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President's Message

by Dave Kinnard

Can you believe it? It is September already and for several days now it has already looked like and felt like fall – or at least when it quit raining long enough to stick your head outside to check. Soon the hot summer days we enjoy (or complain about if we are roofing a new house) will be behind us for another year, but let's not rush it yet! There are still plenty of great, warm days to build Habitat houses yet this year.

And build we have – I am happy to announce that homes #52 and #53 are partially completed as the first homes in the new "Habitat" subdivision in Rebecca Estates next to Newman School. For those of you who haven't heard, an anonymous family who originally committed to sponsor one home in 2010 – the Tutt House, subsequently decided to purchase an entire neighborhood – 11 additional building lots in the same subdivision, affording us a once in a lifetime opportunity to focus our efforts in one neighborhood. **THANK YOU DONORS – WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!!**

Fair build this year was again a magnificent time for the more than 230 volunteers, many of them from the Lutheran community, who helped build the majority of the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity House for the Amanda Nelson family in record time – must have been the great weather. Thanks to funding from Stockman Bank, it was then successfully moved from the fairgrounds to its permanent site on Rebecca Place.

One lot away from Home #53, the Tutt House being built for the Gallegos family, is up and sheeted. By October, we should have a Groundbreaking for Home #54, which will be built over the winter. It's great to have so many lots!

While all this has been going on, our ReStore facility is under the guidance of new general manager, Joe Hoch, and operations manager, Sue Halligan, continues to set all time revenue records while keeping valuable building supplies out of the landfill. Why does all this happen?

Life in poverty housing crushes the dreams of youngsters and their parents. Decent homes can literally transform lives. Home ownership contributes to greater family and financial stability, to feelings of belonging, and to establishing personal credit. When we build a Habitat home we build renewed hope for that family into the very walls of their home.

That is truly what the Habitat partnership is all about – a dedicated bunch of volunteers who contribute their ideas, sweat and time; sponsors who contribute financial and material resources, and our precious Habitat families who strive to achieve that goal of home ownership that so many already enjoy.

Bless us all in continuing to fulfill the Lord's mission in 2010 – to love our neighbor!



Amanda Nelson carrying 2 x 4's for her house. She's one happy future Habitat Homeowner!

MISSION STATEMENT

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry which forms partnerships with volunteers who share the vision of eliminating poverty housing worldwide.



DIRECTOR'S DOOR

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Having recently been called back home to Tacoma, Washington due to a family emergency, I have spent quite a lot of time reflecting on what HOME means. Here in Montana, where I've lived for twenty-eight years, it has come to mean comfort, contentment and solace. But, somewhere,

deep inside, the child in me remembers the security of a home always there, the safety of a close-knit dead-end street neighborhood and perhaps the knowledge that if all else fails in life, HOME is always a "port in the storm" of life where I could flee. So, when the emergency turned into the death of my mother, it was a comfort to hear that my younger brother would inherit the house and continue to live there.

Yes, of course I know the world has changed tremendously from those care-free days. Very few families, today, are able to live in one location for a lifetime. But my younger brother was born into the world and the family home, so when he said I would always have a place there, it meant a lot.

The vast majority of Habitat for Humanity families never move from their Habitat home, which leads me to feel tremendously proud that the work accomplished through the generosity of hundreds of donors and volunteers, allows many, many children today to grow up with that same safety, security and contentment. What a gift in a world where so many people tend to move often!!!

A few years ago, you might remember the greeting card that we sent to all of you at Christmas time. The front was a self-portrait of a now-grown Habitat family member; a young man who had grown up in a Habitat home, joined the military and drew a picture of himself returning home from a tour in Iraq. His caption to his self-portrait read... "If it weren't for Habitat, I wouldn't have a home to return to." These words touched my heart. Not only for the work accomplished through this mission but for the sentiment expressed. Yes, we move on in life and create new homes, but there's something deeply satisfying about the home we grew up in remaining the family home.

Returning to that extremely modest, small family home of mine, also reinforced for me that the size of a Habitat for Humanity house is "just right!!" When we were very young, one of my brothers shared a bedroom with me. In reflecting over the past, we remembered great stories of things we did together... like jumping out of the bedroom window into the sprinkler in the summer just for fun!!! Of course, that lasted only until mom caught us. Thankfully, no broken bones – but great memories and stories of home to retell.

Your donations, your volunteer hours, and your prayers continue to give the gift of simple pleasures, a simple, humble home and simply wonderful memories to families who need a simple solution to the very real problem of inadequate housing. THANKYOU for all YOU do.

Habitat for Humanity International Day of Prayer September 19, 2010

Many local churches supported the annual Day of Prayer by inviting speakers, discussing the very real problem of poverty housing and/or by sharing the Prayer for Shelter. We include it here and ask that you continue to pray throughout the year that we continue to find a way to provide simple, decent, affordable housing to families in need and thank God for those who answer the call to help.

Prayer for Shelter

- Leader:** *Loving God, you made us in your image and blessed us with wisdom, creativity, skill, compassion and love.*
- People:** *Give us sight to see your children in need, ability to hear your call to serve and willingness to be your hands and feet.*
- Leader:** *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest—a place near your altar, O Lord.*
- People:** *Heaven is your throne and the earth your footstool. Empower us with your strength and wisdom to build safe dwellings.*
- Leader:** *You have called us to share our food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when we see the naked, to clothe him.*
- People:** *Give us willing hearts, Lord, and inspire us to action.*
- Leader:** *When you call upon the Lord, spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed. The Lord will always guide you. He will satisfy your needs and strengthen you.*
- People:** *Grant us safety and protect us as we build your kingdom through building homes and communities.*
- Leader:** *He has showed you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?*
- People:** *To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.*
- Leader:** *Transform our world and transform our hearts and minds.*
- People:** *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*
- ALL:** *Make us into one people—your people—like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

*International Day of Prayer and Action
for Human Habitat*

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"It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts."

*~Millard Fuller,
founder Habitat for Humanity International*

3rd Annual Habitat for Humanity

“Restaurant Partnership Month”

Habitat for Humanity is partnering with local restaurants to raise money to build safe, decent, affordable houses for families in the community.

Please Treat Yourself & Dine Out
at one or all of these participating restaurants
during their week and a portion of the proceeds will benefit
Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone Valley.

Oct. 3 thru Oct. 9	The Sports Page	1425 Broadwater
Oct. 4 thru Oct. 9	Doc & Eddy’s West	927 So. 32nd St. W.
Oct. 10 thru Oct. 16	McCormick Cafe	2419 Montana
Oct. 10 thru Oct. 16	Café Italia (Closed Monday)	2417 Montana
Oct. 11 thru Oct. 16	Q Cuisine	2503 Montana
Oct. 17 thru Oct. 23	Don Luis	15 North 26th St.
Oct. 24 thru Oct. 30	Montana’s Rib & Chop House	1849 Majestic Lane

Thank you for your support!

A New Team Member Jeanne Larsen, Family Support Specialist & Executive Assistant



Many of you got to know Chrissantha Cramer. She served this affiliate with dedication and kindness and commitment... until her husband decided to attend Law School in Missoula this fall and they needed to move. *We suggested, partly in jest!!, that she visit him on weekends and continue to work with us, but, well, we weren’t convincing.* So the process of replacing her began.

We were blessed with a terrific candidate and when she said “yes” we all experienced that sense of both sadness at losing Chrissantha and joy to have a new team member with such terrific skills, qualities and then we knew we could move on with renewed excitement.

Jeanne was born and raised in southeast Wisconsin. She has lived in Montana for seven years. She is married and has three children. Her background is in administration and mortgage lending. She enjoys photography, computers and spending time with her family and two dogs. She came to us with mortgage lending experience and the ability to get comfortable with the data base, web site upkeep and the myriad of other tasks assigned to this position. Her kind and gentle manner is inviting and welcoming to new families who apply to the program.

We WELCOME JEANNE and invite you to stop by and say “hi” anytime.

Visit Our Website: www.billingshabitat.org

A GIFT OF LAND!!!

In non-profit work there's that "gift of a lifetime" that makes a difference to your mission in a way that is memorable, that touches your heart and makes you oh-so-happy to be doing what you do. One such gift has come our way and it is one that has made a significant impact on our ability to build houses for those in need.

Through the generosity of a very special couple, we will be building in a small, quiet, lovely subdivision next to Newman Elementary School off South Billings Blvd. for the next three years. But, let me tell you a bit of the story of how this all came to happen.

Several years ago, I met a couple whose value system just seemed to click with mine and though we didn't see each other often, it always warmed my heart when they crossed my path; it just seemed like we could have been old friends. They were great supporters of Habitat for Humanity, but it wasn't until I heard the story of their motivation that I truly appreciated their involvement. Some people give for the tax benefits, some people give because of a relationship, and then there's people who give to give back.

Last fall we were desperate for land. We had two families ready for Groundbreaking Ceremonies and no land to break ground on!! Our Site Committee had been looking at any possibility that came our way, but everything seemed out of reach in our budget. Eventually, one of our site committee members was able to negotiate a deal on three lots and we were thrilled! I took one of the soon-to-be house sponsors, who just happened to be this very special couple, out to see the land. We talked that day, as we had numerous times before, about Habitat's difficulty in finding land that fit our budget. They were as happy as I with the location of the building site and we parted company on a very "high note."

The next morning, I received a phone call that left me speechless. This kind, generous couple wanted me to know that, after thinking about the land, the location, the opportunities for families and knowing that there were eleven more lots available in the subdivision,



they simply said... "And we want to purchase the entire rest of the subdivision for Habitat." I was stunned. I was flooded with emotions but few words. I think I said something like... "Are you sure?"

For the next couple months that it took us to work out all the details; negotiating price, working with accountants and drawing up paperwork, I lived with the fear that something would go wrong; and at the same time, the desire to shout from the rooftops. When it was all done and we were able to make the announcement, we did it rather quietly.

At the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the house that this generous couple is sponsoring, I told the story of a young boy whose life had been changed by a man named Mr. Tutt. This boy had been written off by his own family but taken under the wing of a man who taught him a work ethic, gave him a job, tutored him through school and truly loved him like a father. This generous couple – who has asked to remain anonymous – is sponsoring The Tutt House (Habitat House #53) to help change the life of a family much as Mr. Tutt changed the life of our donors, my friends. With the complete support of both husband and wife, not only is there a Tutt House, but there will be an entire subdivision of families whose lives will be changed by the generosity of someone whose own life was changed many, many years ago.



House #51 Dedication

Dedications are so uplifting!!! When the house keys were handed to Danielle Elizondo on June 26th we felt the familiar thrill of accomplishment... one more house finished, one more family no longer needing to live in substandard housing, one more family, one more family with great possibilities. But then, Danielle's mom asked if she could say a few words and went on to thank everyone. With tears in her eyes told everyone what it means to a mom to see her child be given an opportunity that, as a mom, she had prayed about for years. Every volunteer,

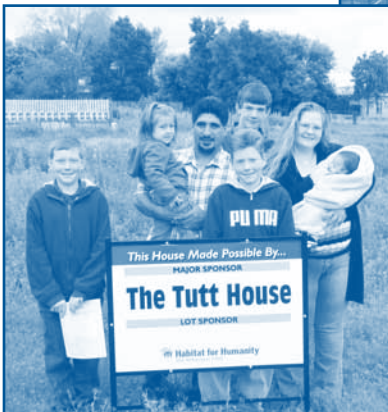
every donor, every supporter had a hand in helping to answer that prayer. Wow! It was one of those blessings that remind each and every person associated with Habitat for Humanity that God is indeed "alive and well" and present in this mission.

The next Dedication is tentatively scheduled for November 6th. Please watch the web site, the weekly Habitat UPdates or just call the office to confirm; and then please attend. It's only an hour out of your Saturday and well worth the time. Your heart will be touched.



Elizondo family receives Bible from Bennie Buntjer, Family Partner Committee Member

Amanda Nelson in the center of the "People House"



The Gallegos family

House #52 & #53 Groundbreakings

We sometimes do things out of order – just to see if you're paying attention!!! We held the Groundbreaking for House #53 before the Groundbreaking for House #52. Why would we do that... I'm sure you're asking!!! Well, we finished House #51 about mid-June and we sure didn't want our dedicated volunteers to be have nothing to do, so we started another house. However, House #52 was scheduled to be the house we started at the MontanaFair – which wasn't to be held until August 13-21st.

So, on Saturday, June 12th, we held the Groundbreaking Ceremony for House #53 for the Mitchell & LaDonna Gallegos Family and on Saturday, July 31st we held the Groundbreaking Ceremony for House #52 for the Amanda Nelson Family.

House #52 is Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and a grant from the ThriventBuilds with Habitat for Humanity partnership that has resulted in more than 2,000 houses being built throughout the nation.

About 2/3 of the house was built at the MontanaFair. The house was moved to its lot at 4731 Rebecca Place and will be finished by more volunteers. A tentative Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for November 6th.

House #53 is known as The Tutt House and is sponsored by a very generous, anonymous couple who wants to honor a man, Mr. Tutt, and his legacy. (Note: Please read more of this story in the "A GIFT OF LAND" on opposite page.)

Groundbreaking Ceremonies are filled with vision and excitement. The family, with the first shovel of dirt, begins planning for their own simple, decent, affordable home and what it will mean to their family for the rest of their lives. The next Groundbreaking Ceremony will be for House #54 and will be held October 23rd. We cordially welcome and invite everyone to attend and help the He Does It Family celebrate the start of their dream come true.

Invitation

to Groundbreaking for House #54

We would love to have you attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for House #54 for Harry & Janelle He Does It and their children, Nathaniel (12), Martin (8), Skyler (6) and River (2) on October 23rd at 10:00 am. While the specific lot is yet to be decided as of this writing, the house will be built on Rebecca Place, a short cul-de-sac in Rebecca Estates just off Newman Lane and right behind Newman Elementary School. Come meet the family and launch another simple, decent, affordable home.

“If I had a Hammer, I’d Hammer in the Morning. I’d Hammer in the Evening, all over this Land....”

by Jeanne Larsen, Executive Assistant/Application Specialist

I believe I found myself first humming this song on Friday evening. It continued to reappear in my head throughout the FairBuild. Spending a week participating in the Habitat for Humanity FairBuild had its share of memorable experiences.

Friday was a busy day. The office staff and I spent a couple of hours getting our supplies to the Fairgrounds. The afternoon was filled with last minute trips. I took a quick tour of the Fair in the golf cart that had been donated to us, sensing the anticipation of the Fair opening in just a few hours.

At 3:30 the Opening Ceremony for the Habitat House began. I was amazed at how attentive everyone was while the speakers talked about Habitat and its mission to help families out of poverty housing. You could feel the sincerity as each person spoke. They weren’t here because they had to be, but because they wanted to be.

Now the construction was about to begin. The anticipation of the volunteers was palpable. It felt like the excitement a child feels on Christmas morning. I had a hard time not grabbing a hard hat and a hammer and jumping in. I grabbed the camera and started clicking away. I felt an incredible need to preserve this moment being in awe of how pure it felt; all of these gracious, selfless people joining together to help a fellow human being. The sound of hammers and saws were music to my ears....and in my head it began again... *“If I had a hammer, I’d hammer in the morning...”*

Reluctantly, I needed to head for home, my work day over. I shared my day with my family who listened politely, but I realized it was one of those things you had to experience for yourself in order to really understand it.

The next day I found my thoughts would drift to the jobsite. I wondered how the house was coming and I relived the previous day in my mind. I started doubting what I had experienced. It was just the moment everyone got caught up in, I thought to myself. I’m sure tomorrow it won’t be as special, people will be tired and start complaining as people do. In this world, special moments like Friday can’t be sustained. My thoughts of the Fair faded.

Sunday I was excited to be able to again work at the Fair. I still had some doubts from the day before, but I was very curious to see what I would find when I got there. As I walked from the parking lot, I found myself humming that song again... I could feel the anticipation building inside myself. I wanted it to be the same as Friday but I was guarded. I quietly observed my surroundings when I arrived. After a few moments I felt it again... that wonderful feeling of giving. I heard the laughter of the volunteers, saw the helpful hands assisting others, and heard the kind, encouraging words being exchanged by families and volunteers alike. I was wrong, this could be sustained; the human spirit was alive and well. Again I began to hum...

I felt a sense of pride that I hadn’t felt in years. As people inquired about Habitat I had to restrain myself for fear of scaring them away with my overabundant enthusiasm. I was thrilled to share with them the wonderful service we are able offer to families that have no other options; that is only possible because of the generosity and dedication of our volunteers and donors.

The house was nearing completion and I received the call I dreaded. The work was completed earlier than expected and I was no longer needed at the jobsite. I stopped in for one final visit. As I walked through the house I envisioned the mom and her two children cuddling up together on a cold winter night being surrounded by the sturdy walls and warm carpet beneath their feet. A dream had come true for this family and I was privileged enough to see it happen. The time for humming had passed...all the way to work I sang that song at the top of my lungs.



Up goes the long wall on the first night. Look at all those great volunteers!

Time for the roof!





A huge thank you the Metra Park for their partnership in making the FairBuild such a great success!



The Stockman Bank Bunch



Learning to put up vinyl siding is FUN



There it goes... onto I-90 West, headed to Rebecca Estates!

These businesses
contributed goods & services
to the success of the FairBuild project
at the 2010 MontanaFair

Our deepest thanks to all for helping Habitat for Humanity
make simple, decent, affordable housing a reality



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Some groups/individuals worked multiple times.

Our apologies to anyone we may have inadvertently omitted.



**A
BIG THANK YOU**
to all our donors and
to groups from the
following Lutheran
churches and other
groups, and for the
many, many individuals
who helped during the
Fair portion of the
Build.



One of the groups from 11 area Lutheran Churches

Construction Update!

We have two houses currently under construction – so there's LOTS for volunteers to do. We started House #52 at the MontanaFair, but it still needs the interior framed, insulated, sheetrocked, plumed, electrical wire strung and all those finishing touches that turn a pile of materials into a simple, decent, affordable house. House #53 needs to be sided and all the same steps as House #52... and is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving.

If you'd like to volunteer to work on either of these houses, please call the office to schedule a Saturday or Thursday to work. Call 652-0960 and ask for Debra. You'll have a great day, you'll learn something new (remember no skills are necessary to volunteer), you'll get a great lunch (donors of lunch needed, too) and you'll always be able to drive by and say... "I Helped Build It!!"



Trusses being set in early August on the Tutt house.

Our Current Partner Families

Mitchell & Ladonna Gallegos,
Amanda Nelson, Harry & Janelle He Does It,
Suzette Maris, Nick & BreAnna Pfeifer,
Eddy & Crystal Lantz, Shawntel Booth & Angela
Stensland, Shannon Nadeau



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Commit

to the Lord whatever you do
and your plans will succeed.

– Proverbs 16:3

We would like to WELCOME our newest Habitat Partner Families!

HARRY & JANELLE HE DOES IT

The family was accepted into the program in January 2010. There are four children. Theirs will be the next house we start and we will work on it over the winter. They are so very excited!

EDDY AND CRYSTAL LANTZ

This family was accepted in May 2010. They have three children. They've already attended workshops and are working on their sweat equity hours.

NICK AND BREANNA PFEIFER

The Pfeifers were accepted in May 2010. They have three young children. They have been working hard on their sweat equity hours and are looking forward to the day when we hold their Groundbreaking.

SHAWNTEL BOOTH AND ANGELA STENSLAND

Shawntel and Angela's family was accepted in June 2010. They have a five-year-old daughter and an infant son. Shawntel and Angela's first connection with the program, after being accepted, was when they came to the Dedication Ceremony for our affiliate's 51st House – about three days after Angela had given birth to their son! They continue to have great anticipation about the start of their house next year.

SHANNON NADEAU

Shannon has been in the program since June of 2010. She is a single mother of three children. Shannon is just getting started on her sweat equity hours and is grateful to be in the program.

VOLUNTEER SALUTE

April 17 - September 1, 2010

by Debra Dusenbury

We have made every attempt to list each volunteer who worked on our construction projects, in the office, the ReStore, and/or on other special projects. Thank you all so much for your support in building hope for families in our area. Many of these volunteers worked multiple times. Our apologies to anyone we may have inadvertently omitted.

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We are grateful for the many individuals, businesses, and groups who help feed our volunteers—many donating multiple times!

*FairBuild volunteers listed in Fair article

Work Group Volunteers

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"I Helped Built It" Golf Tournament

4th Annual Tournament, Pryor Creek Golf Course, July 16, 2011. Shotgun Start at 2:00 pm – Scramble

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April 17 - September 1, 2010

What a lovely way to honor a loved one, or a gift for someone who has everything! Please consider making a donation to Habitat in the form of a Memorial or an Honorarium gift for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, or other special occasions. We will send the recipient, or their family, a special card acknowledging your gift. Your gift to Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone Valley will help us to further our mission of providing housing to those in need! Thank you.

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ReStore Report

by Joe Hoch, General Manger

When we started the ReStore five and a half years ago I don't recall anyone using the term "repurpose." I had wanted to have a continuous funding source for our affiliate and a place where folks could buy very inexpensive supplies to make their homes and neighborhoods better places to live; and to keep tons of usable items out of the landfill. It has amazed me what some of our volunteers, staff, and customers have done by "repurposing" ReStore items. Jolene Young has used cabinet knobs and door knobs with corks to make beautiful and useful bottle stoppers and reused old windows to make mini-green houses. Matt Fockler buys different sizes, colors, and textures of ceramic tiles to make works-of-art bathrooms and mosaic murals. Sue Halligan has redone her travel trailer flooring in a great retro-style. Shani Zigweid has used some old French doors and wooden windows to make a wonderful

display in the ReStore so we can post pictures and progress reports on what's going on at the house build site. Next time you're in the ReStore, check out Shani's display and the new bulletin board with pictures of all these great projects. We even have some instruction sheets on how to do some of the projects yourself.

These past six months have been great for me personally and I would like to thank everyone in the Mid-Yellowstone Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate and ReStore for the chance to come back and "repurpose" me. There are so many caring people...from all kinds of backgrounds, faiths, and careers who have come and "repurposed" their time and talents so that some hardworking families can finally own their own home! Thanks to all!

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