



Habitat Happenings

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Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with God and with the support of a caring community, works to provide decent, affordable housing for people in need.

Habitat's Newest Family Moves In!

July 19th, 2015 was a real homecoming for the Josh Perez family- Habitat's proud new owners of House #15.

A dedication and celebration was held at the house that day, located at 306 W. Park Street. Habitat board members, volunteers, donors, and the public gathered there for a house blessing performed by Deacon Pat Klein.

Habitat President, Larry Berkman, made a short speech thanking all the individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations that helped make this home possible, through donations and volunteer labor, for the Perez family.

After the dedication, supporters met with the family and enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the new home, Habitat's first two story build.

Construction on House #16 has begun next door, on the adjoining lot. The Care-A-Vanners, Habitat volunteer winter Texans, will arrive next Febru-



The Perez family, Roxanne, Gertie, Imagyn, Josh, and Creek, at their new home, Habitat House #15. Welcome!

ary to begin work on framing the home to the "dry-in stage", with completion and move in slated for 2017.

"It was such a thrill to welcome the Perez family into their new home this year- our twentieth anniversary for our local affiliate," said Habitat vice-president, Kelly Musselman.

The three bedroom, two bath house offers the Perez children, Gertie, Imagyn and Creek, space to play and grow, with plenty of storage for parents Roxanne

and Josh.

The compact backyard, landscaped courtesy of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, provides a place for the family to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

As a house warming gift, a handmade quilt was presented to the Perez family, by the Ver-eins Quilt Guild. An anonymous donor also stocked the refrigerator and pantry with fresh and staple foods for the family.

A children's Bible was also presented to the Perez children by board member June Phillips.



Underwriting Categories

Bronze Flower- \$100-\$499

Silver Winds- \$500-\$1499

Golden Bamboo- \$1500-\$2999

Diamond Dragon- \$3000+

In-Kind Donations also
Welcome!

What is Mah-Jongg?

Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese tile game that requires skill, strategy, calculation and luck.

Fredericksburg boasts many local Mah-Jongg clubs. Classes are also offered through FISD Community Education taught by instructor Nan Mosley.

Habitat Mah Jongg Fundraiser Slated for February 18th

The 4th annual Mah-Jongg Fundraiser Tournament is scheduled for February 18, 2016 with Habitat for Humanity being this year's beneficiary.

Held at St. Mary's Event Center, at 307 W. San Antonio Street, the tournament is open to all social and tournament Mah-Jongg players. Registration is \$75, payable to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg.

Play will take place from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with two rounds in both morning and afternoon. A luncheon will be served at noon.

The tournament will offer five cash prizes, silent auction items, and a raffle for a \$1000 HEB gift card.

A welcome cocktail reception, hosted by Larry Jackson Art & Antiques, is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. All registered Mah-Jongg tournament and social players are invited to attend.

This year's Mah-Jongg Fundraiser Tournament is looking to raise \$20,000 toward Habitat's House #16 "Raise the Roof" construction costs.

To this end, underwriters are being sought for the event. Underwriters can donate in various levels, including Bronze Flowers, Silver Winds, Golden Bamboo, and Diamond Dragons.

These donations will help defray costs of the event for such things as the luncheon, raffle, reception, printing, postage, and hall rental.

Donations are tax-deductible and may be made out to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg and mailed to their local address.

Habitat Part of the Big Give SA

On May 5, Habitat took part in a larger fundraising event called the Big Give SA. This Fiesta of FUNdraising was a 24-hour on-line day of giving for area non-profit organizations.

Several Fredericksburg non-profits participated in this 24-hour day of giving with Habitat, including the Boys & Girls Club, Fredericksburg Shines, Good Samaritan Center, Hill Country Community Needs Council, Fredericksburg Dog Park, and Hill Country SPCA. For in-person giving, the groups were set up at the Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall that evening.

Habitat thanks all those who supported them in this effort and Carol Seminara of the Good Samaritan Center for organizing the event!

Thanks Aaron!

Aaron Beeman of Century 21 Real Estate through the Chamber of Commerce Hill Country Young Professionals, presented Habitat with a donation check this spring. Funds were generated from the sale of used books to book stores in San Antonio.

Habitat thanks Aaron for his help and support through HCYP fundraising efforts!

Applications now being accepted for House #16

Work has begun on Habitat House #16 at 304 W. Park Street. The pad and slab are in place, which will cure until our faithful Care-A-Vanners, led by group leader Dick Aide, arrive in February 2016.

These wonderful Winter Texan volunteers will labor all month, alongside our local builders, bringing the house to the "dry-in" stage. In the meantime, Habitat is looking for qualified families to apply for this latest Habitat home.

Applications are available on the Habitat website and can also be obtained by contacting Habitat board members or by phone. Applications are in both English and Spanish.

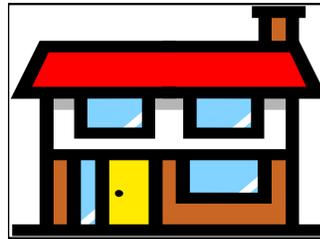
Certain criteria must be met to qualify, including legal status, gainful employment and ability to pay a monthly mortgage. Background checks and home visits are also made.

Applicants must currently rent, have a family, and live in sub-standard housing.

Future homeowners must also put in 300 hours of "sweat equity"- actual labor on their new home.

Applicants are vetted through a interview process through the Habitat family selection committee.

If you know of a deserving family in need for Habitat House #16, let us know!



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Hondos Helps

This summer, Hondo's, Habitat and Pedernales Brewing Company, teamed up with a "Pint Nite" at Hondos. Buyers of PBC beer received a souvenir glass while Habitat received a monetary match donation from Hondos and PBC.

Hondos provided the evenings entertainment with musician Davey Schrank. Habitat thanks Hondos patrons for attending Pint Nite and Hondos and PBC for their generous support for Habitat!

Givers of Green Gifts

Though the backyard of House #15 isn't large, it was through the big hearts of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church volunteers, that it was landscaped. Church members laid down sod and installed a rock retaining wall. The front yard also received some flowering bushes.

The work was completed in a day by the tireless team led by Doyle Moellering. Thanks also to Kory Keller of Allen Keller Company for donating the erosion matting for the sod.

Sam and Joann Watson of Watson Farms in Stonewall also donated two trees to the home for future added shade

Design Visions Part of the Plan

Chad Fauchoux of Design Visions is more than just a Habitat supporter, he has a vision- Design Visions. Chad was eager to donate his firm's residential design services after learning of Habitat's need for construction blueprints for House #16.

Recent to Fredericksburg, Chad, and his wife Autumn, are very involved in the community and want to give back.

"Helping an appreciative family out like this fills my heart far beyond what you could imagine," said Chad. Design Visions is located at 303 S. Washington.

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Many thanks to all who attended Habitat for Humanity's dedication and blessing of House #15 for the Josh Perez family. Habitat would like thank our many kind and generous donors- individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations, our dedicated volunteers including Wayne Murphy and his local crew, the Care-A-Vanners, Holy Ghost Lutheran, First Baptist, and Oak Hills Church, the City of Fbg., the Stroehrer family, the Community Foundation, Dian Graves Owen Foundation, the "Lunch Bunch Ladies", the Vereins Quilt Guild, Deacon Pat Klein, Woodforest Bank, Braunbach Granite, Abella Home, Methodist Women's Group, Habitat family selection committee & Board of Directors.