provide valuable construction supervision for us at very little cost.

On the revenue side, our 3-year strategic plan calls for new sources of funding while working hard to earn the support of our current donors. We expanded our annual "Frame a Future" spring fundraiser this year by adding a lunch program, and the community responded with record attendance and gifts! We're applying for several new grants this year, renewing our outreach to the Faith community, and we have lots of ideas for creating opportunities to connect donors to our mission and the families we serve.

Our strategic plan also calls for us to take our own advice, that is, secure our future through ownership of our office / warehouse in Hillsboro (pictured right). Our accountants tell us the rent savings alone will allow us to serve 33 additional families over the next 30 years.



The plan is sound and the framework is set. Now, where did I put that parachute...?



SPOTLIGHT ON A GREAT FUNDRAISING IDEA

Sweet Habitat Fundraiser Helps Local Student Graduate



Century High School senior Tara Lofdahl needed to do something for the community to finish out her Senior Project or she wouldn't graduate from high school.

"When she proposed her project to us we were delighted," commented executive director Mark Forker.

She arranged with Burgerville so 10% of one evening's proceeds would go to Habitat, then plastered the surrounding neighborhoods, business and schools with flyers promoting the event.

On a tour of the Ramble Glen site, she met Scott Smith, who was impressed with her enthusiasm and drive.

Did You Know:

During our last fiscal year, 240 of our gifts were under \$100, including one gift for \$2.

Combined, those gifts raised nearly \$10,000! That's enough buying power to purchase the roof trusses AND the front doors for ALL 8 HOMES at Ramble Glen.

Every gift is special to us. Thank You

THANK YOU

for your support!

Gifts received July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Emerald Level \$50,000 - \$99,000

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Welcome to the rest of the 'Class of 2011'

With your continued support, these families will be homeowners in less than two years.

The Roberts Family:

Brantee is a single mom raising a 12-year-old daughter. Even though she has had a steady job as a cashier for the past 10 years, 38% of her income goes to her housing costs, making it impossible to get ahead. "I am grateful to have such a good job, but I would like to get off Section 8 and provide a nice home for my daughter and me." She and her daughter have lived in the same small basement apartment for the past 5 years. Now she wants to experience the pride of homeownership and is excited to start putting in her sweat equity hours.

The Summers Family:

Paul Summers is a hard-working single father to 7-year-old Lola. He has worked as a dispatcher in a warehouse for nearly four years. Paul left his wife, who struggles with addictions, for Lola's safety. Now, they live in a small 2-bedroom apartment, and the rent is 35% of his monthly pay. He wants his daughter to be able to go outside and play, but the neighborhood is not safe. He has sacrificed the master bedroom and given it to Lola so she can have some space to call her own. Paul is an extremely loving father who only wants the best for his family. His landlord, advocating on his behalf, told us, "I can truly say I am impressed with his ethics and integrity. He is there beside [Lola] while doing homework and lessons, and supervising her play. He is a hard worker and if anyone deserves a hand up, Paul and Lola do."

The Gulema Bayisa Family:

Yilma and Wosene are the parents of four children: a 15-year-old son and three daughters aged 10, 12, & 14. Originally from Ethiopia, both parents work at a local parking facility to support their family. They rent a 3-bedroom apartment, so the girls all share a room. If the kids move around too much, neighbors complain about the noise, so they are always on edge, trying to be quiet. The complex is not well managed and trash piles up. There is a large criminal element there and the police are there often. For this, they pay over \$1,200 per month for rent and utilities, 41% of their monthly income. Yilma and Wosene know about Habitat for Humanity because they have a brother who is a Habitat homeowner. They believe that a Habitat home will give them the space they need, and help strengthen their family.

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**Upcoming Volunteer /
Committee Orientation
Meetings:**

**Get updated on what our
committees are up to, and
how you can get involved!**

Lunchtime (12:00-1:00 pm)
September 15
November 10
January 12, 2012

After Work (6:00-7:00pm)
August 11
October 13
December 8



It's Time

This October, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity will be 23 years old. Our Board of Directors have decided it's time for us, like the families we serve, to buy our first "home".

Our current office & warehouse space on Elam Young Parkway in Hillsboro was chosen with the idea of purchasing it within three years, and staying here for decades. The facility meets all our needs, with easy access to transit, storage for tools and equipment, meeting space, and office space to grow into. As owners, we'll gain control of our financial future and be able to put even more resources into building houses and serving our community.

We have already raised \$365,000 toward our \$650,000 goal, and would like to acknowledge some early visionaries who are helping to make our dream a reality.

Our thanks to the entire board of directors, campaign committee members, Bill & Becky and Patti Hunting, Scott & Twylla Smith, IBM, Wells Fargo, The Schlesinger Foundation, and the Taylor Foundation for their early leadership gifts toward the purchase of our building.

Stay tuned for news and information about our campaign, "A Home for Habitat" and see how you can be a leader too.

Can Wood Scraps Be Innovative?

Just this month, we completed our first two homes at Ramble Glen. They are also our first Energy Star® Certified homes. Earth Advantage, who administers the energy star program, encourages builders to develop innovative measures that go beyond the existing requirements to help protect the environment.

In a recent article, Ryan Shanahan, a builder outreach specialist with Energy Trust of Oregon wrote: "A great example of an innovative measure is the waste management plan implemented by Willamette West Habitat for Humanity." Site supervisor Bill Hunting has established a careful design process that allows us to use over 99% of the dimensional lumber we buy, AND over 95% of drywall. After a house is completed, there is only **one trash can** of wood scraps to recycle!

Bill starts with the house plans he's designed to come up with a list of dimensional lumber needed to build the home. He uses that to create his materials list. By careful engineering and design he's able to layout his lumber and drywall pieces like a jigsaw puzzle. Once he is done running all of the possible scenarios he has his final cut list prepared. And yes, the 1/8" saw blade width is factored into his calculations!



After the wood is cut to Bill's exact specifications, it is labeled and stacked for ease of use later.

Copper Level continued...

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The ReStore Enters Washington County in a Grand Way

The Washington County ReStore was warmly welcomed to the neighborhood at its Grand Opening on June 10, 2011. That morning before the ribbon cutting, the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce held its weekly Coffee Connection at the store. With 138 attendees, Chamber members wowed us with their support.

Mayor Doyle is a supporter

Gracious and engaging, Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle told the audience he was already a donor, having recently dropped off his old kitchen cabinets after a remodeling project at his home.

Even before he cut the official red ribbon, customers were pulling up to the door with some great donations. Willamette West Executive Director Mark Forker spoke about how much it meant to Habitat to have a ReStore close by, and Joe Connell, ReStore Director, thanked the many people who helped us get to this day. As some of the store's first shoppers, attendees left feeling good about the Grand Opening and thrilled with the special finds they purchased on their way out.

Shop and Help Others

The Washington County ReStore joins the Portland and Vancouver ReStore's in supporting the three metro area Habitat affiliates. When you shop at one of our stores, you help Habitat build a home for a low-income family. In fact, during our last fiscal year Willamette West Habitat received enough money from the ReStore to build an entire house!!

Shop and Help the Environment

Every time you donate goods to the ReStore you help the environment. This year alone, the three stores have kept over 3.7 million pounds of usable material from being dumped in a landfill.

When you visit the Washington County ReStore, be sure to look up and admire the sign. You'll be looking at Oregon's first outdoor electrical sign to earn the UL Energy Certified Green Leaf label. The sign was designed, built, and donated by Meyer Sign Company. The donation gives us more funds to dedicate to Habitat's homebuilding efforts and the sign reduces demand on our natural resources.

Shop and Help Yourself

ReStore items are typically 50-60% less than retail, so if you find something you love – don't hesitate or someone else will fall in love with it too. If you haven't been there yet, check them out during their upcoming Summer Celebration Sidewalk Sale July 29 & 30th and visit them online at www.pdxrestore.org.

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Catalyst Partnerships

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is an organization of partnerships. We partner with families to improve their lives; we partner with donors to give people a hand up; we partner with vendors who supply labor and materials for free or greatly discounted.

Sometimes, we even partner with other nonprofits; one of our new partners is Catalyst Partnerships.

Catalyst Partnerships is a local nonprofit formed in 2008 when the founder wondered “what do

poor people do when their houses break?” He decided to fill that need by forming a group that gets together and helps those who cannot help themselves, and have limited support systems for help.

They were looking for projects and we were looking for volunteers to help build a fence between our Leadership Row and Hunting Park

neighborhoods which border each other. Construction Manager Mike Wille told the Catalyst Partnership if they provided the volunteers, we’d provide the materials to build a 200-foot fence.

They sent several volunteers, and under the supervision of site-supervisors Hal Brockman and Dave VanDyke had the fence completed in three days.



After the fence was completed, the sidewalks were poured.



Copper Level continued...

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1,300 Ways to Double Your Donation.

If you knew a way to double your donation, without actually doubling the amount of money you give, you'd do it – right?

Well, we know of 1,300 ways it can be done, because that many companies MATCH charitable donations made by their employees or their retirees.

Some programs have a minimum donation amount, nearly all have a maximum amount they'll match, although some go as

high as \$100,000! Some even make a financial donation to match the value of your volunteer hours.

In most cases, all you have to do is log on to your company's matching gift website to record your gift, or send your donation to us along with a form from your personnel department or right out of your personnel manual, and then we do the rest.

Matching donations can be from .50c for every \$1 you donate, to \$5 for every dollar, depending on the company. You can go onto our website at www.HabitatWest.org/matching-gift-partners for a list of all 1,316 companies.

Not sure if your company matches? Here are some that do:

ADP	Chevron	Hewlett-Packard	PGE	Toyota Motor Sales
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Bank of America	Gap, Inc	Macy's	Starbucks	Verizon
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Brinks	Hanna Anderson	NIKE	The Standard	Wal-Mart Stores
Cadence Design Systems	Home Depot	Procter & Gamble		Wells Fargo
Charles Schwab		PepsiCo		West Coast Bank

Where Can a Car Build a Home? Washington County Of Course!

Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program has distributed more than \$10 million to Habitat affiliates nationwide.

The Cars for Homes program began in the state of Washington in November 2003 as a pilot program. In 2005, it was approved as a national program of Habitat for Humanity International. It was created specifically to assist Habitat affiliates by generating funding from the sale of donated vehicles. Revenue is distributed to affiliates based on the zip code of the donor.

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity has received \$44,884.32 in funding from the program to date, which has been used to help provide affordable housing options in partnership with local families.

Cars for Homes is Habitat for Humanity's national vehicle donation program that provides donors a quick and easy process for donating cars, trucks, boats, RVs and other vehicles to help build homes in partnership with local low-income families in need of decent, affordable shelter.

"While the program is national in scope, it is implemented state by state at the local level. Someone in Beaverton can work with the Cars for Homes program and Willamette West will receive the benefit of the car sale," explained executive director Mark Forker.

"We are very pleased to have reached this major milestone with the Cars for Homes program," said Marcia Rundle, the director of the program. "Thanks to our generous donors, Habitat affiliates have been able to use the funds earned from the recycling of used and idle vehicles to help address affordable housing needs in their communities."

If you have a car you'd like to donate, go to www.habitat.org/carsforhomes or use the barcode reader on your smart phone to click on this link for further details. Our thanks to the following people, who have donated their cars to Willamette West Habitat this year.

Gary Gilbert
Ma. Elena Aguilar De Jesus
Michael Amos
Paul Baumer
Joe Bossert

Julie Dekker Flint
Don Edenfeld
Theola Gill
Erich Hoffmann
Jerry Jefferies

Steve Leblanc
Eric Little
Linda Lovett
Mark Striplin
Ellen Ulrich



May Fundraiser Sets Record-Breaking Crowd.

Three years ago, you filled the Kingstad Center at our first *Build a Home Frame a Future* fundraiser to capacity. We had to find a way to expand, so we moved to the Embassy Suites. By 2010 you filled their largest banquet room, so we had to find a way to expand again. *This year we offered a choice: breakfast OR lunch at Embassy Suites, thus doubling our capacity. Did you fill it?* No, but it was close. You did manage to come out in numbers exceeding last years by nearly 25% with a total of 570 attending. We are awed and humbled by your dedication to Willamette West Habitat and our families. Thank you for bringing your family, friends, and co-workers, so they had the opportunity to hear first-hand the inspiring story of Javier Spyker.

The Javier Spyker Story - You Helped Write It.

Javier and his wife became homeowners in 2005 when they purchased a home in our Lindsay Lane neighborhood. Javier was a high school dropout who decided his fortune was changing. He went on to get his GED and his Bachelor's degree and in the fall of 2010, began law school. He is a great example of how people can turn their lives around when generous people such as you give them a hand-up, not a hand out.



Breakfast emcee KC Cowan interviews Javier Spyker



Lunch emcee Drew Carney interviews some Habitat Kids

The Habi-Kids Come Through Again.

An exciting new element to the program this year was the raffling of two 'Habi-kid' quilts. This year the Habitat children got together and painted pictures on fabric. Volunteer Karla Brokaw turned the fabric into two large quilts which were raffled off, one at each meal. Ticket sales were much higher than expected, so after the tickets

ran out, attendees started putting their names on slips of paper to buy a chance at the raffle ticket. At the end of the day, over \$500 had been raised and two lucky people went home with tangible memories of the people they were helping that day.

Third Year Running: Match Challenge is a Success

Volunteer Scott Smith and his wife Twylla again challenged attendees to donate at least \$125 with their offer to match it. Over 200 attendees met his challenge and Scott & Twylla happily donated \$25,000 to help build low-income housing in Washington County. All in all, the Build a Home Frame a Future fundraiser brought in just shy of \$160,000. Thank you all for your generosity.

Record Breaking Crowd of 570 attend Build a Home Frame a Future Breakfast and Lunch



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The Power of People

by Anna Murphy, summer intern



First came to work with West Willamette Habitat for Humanity on the Ramble Glen Neighborhood on a rainy Tuesday in June. I had never picked up a hammer before and the only thing I ever put together was a Barbie Dream House, with the help of my dad of course. That day, I was told I was going to frame walls. I walked over to Lot 6, and what I saw was a short wooden box with no top and nothing inside. We were put to work quickly; and by the end of the day, we had framed what would be the kitchen, living room, and bathroom.



The next Tuesday, I came back to work on the jobsite. I spent most of my day with a few volunteers helping build stairs for Lot 6. They led up to nothing though. It was hard to picture that they ever would lead to something. I mean how do you add a second floor with a team of volunteers who have never done construction before?

The third week I came out to the jobsite, I grabbed my hammer, a bucket of nails, and walked down to Lot 6. I was blown away to see that the once short box was no longer a short box. It had a second floor and two walls had already been put up. I hurried up the stairs I had helped build; and with 9 other volunteers, we finished building the 2 other walls and framed the bedrooms where a family with two young girls would one day sleep.

All of the sudden, it all came together. It made my work real and it made me feel so accomplished. I saw the nails I had pounded in and the walls I had pushed up. There was a staircase, there

were bedrooms, and there was a place for family dinners. It was a home. Indeed, the homes West Willamette Habitat for Humanity volunteers build show the power a small group of people holds; and that with a little bit of elbow grease, big things come together.

Editor's Note: Anna is a paid intern this summer thanks to a grant from Bank of America. She is working in the office and on the construction site. If you're thinking of volunteering, she's the perfect example that all you need to help build Habitat homes is enthusiasm.



Eric Douglas (above) takes a rest on the construction site. His home is nearly finished so his may be the first family to move into Ramble Glen.



Thao & Ngon Nguyen's dream came true last month when they purchased their Habitat home. They were accepted into the program in February 2010.



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July 28-31

Washington County Fair, Hillsboro

August 27 & 28, 12p-4pm

New Seasons Market in the Cedar Hills
Shopping Center

We'll be there selling hamburgers!

100% of proceeds benefit Willamette West

September 3

Beaverton Farmers Market

Ramble Glen Dedication

Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 1:00pm

Your attendance is requested!

A year ago we broke ground, now it's time to dedicate the first of our newly constructed homes at Ramble Glen.

Please join the board of directors, staff, and our families as we celebrate a year of generous donors, tireless volunteers, and hardworking partners who are about to become homeowners.

Mark the date on your calendar and watch the website and electronic newsletter for more information.

Hope to see you there