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*Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona builds 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 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 more than 700 homes to date.*

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

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## Habitat's New Renovation Projects

### BEFORE



It's a new era for Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. For more than 25 years Habitat has been building simple, decent, affordable housing for deserving families through new construction efforts. This past fall that concept expanded when Habitat received a generous donation of previously owned and now vacant homes in need of repair. Now in addition to building new homes HFHCAZ is renovating older homes. The first two renovations were started in October and the families moved in at the end of January.

While HFHCAZ did not make any major structural changes to these homes, they were updated substantially by installing energy efficient dual pane windows, replacing the water heaters and all of the plumbing fixtures, installing new HVAC systems and replacing all the interior and exterior doors.

### AFTER



One of the homes required updating the electrical wiring from aluminum to copper and new shower installation to eliminate lead contamination in the original tile. The other home received a complete kitchen makeover and new tile and carpet. Both homes received new stucco exteriors, landscapes and new paint inside and out. These two "new" homes are the start of what HFHCAZ believes will be a new and exciting way of putting deserving families into simple, decent and affordable homes.



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1985



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1986

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## From the Home



As you read this newsletter, HFHCAZ is well on its way with vertical construction on its seventh subdivision, Oro Vista, located in Phoenix. And plans are progressing for our eighth and ninth subdivisions, planned respectively in Avondale and Glendale,

with vertical construction starting on these two projects later in the year. Construction continues on the Johnson Townhome development in Surprise, and will soon be completing another subdivision called Ironwood Trails in Apache Junction. And, Habitat infill homes are progressing nicely, with recent completions of four homes in Peoria and the LEED Platinum home in Glendale. Additionally, HFHCAZ recently completed the renovation of three homes in the Phoenix area and plan to assist several cities and the county with renovation efforts as a result of the 2008 Housing and Economic Recovery Act.

This constant march forward, in spite of the economic challenges we all face, is a true measure of the very generous support this great community has provided HFHCAZ. It is also a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our Board of Directors, our volunteers, our families and our staff. As an organization, HFHCAZ is truly blessed. I am humbled by everyone's generosity and dedication to the mission of Habitat.

On a more somber note, the world lost a true visionary on February 3, 2009, with the passing of the founder of Habitat for Humanity International, Millard Fuller. Mr. Fuller led Habitat from its founding in 1976 until his separation from the organization and his founding of the Fuller Center for Housing in 2005. "Millard Fuller's drive and relentless commitment to affordable housing captured people's imagination and changed lives around the world," said J. Ronald Terwilliger, chair of Habitat for Humanity's International Board of Directors. "His inspiration lives on in Habitat's work and through its employees, volunteers, partner families and supporters. We extend our sincere condolences to the Fuller family and are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers."

Roger G. Schwierjohn  
President/CEO  
Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

## Oro Vista



What was once six acres of raw desert land is now an active construction site in South Phoenix. Habitat's newest community, Oro Vista, began in January 2009. Fifteen of the 32 homes in the community are under construction this spring, with the remaining 17 homes completing construction by early 2011. Corporate employees, faith groups and individual alike fill the area with smiling faces and pounding hammers as they volunteer their time to build affordable housing for Arizona's needy families.

Even though Habitat has been an Energy Star builder for more than a decade, we are now embracing LEED certification for our build sites. Our goal is to ensure that Oro Vista is a LEED Certified Silver community. LEED for Homes is a rating system that promotes the design and construction of green homes. A green home consumes fewer resources, creates less waste and is healthier and more affordable for a homeowner to operate and maintain.

Centrally located, Oro Vista is just a short drive from downtown Phoenix, near bus lines, shopping centers and education centers. The Habitat community includes one-story, three and four bedroom homes and a two-story, four bedroom model, all with two-car garages as required by city code. As part of the Baseline Overlay district requirements, front yard setback lines are staggered to promote diversity and provide a more interesting visual appeal. Ten percent of the models also incorporate an alternative garage location. An open grassy area, park benches and a tot lot are planned so that the neighborhood children have a safe place to grow and play together.

Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley completed its first home in El Mirage for the Nolasco family.



1988

Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun completed its first home in Phoenix for the Maez-Crisp family.



1999

Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun and Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley begin building in partnership with the City of Glendale in the Heart of Glendale neighborhood.

1987

# FAMILY STORIES

## The Christina Carillo Family



*With aging grandparents, Christina assumed the caretaking responsibilities two years ago for her youngest sister, 15 year old Yvette. Christina wants to give her the opportunity to have the home they never had growing up.*

Christina currently lives with her grandparents in the home her grandfather built himself 50 years ago. Christina and her two sisters were raised by their grandparents. As the oldest sibling, Christina grew up a lot faster than her peers. She felt the need to set a good example for her sisters; someone they could look up to. With aging grandparents, Christina assumed the caretaking responsibilities two years ago for her youngest sister, 15 year old Yvette. Christina wants to give her the opportunity to have the home they never had growing up.

Christina works in the health care industry in both medical records and office reception for Cardio Solutions and Arizona Neurological Institute. She learned about Habitat from a friend and decided to visit the Peoria Habitat office to apply for a home. She was absolutely thrilled at the outcome, "Everyone was so nice and helped me with the application process and answered all of my questions. I still remember how I felt when I was called and invited to orientation. It was awesome that such a great Christian organization would give a young girl the opportunity to own a house to raise her little sister in."

Christina is now a future homeowner at Johnson Townhomes in Surprise. She started building her home on November 22, 2008 in partnership with her sponsors and Habitat volunteers. It was a day she will never forget!

## The Kedir Kasso and Sefia Darga Family



*The family found themselves needing to flee their beloved country due to an increase in political violence. Their property was destroyed by the violence.*

Kedir and Sefia were born in south-central Ethiopia in Bale Province Goba Town. Goba Town is located under the foothills of Batu Mountain, the third highest mountain in Africa. Goba Town is known for its beautiful birds, flowers, wildlife, fresh fruits and vegetables. The couple

married in 1965 and raised twelve children, seven daughters and five sons. Two of the sons and three of the daughters reside in the United States.

While living in Goba Town the family participated in agricultural farming producing cereals, milk and milk products. They lived in a five bedroom home on a 3200 sq ft lot where flowers and vegetables were plentiful. By Ethiopian standards the family believes they led a relatively good life. Despite all of its beauty and natural resources, the family found themselves needing to flee their beloved country due

to an increase in political violence. Their property was destroyed by the violence and which in essence destroyed their lives. Kedir and Sefia made the decision to leave everything behind and to seek exile to Kenya where they were able to get asylum under UNHCR. Coming to the United States in 2004 provided the family with the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

In 2006, Kedir and Sefia applied for a home through Habitat after learning about the program through the International Rescue Committee. In October 2007, their dreams of homeownership in the United States was about to come true as they learned they were approved to build their home in partnership with Habitat. The family is partnering with Habitat and the Rio Verde/Tonto Verde Communities to build their home in Habitat's Oro Vista subdivision in South Phoenix. Kedir, Sefia, Gemachu (25), Dinkure (14), Sena (11) and Yasin (9) will soon have the stability of their new home. They are looking forward to planting beautiful flowers and vegetables and meeting their new neighbors.

Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun completed its first subdivision, South Ranch II, Phoenix- 195 homes



Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun opened the Phoenix ReStore in May. Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley opened the Peoria ReStore in September.

**ReStore**

Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley begins construction on its 4 unit townhome - Johnson Townhomes.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Barbara Glenn



Barbara Glenn is a volunteer extraordinaire. Barb has been an instrumental part of the ReStores, helping to open both the Phoenix and Mesa stores. She can be found at the Mesa ReStore at least two days a week and is always willing to fill in when needed.

Barb provides wonderful customer service at the register and keeps the store looking great by organizing merchandise displays. She greets customers and donors with a smile on her face and helps to ensure they get the help they need. Thanks Barb for your dedication to the ReStores!

## Ruben Salcedo



In June 2008, Ruben Salcedo attended an orientation and instead of wanting to volunteer on the construction site, he decided to work in the Peoria ReStore. It was thrilling to hear that Ruben would like to

become a regular Peoria ReStore volunteer. Little did everyone know the talents Ruben would share.

Since June, Ruben, now known as "The Wood Wizard," has generously volunteered over 500 hours of his time. His expertise from years of running his own custom cabinet shop has come in more than handy at the ReStore.

Ruben spends much of his time repairing and refinishing furniture and cabinets, and also tests, cleans, and assembles lights and fans in the lighting department. There isn't much in the store that Ruben can't do! He's always up for a challenge and constantly impresses customers and staff with the extent of his knowledge. Thank you, Ruben, for choosing to spend your valuable time with Habitat for Humanity!

## Habitat Seeks to Build First LEED Platinum Certified Home in Chandler.

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is currently in the final stages of completing the affiliate's second and the City of Chandler's first LEED Platinum Certified home. Habitat Central Arizona completed its first LEED Platinum Certified home last fall in Glendale. TruWest Credit Union, learning of Habitat's efforts in green building, stepped forward to fund the extra costs associated with Platinum level certification.

This Chandler house, soon to be the home of the Morina family, will provide its homeowner's with a healthy living environment and monthly savings on water and electricity bills. These cost savings are gained in a large part due to a 3kw solar system generously donated by American Solar. The home will also benefit from the use of an open-cell spray foam insulation called Icynene, donated by Southwest InSEALators.

### BLUEPRINTS & BLUEJEANS 2009 SPONSORS

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**THANK YOU!**

Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley completed its first subdivision in April. Pueblo Futuro, El Mirage- 119 homes.

2007



Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun completed the Villas Esperanza subdivision, Phoenix- 93 homes.



# NEW HOMEOWNERS



*Acosta Family  
Four Square Church, Western  
Refining and LEED funding by  
Jenny Norton and Bob Ramsey  
Glendale*



*Aguer Family  
Thrivent Builds,  
West Valley Lutheran Coalition  
Peoria*



*Balbastro Family  
University of Phoenix  
Chandler*



*Duran Family  
Fund for Humanity and Federal  
Home Loan Bank Wish program  
(Renovation)  
Phoenix*



*Enriquez Family  
Fund for Humanity and Federal  
Home Loan Bank Wish program  
(Renovation)  
Phoenix*



*Hodge Family  
Fund for Humanity (recognizing  
Blueprints & Bluejeans)  
Apache Junction*



*Milbuero Family  
Thrivent Builds,  
West Valley Lutheran Coalition  
Peoria*



*Rico Family  
Episcopal Coalition, Living Faith  
Angelicn Church, and West Valley  
Presbyterian Coalition  
Peoria*



*Sonbanang Family  
Thrivent Builds,  
Lutheran Building For Christ  
Apache Junction*

Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun was chosen to participate in the Whirlpool Building Blocks in May. Together with 300 volunteers from across the country, we completed 9 homes in 4 ½ days in the town of Guadalupe.



Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun opened the Mesa ReStore in February.



## Wish List

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

- 8d Vinyl Coated Nails
- 16d Vinyl Coated Nails
- Stanley Fat Max Framing Hammers
- 4 ft. Fiberglass Step Ladders
- 6 ft. Fiberglass Step Ladders
- 8 ft. Fiberglass Step Ladders
- 4 ft. Levels
- 8 ft. Levels
- Push and Whisk Brooms
- Carpenter's Pencils
- 25 ft. Tape Measures
- 100 ft. Tape Measures
- Canvas Nail Aprons
- Bosh Bulldog Hammer Drill
- Ryobi 18 Volt 5 Piece Kit
- Death Stick EX-9 Exhumer Nail Puller

To make a donation, email us at [info@habitatcaz.org](mailto:info@habitatcaz.org) or call us at (602) 268-9022.

## Habitat Apparel



Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona shirts, sweatshirts and hats are now available. HFHCAZ has partnered with First Team Image, Inc. to offer embroidered logo apparel and accessories.

To order items, visit: [www.1stteaminc.com/hfhcaz](http://www.1stteaminc.com/hfhcaz).

If you have questions about the ordering process, please contact Adriane Thompson at [adriane@habitatcaz.org](mailto:adriane@habitatcaz.org) or 623-583-2417.



# ReStore

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## ReStore

The Mesa ReStore celebrated its first anniversary on February 23, 2009. The Mesa ReStore staff, along with a loyal team of volunteers, has made the first year in operation a success. With the support of volunteers, customers, and donors, all three Central Arizona ReStores can continue to thrive in our current economy.

Be sure to also visit or donate to our two other locations in Phoenix and Peoria. New donations arrive daily!

**Phoenix ReStore:** 115 E. Watkins, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: 602-258-4196

**Mesa ReStore:** 1135 S. Dobson Ste. 104, Mesa, AZ 85202  
Phone: 480-969-2143

**Peoria ReStore:** 9133 NW Grand Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345  
Phone: 623-776-2287

Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley completed the El Amor de Cristo an all-faith sponsored subdivision in April, Peoria – 17 homes.



Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley and Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun officially merged in June. The new affiliate is Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. Together we have built 698 homes in the Valley.

