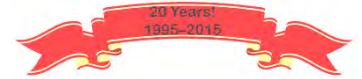




Habitat Happenings

A newsletter of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg



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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.

Care-A-Vanners Help Complete House #15

If it's February in Fredericksburg, it's time for the yearly migration of the Habitat "snowbird" Care-A-Vanner team!

Lead by Dick Aide of Fox Lake, WI, Care-A-Vanner coordinator, the twenty member group of volunteer Winter Texan workers rolled in to help the local Habitat building crew finish up work on House #15.

Working weekdays, weather permitting, the Care-A-Vanners this time concentrated on inside work such as prepping, priming and painting the walls, putting down laminate and

tile flooring, staining and hanging kitchen cabinets, as well as installing and painting trim, baseboards, and doors.

Outside, the front and back porch overhangs were completed. After the Care-A-Vanners "flew out" at the end of February, the local crew finished up with electrical, plumbing, and installation of light fixtures, sinks, and countertops.

Wayne Murphy, Habitat building supervisor, heads up the local volunteers which include Al Bispo, Russ Vowell, Tommy Hines, Pete Jensen, and Don

Engels.

Dick Aide's Care-A-Vanners have been helping Habitat for the past fifteen years.

"We wanted to give back," says Dick. "It's extremely rewarding work and gratifying to see what a difference it makes."

House #15 sits on land generously donated by the Stroehrer family. The adjoining lot for House #16 was purchased for a "fair price" through a local realtor and will see groundbreaking and slab work in October of this year.

House #15 new homeowners, the Perez family, Roxanne, Josh, Imagyn, Gertie, and Creek, will soon move into their new dwelling.

A house dedication and blessing is planned in mid-May for the home and family. The public, and all those who have generously donated funds and supplies and/or given their time and labor to the home are welcome to attend the event.



Fredericksburg Habitat Celebrates 20 year Anniversary!

Many thanks to Mary Beth Kendrick of Braunbach Granite for donating the beautiful granite countertops for the kitchen and bath of Habitat House #15.

Be sure to visit our website at fbghabitat.org and "like" us at [facebook.com/FredericksburgHabitat](https://www.facebook.com/FredericksburgHabitat). Applications for House #16 can be found on our website.

Habitat would like to thank Pro-Build and Sutherlands of Fredericksburg for their generous discounting of building materials and cabinets for House #15.

It seems hard to believe, but this year Habitat celebrates its 20th anniversary of building safe, decent, affordable housing for those in need in our community!

In the past two decades, Habitat has built fifteen homes for deserving Fredericksburg families. House #15 has just been completed and the Perez family will be moving in this May.

Right next door will be the site of House #16, set to break ground this fall. Habitat is proud that all of our homes still have the original homeowners in them.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg became an affiliate in 1995, through the help of Rev. Stephen Kinney of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Bank One president, John Benson, and attorney David Herbig.

Our first home was finished December of 1996 for the Raul Rodriguez family. Since then, we have tried to build one home a year, depending on availability of lots.

As most people know, Fredericksburg has become a very popular place to live

and land prices have risen accordingly. We have been fortunate to have had the land for House #15 donated by the Stroehrer family and lot #16 sold to us for a "fair price."

We look to other landowners to consider a land donation or discount as well. Such donations are tax deductible and can be part of a bequest. Unless Habitat can find additional affordable land for future homes, it will not be able to continue its mission of building affordable housing for those in need.

Habitat House #15- Our First Two Story Home!



Due to a small lot size and a required city drainage flume on the left, House #15 had to go up instead of out, for our first two story design.

Even with the extra height, our Habitat volunteer building team "Raised the Roof" at 306 W. Park Str.

Help Us Raise the Roof on #16!

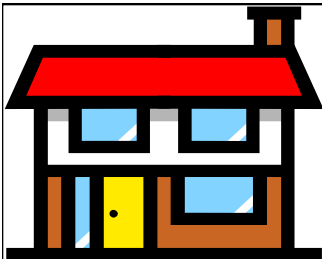
Though we are just finishing up on House #15, our work is not done. House #16 will have a slab poured this fall, in anticipation of the Care-A-Vanners return next February, when they, along with our local crew, will frame the house to “dry-in” stage. A little over half the funds have

been raised for House #16, but we need your help to “raise the roof” for the remaining amount.

If you have already donated, we truly thank you. If you have not yet made your donation, we would be very appreciative of your support! Habitat has received some grants toward House #16, but more help is needed.

If you know of a deserving family for House #16, please let us know or check our website for the application (both in English and Spanish).

www.fbghabitat.org



**Help Habitat
“Raise the Roof”**

Russ Vowell Steps Up to Staircase

Thanks to our local volunteer builder, Russ Vowell, House #15’s homeowners have a beautiful set of custom built stairs for their new two story home. The stair steps are made of red oak and birch with a mahogany handrail.

We thank Russ for his generous donation of time, materials, and labor to Habitat!

Thank you “red”, for our “green”!

Many thanks to Mary Ransleben and ladies at red retail store in Fredericksburg for their customers’ donations during the month of November 2014.

During that time, customers could choose to donate 10% of their purchases to Habitat.

Red presented Habitat with a check for over \$1,700! Thanks, red, for the green!

Meet the Perez Family!

Habitat #15 Homeowners, Roxanne and Josh Perez, pose at the site of their new house with children Imagyn, Gertie, and Creek



House #15's dedication and blessing is set for mid-May. The community, and all Habitat supporters who donated time, talent, and treasure, are invited to attend this special event. Watch for news for date and time. The Perez's new home is located at 306 W. Park Str. next to the Iglesia Del Nuevo Testamento (New Testament Church)

Habitat Restore

Habitat receives many calls from builders and homeowners wishing to donate left-over construction supplies to our local organization. Unfortunately, we don't have the storage space for most of these things.

However, there is a place where such donations may be taken and it's just a short drive away. The Habitat Restore Store in Kerrville will accept these items, which are then sold to raise funds for other Habitats. Call ahead for times and days of operation.

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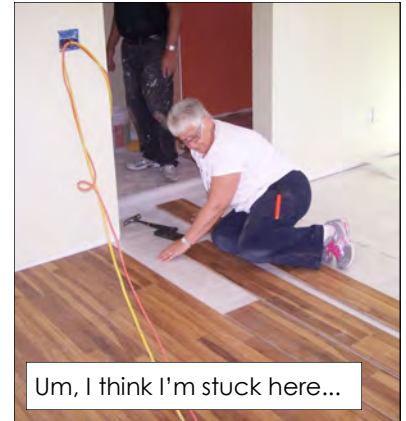
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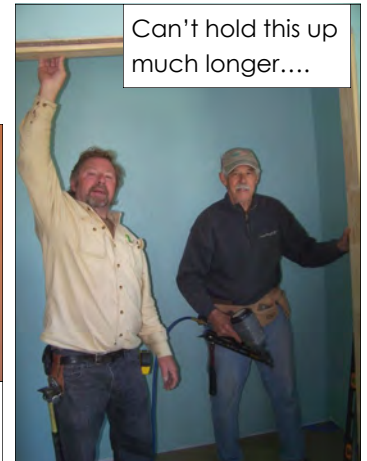
Thank you Care-A-Vanners and Local Habitat Crew!



You missed a spot!



Now, that's a hat!



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