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Proceeds go to build simple, decent affordable housing



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"I Helped Build It!" GOLF TOURNAMENT

18 Hole Scramble

Pryor Creek Golf Course

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Check in at 1PM - Shotgun Start at 2PM

\$400 Team
\$500 Team w/ Company Logo
Hole Sponsor Sign
(Team entry includes: Green Fees, Cart Fees, Range Balls & BBQ Dinner)

Entry forms & fees must be returned to Habitat for Humanity by 7/8/2011

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

President's Message

by Fred Button

Why do you give your time, energy and money to help Habitat for Humanity? Here are some of my reasons for being a part of the Habitat for Humanity ministry.

- Christian Focus: Habitat for Humanity seeks to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ to all people. While Habitat is a Christian organization, it invites and welcomes affiliate board members, volunteers and donors from other faiths actively committed to Habitat's Mission, Method of Operation and Principles. The board will reflect the ethnic diversity of the area to be served. – Habitat for Humanity Foundational Principles
- "Habitat for Humanity is a good thing to do." – My Mother
- A Scout is Helpful. – The Boy Scout Law
- A Scout is Kind. – The Boy Scout Law
- "Never be afraid to be the first one to stand up for the right thing to do." – Lou Tice
- "Every time I see a Habitat house go up, tears fall from my eyes because I know someone's dream is coming true." – Shirlice Spivey, Habitat Homeowner

- "Helping other people makes you feel good." – My Sister Maggie
- "Today is the happiest day of my life" – Leonard Tyson, Habitat Homeowner
- "Habitat for Humanity is building much more than houses. By building hope, it is building relationships, strengthening communities, and nurturing families." – Paul Newman
- "Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." – Jesus Christ – Matthew 5:15-16

I invite you to share your reasons by sending an email to me at fredbutton@bresnan.net or posting them on the Billings Habitat facebook page. Remember to sign up for the 4th Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament on July 16th and have a great summer!

DIRECTOR'S DOOR

IS ALWAYS OPEN



by Kathleen O'Neal

Has summer finally arrived?! As I write this, we're coming off several days – weeks – of rain, so it's hard to predict if warm weather will have arrived by June, when this newsletter arrives in your mail.

Oh, how we've all been longing for sunshine and warm weather. But, you know what

that means... those home projects we've been putting off all winter or those urgent projects that popped up due to the flooding this spring are nagging at us. When you're ready to tackle the next project, come on by the ReStore and see if we might have just what you're looking for – a new/used window or door, a box of tiles for that entryway you've been wanting to redo... whatever the home improvement need, the ReStore can often provide the products you need at greatly reduced prices.

On another note, summer means our construction schedule picks up a lot. Over the cold winter, and wet spring, we've had to cancel several work days due to weather, but we're in full swing now. If you've ever wanted to work at one of our job sites why not pick up the phone and call the office and let us know you'll join us – next Saturday or next Thursday!!! We'll teach you a new skill and on Saturdays we'll feed you donuts in the morning & lunch at noon. Best of all you'll have a fun day. Besides meeting some of the Habitat families, you'll be helping one very deserving family

(whose house you will be helping build) achieve their dream of homeownership—making it possible for them to move out of a substandard living situation into simple, decent, affordable housing.

And then, of course, as construction picks up, so does the cost of construction. We are so very grateful for your financial support and pray you will continue to include Habitat for Humanity in your charitable giving. We finally finished House #54, our winter build project, and are currently in the middle of House #55. Houses #56 & #57 are on the schedule so there's lots of ways to help at the jobsite—pound nails, learn how to put up siding, paint trim, landscape and so much more.

And, there are many ways to donate. Donors provide the essential funding to purchase the materials, pay the licensed sub-contractors and help with overhead. You can go to our facebook page or website and make an on-line charitable contribution directly to our building program. Or, you may have connections to building materials and/or services that could be donated to Habitat, for which we're always happy to provide a Gift Donation Thank-You Letter for tax purposes. In whatever capacity you can help, please know your efforts are so much appreciated.

We build in faith and count on you to be an answer to our prayers, along with the prayers of our hard working families anxious for "their turn" to build "their" simple, decent, affordable home. Thanks for keeping Habitat in your prayers and helping deserving families make their dream come true!!

WHAT WILL YOU BUILD?



Pastor Bobby Shaw of First Christian Church leads the group in prayer



The He Does It Family in front of their new home May 5, 2011



Harry & Janelle—Hands held tight listening to the speakers on this exciting day!

The Dedication of **House #54** was held on Thursday, May 5th at 5:30 pm. Scheduling became difficult when the homeowner couldn't get a Saturday off work and Habitat staff and volunteers were working on multiple projects as well as personal commitments around graduations and family needs. So, we picked a week-day when folks could drop over after work and it turned out to be the start of a new tradition. The evening was warm and lovely so we all stood outside admiring the new house and feeling the joy and excitement of the family who was about to move into their new home. Handing over the keys is always such an emotional moment, but even more so is the heartfelt "Thanks" we hear in the homeowners' own words at the end of the ceremony. Not only will we repeat our mid-week Dedication experience, but we again invite everyone to attend the next ceremony. See the inside of the new house and meet the family. Experience for yourself the true joy of sharing in a dream come true.

It's always fun to say we are building "**House 55** for the Pfeifer Family." Say it fast, and you'll see what I mean. We thank Wells Fargo for their sponsorship of this house; it is the seventh house they have been generous enough to support. With the Wells Fargo volunteers plus the many, many individuals and groups, along with our hardworking Habitat Partner Families working on their sweat equity, some great gains have been made in moving this house along though the wet weather put a damper on things at times!

During Habitat's National Women Build Week in early May we had one day where 35 great women volunteers and three wonderful men worked in the sunshine and wind, enabling our affiliate to receive a \$5,000 Lowe's gift card. Lowe's is the corporate sponsor of Women Build, a department within Habitat for Humanity International. Our thanks to all involved in helping Nick & BreAnna and their three children move closer to becoming homeowners. Dedication should be sometime in July.



Margaret Ping hitting the nail on the head!



National Women Build Week Volunteers May 5, 2011



Mayor Hanel and his wife with the Pfeifers, at the April 30th Wallraising



Wells Fargo Volunteer, Mo Skau, and Lowe's volunteer, Amanda McKeever, working together

B.A.S.H.H. ^{10th Annual}

Building A Stronger Habitat for Humanity

If you missed B.A.S.H.H. you missed a great party!!! Over 400 people gathered for a delicious dinner, dozens of silent and live auction items to bid on, inspiring videos of Habitat families and a spot-light video to celebrate affiliate co-founder and B.A.S.H.H. Honorary Chair, Margaret Ping's 99th birthday. Many thanks to the event sponsors: Augustus Energy Partners, Integra Telecom, Plaza Fitness, St. Vincent Healthcare, Alphagraphics, Cellular Plus First Interstate Bank, First Montana Title Company of Billings, Labor Ready, Raymond Corcoran Trucking, Oakland Companies, US Bank, Yellowstone Bank, and Zentz Lumber.

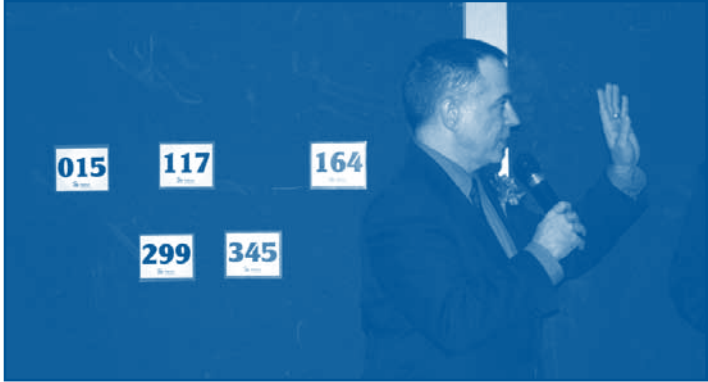
We gave away a 7-day Cruise to Alaska and one very special couple stood up and pledged \$25,000 to sponsor House #56!

We raised needed \$\$'s to finish out our 2011 construction year, and a wonderful time was had by all. WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND NEXT YEAR!!!

2011 B.A.S.H.H. *A Great Time Was Had by All*



Our affiliate's co-founders Margaret Ping (also the 2011 BASHH Honorary Chairperson) and Shirley Wells



David Otey, Emcee, with the Final Five ticket numbers remaining in the exciting Reverse Raffle



Some of the many happy Silent Auction winners!



Mary and Terry Lee of Stockman Bank enjoying the evening



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to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.
— Proverbs 16:3

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**Updated Technology/
Social Media**

We invite you to visit the Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone Valley Website at:

www.billingsshabitat.org

We now have a Facebook page, too:

www.facebook.com/BillingsHabitat

We will be posting news items, pictures and notices of upcoming events regularly... and, if you like, you can even make online donations to Habitat with your credit card **OR** through PayPal. Check us out! Also, newsletters will be posted on our website or you can request to receive them via email. Let us know if you'd like to utilize these alternate means to receive your newsletter.

*Memorials &
Honor Gifts*

January 27-May 26, 2011

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.

In honor of Delbert Anonymous

In honor of Beth Anonymous

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VOLUNTEER SALUTE

January 27, 2011 - May 26, 2011

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.

Jay Olsen, Jerry Baker, Harry Garberg, Johnny Miller, Carolyn Jones, David Nelson, Dave Trotter, Bob Lough, Dave Fishbaugh, Cheri Chevalier, Maura Smith, Horace Detsch, Marc Dahl, Larry Leonard, Jaime Stevens, Kim Stump, Patty Araujo, Abel Araujo, Bill Bredehoft, Ed & Pam Larsen, John Smith, Tashi Zoanni, Jimi Stump, Ryan Jackson, Kristin Grudinski, Ben King, Andris Varhelyi, Brad Redlich, Greg Beach, Chad Schreiner, MJ Kelly, Nick Barta, Mike Brottem, DJ & Melissa Kamp, Jesse & Amy Jaure, Jan Pedersen, Mitchell & Donna Gallegos, Dan Bear Crane, Dan & Sharon Yazak, Everett Spencer, Dave Spencer, Andy Lough, Mindy Curley, Liz Ching, David Jones, Tim Anderson,

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

Work Group Volunteers

Thanks to the following groups who came from businesses, churches, schools, and service organizations to work at our jobsites.

- **Eagle Cliff Manor**—Brian Huso, Lisa Heitz, Dave Munson, Jennifer Beason, Angela Watson, Raymond Linney-Rumbold, Carla Christianson, Cindy Perry, Chad Perry
- **GE Capital**—Becky & Dave Wetherington, Shannon Bowen, Angela Byrd, Piper Federico, Cep Garcia, Michael & Stephanie Knight, Jeff & Rozanne Grove
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- **Montana Conservation Corps.**—Maggie Zaback, Josh Gordon, Brendan Prewitt, Greta Jankoviak, Jacob Baker, Annie DuPre
- **FFA State Conference Attendees**—Michael Morgan, Calvin Ophus, Trent Pearson, Sheridan Napier, Josh Quinlan, Lupe Cano, Terrance Seminole
- **Impact Billings**—Carter Knight, Roger Knight, Eric Lambert, Kevin Garr, Chaz Benboe, James Movius, Poy Hilot, Andrew & Allise Drake, Wyatt Caron
- **Wells Fargo**—Greg Ferriter, Candy Cerovski, Katie Dacy, Rayanne Choate, Scott Wilm, Sandy Wong, Amanda Nelson, Michelle Hulak, Penni Smith, Jeff Murray, Jeremy & Cassy Kramer, Laura Vance, Rick Powell, Dave Powell, Candi Cerovski, Brian & Tiffany Leikam, Austin Richmond, James Klanke, Denise Harris, Jeff Redding, Karen Lilleboe, Lori Sanford, Annette Stoner, Patrick McDonald, Jennifer Allen, Arie Stam, Venissa Loewendorf, David Goldstein, Kathryn Kilwein, Joey Racki, Sharon Clarke, Byron Heiser, Tina Miller, Melissa Welbes, Perri McMillan, Brittany Donovan, Stephani Van Vallis, Shane Elbert, James Klanke, Natalee Powell, Krista Kenck
- **MSU-B Service Saturday**—Anne Grady, DJ Toure, Melissa Porter, Brooke Tolman, Morgan Moss, Alex Canton, Jody Lutz, Alyson Cookes, Nicole Davey, Adrienne Kelso, Taylor Adams, Kayla Neumiller, Codie Wahrman, Rachel Bolenske, Steven Peterman, Krisi Stiles, Seana Rau
- **National Women Build Week Volunteers**—Linda Deavila, Kellie Brazelton, Alyssa Ostwalt, Amanda McKeever, MJ Kelly, Elisa Coldiron, Carol Heath, Susan Nybo, Mo Skau, Jill Washburn, David Nelson, Cheri Chevalier, Johnny Miller, Sharon Rehard, Karen Leichner, Dorothy Foreman, Leslie King, Candace Mathers, Margaret Ping, Lyn Hamilton, Danny & Alice Glover, Kristin Grudzinski, Lori Belgarde, Jan Pedersen, Mandi Bebee, Robin Kratschmer, Nancy Carmen, Carol Mick, Shaunna Sanders, Louise McDonald, Robyn Moats, Colleen Sheehan
- **Skyview National Honor Society**—Jessica Hopkin, Sarah Schied, Rylee Nelson, Alexis Wood, Emma Quinn, Kerry Gruizenga
- **Ortho Montana**—Jessica Anderson, Megan Korf, Dave & Robin Vezina, Penny Meighen, Jen Cuhr, Greg McDowell, Jamie Harrison, Jeanette Armstrong, Ken & Rosemary Quinley, Troy & Mary & Justin Johnson, Kyra Williamson, Theresa Williamson, Rod & Heather Wall, Gary & Kim & Shannon Burdick



Food & Beverage Donations

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Southside State Ave IGA, Albertsons-Heights, Eagle Cliff Manor, Jaime Stevens, Pita Pit, Bill Kennedy, Liz Ching, Spike & Toni Chapel, Rocky Mountain Health Network, Girl Scout Troop #2497, Marion Connor, Wendy's of Montana, Justin & Caity Carrier, Kerry Gruizenga, Ortho Montana

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The Flobergs with Habitat Director Kathleen O'Neal and Rimrock Mall General Manager Kendall Merrick



Once again, this exciting event raised lots of money for our affiliate. Thanks goes to Rimrock Mall, Don & Marilyn Floberg, and all those generous donors and sponsors who financed and built the five Playhouses; and to all those who helped promote the event by either selling or purchasing tickets, or by sharing information about the event with others. Our affiliate has received over \$80,000 during the years of this fun, family event!

*F*or every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. – Hebrews 3:4

Coming Attractions

If you don't get the weekly e-newsletter, Habitat UPdate, please call the office and give us your email address. This weekly blast keeps you up to date on the current build project, brings you interesting tidbits from Habitat organizations around the world and lets you know of any current needs or celebrations. You'll be the first to hear about a ReStore sale, a Wall Raising, a Dedication, the latest "skinny" on who is getting the next house, or where volunteers are needed.

Speaking of needs, don't miss the **July 16th "I Helped Build It" Golf Tournament**. What a great way to support Habitat and enjoy yourself at the same time!

House #57 will start in early fall and will be sponsored by Faith Chapel. The family for this project hasn't been chosen as of this writing, but there are several anxious families working very hard on their sweat equity hours. Be the first to get the news by reading your weekly Habitat UPdate.

And, we will feature in an UPdate, a very exciting announcement to come in June... so stay tuned, stay in touch, and help Habitat for Humanity continue to make the dream of homeownership a reality for hard working families right here in our own community.



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