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Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona builds and renovates simple, decent and affordable homes in partnership with families in need.

As an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we build and renovate affordable housing for low-income families in need of adequate shelter. We feel that optimism, respect, teamwork, customer service, appreciation and, of course, humor and fun are valuable and necessary attributes that guide our actions so that we can accomplish our goals.

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is one of the largest producing urban affiliates in the United States. We have grown from an organization that struggled to fund one house in 1985 to building or renovating 780 homes to date.

There are many ways to join the effort to eliminate poverty housing in the Metro Phoenix area. Please visit our website, give us a call, visit our offices or ReStores. We are always available to share the good news about Habitat.

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Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona affiliate helps Habitat for Humanity achieve No. 8 on the 'Builder 100' list

Our Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) affiliate helped Habitat for Humanity achieve the rank of No. 8 on the Builder 100 list, marking the first time the nonprofit has been among the top 10 biggest builders in the United States. With 5,294 closings last year, Habitat moved up three spots from its 2008 ranking.

**Habitat for Humanity has
joined the top 10 biggest home
builders in the United States!**

In 2009, Habitat US affiliates repaired 710 homes nationwide, up from 621 homes in 2008. Around the world, Habitat for Humanity helped 61,005 low-income families by building 23,657 new houses and rehabilitating or repairing 37,348 houses.

Builder magazine's annual Builder 100 list compiles data provided by the nation's builders, including their number of closings.

"Habitat for Humanity affiliates have been working in more than 1,500 communities in the U.S. to ensure that more than 5,200 families had a new or renovated affordable home to live in last year," said Mark Andrews, senior director of U.S. Operations for Habitat for Humanity International. "We could not have accomplished this work without the sustained support of local leaders, volunteers and donors."



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From the Home

Our fiscal year 2010 accomplishments were many and include:

- Construction and renovation of 41 homes--when other non-profit organizations in Maricopa County were unable to build.
- Continued emphasis and expansion of our Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certified build efforts--we have 91 homes either LEED certified or in the process of obtaining LEED certification.
- Significant progress towards completion of our Oro Vista development in Phoenix.
- Start of home construction in our Hillcrest Village development in Avondale.
- Start of home construction in our Palmaire development in Glendale.
- Completion of the land development effort in our Kirby project in Peoria.
- Completion of ten more townhomes in our Surprise Johnson Townhome development--marking the completion of half the project.

Other notable administrative accomplishments realized during the year include:

- Completion of the merger of the Habitat for Humanity West Valley and the Valley of the Sun affiliates.
- Continued strengthening of our balance sheet with no short-term debt, 128 units of land in inventory and significant cash levels--resulting from a respectful profit and loss performance.
- Continued development of our home renovation skills.
- Continued growth of our green build efforts by way of an increasing number of organizations assisting us in controlling utility costs with installation of renewable energy sources.

Continued development of partnerships with other non-profit groups such as:

- The Sustainable Home Ownership coalition of nonprofit organizations--to assist with Neighborhood Stabilization Program efforts of local public entities.
- The Central Arizona Shelter Services--to sell two homes to CASS at a minimum price to support that organization's efforts to better serve homeless veterans.
- The City of Phoenix YouthBuild Program and real life projects for young members of our community, who are in search of a meaningful vocation and an opportunity to contribute.
- Expanded outreach to chartered schools and participation in the Arizona Leaderforce Initiative, which will help us attract more qualifying families for our townhome project.

So another chapter in the life of our affiliate has been written. As we look back on all that has transpired, we can clearly see our success could only have been possible because God was with us and made it happen.

The economy will continue to challenge us in the future. However, we are confident that, with God's continued blessing, the support of our community, the guidance of our Board, the hard work of our volunteers and the dedication of our amazing staff, we will continue to achieve our mission of providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income families.

In partnership,



Roger Schwierjohn
President & CEO
Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona



FAMILY STORY

Single mother Rachael Miller and her daughter Charleigh are both Arizona natives who recently moved into a Habitat for Humanity Home in Surprise. Rachael is an employee of the Maricopa County Community College District and Charleigh is a happy and exuberant 4 year-old.

home. The home was in an unsafe area and Charleigh was seldom allowed to play outside.



Rachael was aware of Habitat for Humanity, but didn't know of the local affiliate or anything about its mission until she saw an ad for Johnson Townhomes.

"When I found out I was approved, I was overjoyed," says Rachael. "It was the most exciting experience to be able to help build a home and work with the people at Habitat. The volunteers are wonderful and dedicated. The Habitat staff is friendly and always there when you need them."

Rachael says, "I immediately toured the model, but waited to apply for nearly three months out of fear of rejection." She didn't think it was possible for her to become a homeowner again because she had been laid off and lost her home to foreclosure 10 years earlier. Rachael and Charleigh had been sharing a 10x12 foot bedroom in a relative's

Moving into her new home has been a truly blessed experience for Rachael. She now has a safe, affordable place to call home--not just shelter!

A Valuable Tax Credit for You

Did you know a charitable tax credit is much more favorable to you as an Arizona State taxpayer? It's true. The end of the year isn't far away and a charitable tax credit can help reduce your 2010 Arizona state tax liability. By making a gift to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona you can help a future Habitat homeowner realize the dream of homeownership and receive a credit for what you would otherwise give to the state.

Qualifying for a tax credit has never been easier. Arizona tax law stipulates taxpayers can get a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$400 on a joint return and \$200 on a single return for charitable contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. And ... HFHCAZ qualifies! The previous base line year requirement was eliminated a year ago although tax payers are still required to itemize deductions.

To learn more about how you can take advantage of the charitable tax credit and make a gift to HFHCAZ, please visit www.habitatcaz.org or call 602.262.8661.

As always, we suggest you first consult with your accountant, CPA or tax advisor.

YouthBuild Program

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) completed the first of two homes sponsored by the City of Phoenix YouthBuild Program. The partnership between the City's YouthBuild Program and HFHCAZ was made possible by a federal grant awarded to the City of Phoenix.

The young adults will spend the first week in GED training and work readiness at Maricopa Skills Center. The second week will be spent learning construction skills on a HFHCAZ build site. In addition to learning construction, the students will also learn green building techniques, as both projects will be seeking a LEED Platinum level certification. The length of each project is about 14 weeks. The second home is scheduled to begin in February 2011.

HFHCAZ is fortunate to have this opportunity to partner with committed community partners such as the City's YouthBuild Program which is dedicated to improving and sustaining the economic vitality of the Phoenix community.

IF WE HAD ONLY KNOWN

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) recently received a surprise bequest of more than \$373,000 from the estate of a woman we had never thanked. Of course, we were thrilled to receive the gift and appreciate the gift immensely. It revealed a gracious and generous person. And, to date, this generous gift has been used to fund three builds in the West Valley.

But, we feel a little cheated because we never had the opportunity to express to this very generous donor our gratitude for such kindness. We didn't let her know how much her gift would mean to future Habitat homeowners and their families. If we had only known, we could have said "Thank you."

If you have a special place in your heart for Habitat and its mission, we encourage you to let us know if you have included HFHCAZ in your estate plans. We would love to welcome you as a member of Habitat's Legacy Builder Society. Gifts made by Legacy Builders reveal a donor's vision for the charity. They also play an important role because the identified financial support helps with the charities' long term business planning. Legacy gifts to HFHCAZ help ensure that even in tough times, Habitat will continue its mission of building or renovating decent and affordable housing for qualified, hard-working families of modest means.

Habitat's leadership and its Board of Directors will be good stewards of the new resources you place in their hands. And, not only will we be able to express our appreciation, but we promise to keep you up to date with the developments occurring at HFHCAZ. Legacy Builders are extended special invitations to attend homeowner dedications and annual receptions, which include a senior staff briefing.

If you are one of those special individuals who have named Habitat for Humanity in your estate plans, thank you! And, if you want to talk with us about finding a good attorney or more about how to leave a bequest to HFHCAZ, we are available to answer questions for you or your professional advisor. You can reach Karen Cordy at 602.495.2580 or Joyce Melter at 602.262.8661.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Lily Harding



Lily has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) for over a decade. She became involved with HFHCAZ because of her employer, Wells Fargo, which also supports HFHCAZ. Lily chose to continue volunteering because she believes in the goals of our program: provide adequate shelter for families who perform sweat equity, while involving the community. She also likes the personal gratification she gets from giving back.

Lily currently serves as a Site Host and on the Volunteer Support Committee. She also helps with construction once she is done cleaning up the site. Lily enjoys meeting like-minded volunteers, the staff and being a good representative of Wells Fargo. We couldn't think of anyone better than Lily!

Gene Howard



Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) was a natural for Gene. His experience in all phases of residential construction has been invaluable over the last seven years out on the HFHCAZ build site. He volunteers primarily during the week in Avondale and Surprise. Gene has served as House Leader, a fundraiser with area churches, and was a Qualifying Party on our contractor's license for Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley until a staff member was able to fulfill the requirements.

HFHCAZ has given Gene the opportunity to use the skills and talents that he has been given. He feels blessed to be able to help others and to give back to the community. We appreciate all that Gene does for HFHCAZ.



American Solar Electric, Inc. Receives AFP Greater Arizona Chapter Spirit Award

American Solar Electric, represented by President Sean Seitz and Vice President Will Herndon, will be honored at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Leadership Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown on November 17, 2010.

The Spirit Award will be presented to American Solar Electric for its generous gift of residential solar electrical systems. The systems provide efficient, affordable and easily maintained energy options for 20 current and future Habitat homeowners in Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale and Phoenix. In addition to the materials, American Solar is donating the labor associated with each of the installations.

The theme, Changing Arizona with Giving Hearts, portrays not just American Solar, but the many individuals, corporations and faith groups that every day willingly further the Habitat mission. We wish we could honor them all!



NEW HOMEOWNERS



Fitch-Luna Family
Fall Catholics: St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Faith Community Phoenix



Hill Family
Bank of America Phoenix



Penn Family
Arizona Department of Housing, Fund for Humanity Surprise



Sejfiu Family
Arizona Department of Housing, Ameriprise, Fund for Humanity Surprise



Miller Family
Fund for Humanity Surprise



Mendez Family
Arizona Department of Housing, Fund for Humanity Surprise



Torres Family
Women's Build, Buuck Family Trust, Gilbert Trust, Arizona Department of Housing Surprise



Ikyebwe/Shadrack Family
Desert Schools Federal Credit Union, Fund for Humanity Phoenix



Alene Family
Citi, Sun Valley Community Church, State Farm Insurance Phoenix



Kadir/Darga/Ebrahim Family
Fund for Humanity Phoenix



Adow Family
Southeast Valley Lutheran Coalition Phoenix



Hailegeorgis Family
Western Refining, Episcopal Coalition, Living Faith Anglican Church Phoenix



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Lutherans Building for Christ Coalition Phoenix



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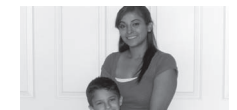
Elia-Shadrack Family
McCarthy Building Companies Phoenix



Tobar/Bernal Family
Discover Financial Services Surprise



Menkueir/Megan Family
E. Mottle Estate Surprise



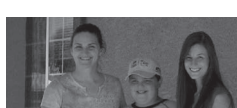
Ramirez Family
E. Mottle Estate Surprise



Ramirez/Gongora Family
Episcopal Coalition, Living Faith Anglican Church, Bellevue Heights Church Foundation Surprise



Balli Family
United Church of Christ Coalition, St. Paul's Catholic Church, AAA, Charles Schwab Foundation, Raise the Roof Glendale



Clarke Family
East and West Valley Presbyterian Coalitions, American Express, Northeast Lutheran Coalition Glendale



Ward Family
Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Phoenix



Teferra/Hussien Family
City of Phoenix YouthBuild, Chase Phoenix



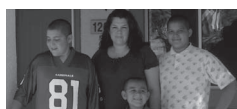
Shbur/Tingloth Family
Mighty United Methodist Coalition, St. Thomas More Catholic Church Glendale



Hernandez Family
US Airways, US Bank, Sundt, CVS Phoenix



Patrick Family
UPS Freight, Medtronic, Freescale, Fund for Humanity Phoenix



Fimbres Family
Firestone Foundation, Craftsmen in Wood Phoenix

WISH LIST

As a non-profit agency, we are always in need of donations of goods to help keep our affiliate running smoothly and efficiently. These donations are tax deductible. Here is a list of our most needed items:

Portable Generators	Dewalt Cordless Tool Kits
Skill Saws	Gloves
Chop Saws	Carpenter's Pencils
SDS Hammer Drills	

To make a donation, email us at info@habitatcaz.org or call us at 602.268.9022

Are you interested in directing your United Way gift to HFHCAZ? The United Way designation code is 0095. We appreciate your gift and your consideration.

SAVE THE DATE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CENTRAL ARIZONA
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Golf Classic

Friday, December 10, 2010
8:30 a.m.

Join us for our second annual golf classic at the Raven Golf Club at South Mountain
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ReStore

Whether you choose to donate items, shop or volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona ReStores, your involvement assists us in serving our mission.

Your support helps raise funds for HFHCAZ and promotes reusing and recycling materials that would have otherwise been sent to a landfill.

So come in today. One simple act fuels the ReStore's three Rs. Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuild Lives.

There are three ReStore locations to serve you.

<p>Peoria: 9133 N.W. Grand Ave. Peoria, AZ 85345 Phone: 623.776.2287</p>	<p>Phoenix: 115 E. Watkins St. Phoenix, AZ 85004 Phone: 602.258.4196</p>	<p>Mesa: 1135 S. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85202 Phone: 480.969.2143</p>
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