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CARE-A-VANNER

A publication of the Habitat for Humanity® RV Care-A-Vanners

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the RV Care-A-Vanners is to further the work of Habitat for Humanity International through advocacy and by assisting local Habitat affiliates, who act as hosts, in accelerating and/or supplementing their building programs.

Care-A-Vanners Support Operation Home Delivery

From the RV Office...



Much has happened since the summer newsletter, again demonstrating that there is a little good in everything bad that happens. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita left thousands without homes, some without loved ones, and still others lost their lives. The glimmer of good in this disaster, however, is how the world responded. From day one, Habitat and this office have been inundated with calls from RVers wanting to help in any way they can. Some offered to donate an RV, others money, and hundreds were eager to engage in what Care-A-Vanners do best—build houses. In the first couple of weeks there were few work opportunities to offer. Habitat for Humanity focuses on recovery and rebuilding, not first-responding and disaster relief. However, as soon as some affiliates were in a position to begin rebuilding, the Care-A-Vanners were the first to respond (see article to the right). We in the Care-A-Vanner office sincerely appreciate all your calls, donations and offers and are sorry that we could not advise you to “respond immediately.” The long-term challenge begins now. It is anticipated that rebuilding efforts in the Gulf Coast region will continue for years and the RV Care-A-Vanners will play a major role in that process. And we must not forget those affiliates in Florida who are still struggling to recover from hurricane damage of 2004; they, too, need Care-A-Vanner help. As we approach 2006, the RV Care-A-Vanners stand ready in the face of disaster, but at the same time will continue to assist affiliates around the country to accelerate their build programs.

Thank you and safe travels,

Linda Walden, RV coordinator

The RV Care-A-Vanners were there when the first “house in a box” rolled into hurricane ravaged Louisiana. Some even had the opportunity to build with President Bush on the Today show. Months before Katrina came crashing down on the Gulf Coast, Care-A-Vanner builds had been scheduled for the month of October in Covington, Slidell and Thibodaux, La., and Leland, Miss. In the days immediately following Katrina it was questionable whether these builds would still take place. However, recognizing the benefit of RV Care-A-Vanners being self-contained—bringing their lodging and cooking facilities with them—the Louisiana affiliates went searching for a place for the Care-A-Vanners to park. Mission accomplished, the affiliates notified the HFHI RV coordinator to send the teams as scheduled and also to place their affiliates on the “ongoing build” list. Word was spread via the Care-A-Vanner Web site and the monthly e-mail update, and Care-A-Vanners became some of the first to assist in Habitat’s hurricane rebuilding efforts.

Until further notice, RV Care-A-Vanners are welcome and needed any time, except during regularly-scheduled Care-A-Vanner builds, at the Covington, Slidell and Thibodaux, La., affiliates. Please contact the affiliates before traveling there.

Affiliate contacts:

Covington, La.—HFH of St. Tammany West. Contact Claire Nettles at (985) 893-3172 or hfhstw@bellsouth.net.

Slidell, La.—HFH of East St. Tammany. Contact Nancy Wood at (985) 639-0656 or habitat@tsinetworks.com.

Thibodaux, La.—Bayou HFH. Contact Tiffany Turner at (985) 447-6999 or tahfh@bellsouth.net.

You May Sign Up Immediately for these 2005-06 Builds!!



Flint River HFH	Albany, Ga.	Oct. 30-Nov. 12, 2005
East Pasco HFH	Dade City, Fla.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Burke County HFH	Waynesboro, Ga.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Houston County HFH	\$\$ Warner Robins, Ga.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ (WBA) Sebring, Fla.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Flagler HFH	\$\$ Bunnell, Fla.	Nov. 6-19, 2005
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ Sebring, Fla. (Avon Park)	Nov. 27-Dec. 10, 2005
HFH St. Tammany West	Covington, La.	Jan. 15-28, 2006
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ Sebring, Fla.	Jan. 15-28, 2006
HFH of Greater Apopka	Apopka, Fla.	Jan. 22-Feb. 4, 2006
Ocalaosa County HFH	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.	Jan. 22-Feb. 4, 2006
Bayou HFH	\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4, 2006
East Pasco HFH	(MG) Dade City, Fla.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4, 2006
HFH of Russell County	Phenix City, Ala.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4, 2006
HFH of Russell County	(MG) Phenix City, Ala.	Mar. 5-18, 2006
Greenwood Area HFH	(MG) Greenwood, S.C.	Mar. 5-18, 2006
HFH of South Brevard County	\$\$ Melbourne, Fla.	Apr. 2-15, 2006
Columbus Area HFH	(MG) Columbus, Ga.	Apr. 2-15, 2006
Rockbridge Area HFH	\$\$ Lexington, Va.	Apr. 2-15, 2006
Bayou HFH	\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	Apr. 9-22, 2006
Chatham County HFH	Siler City, N.C.	Apr. 16-29, 2006
HFH of Effingham County	Guyton, Ga.	Apr. 16-29, 2006
HFH of Russell County	Phenix City, Ala.	Apr. 16-29, 2006

Special Building Opportunities



Crisp Area HFH, Cordele, Ga., would like help completing two houses between now and the end of this year. Please contact Fran Puryear at (229) 271-8000 or crispareahabitat@bellsouth.net

HFH of Hardee County, Wauchula, Fla., requests help completing two houses by Nov. 30. Work will be siding and interior; parking with hookups provided. Contact Sherron Jensen at (863) 773-6602 or hardeehabitat@hotmail.com.

HFH Kitsap County, Keyport, Wash., invites Care-A-Vanners to the Mini Framing Blitz Build Dec. 6-10, 2005. Contact Barb Gabriel at (360) 479-3558 or volunteercoor@kitsaphabitat.org.

Pomona Valley HFH, Claremont, Calif., needs one Care-A-Vanner rig to provide an overnight presence as well as join local volunteers in building their six-week, six-house project. Electric and water hookups provided with a dump off site. Mid-October to mid-November. Contact Carol McClung, at (909) 596-7098, Ext. 205 or e-mail ctorres@habitatpv.org.

Schedule Format

This newsletter contains three separate schedules, each with a different sign-up date.

- **Left:** sign up immediately.
- **Top Right:** sign up after 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29.
- **Bottom Right:** Sign up after 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 1.

BUILD REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- Register only by speaking with the HFHI RV office staff: (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.
- Voicemail and e-mail registrations are not accepted or acknowledged.
- You may register only for your own RV.
- Do not attend a Care-A-Vanner build unless you have been confirmed on that build by the HFHI RV coordinator.
- Builds already filled are not listed on the schedule.
- RV Desk hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If you must cancel

from a build team, please notify the RV coordinator, who will obtain a replacement from the waitlist.

WAITLIST - Once a build is filled, callers are added to the waitlist. When someone cancels, every effort is made to contact the next person on the list. If, after being placed on a waitlist, you are no longer interested in the build, please let us know so we can remove your name from the list.

Schedule Legend

(MG) March Gladness

(BB) Blitz Build

(WBA) Women Build America

\$ \$5 or less daily parking fee.

\$\$ \$10 or less daily parking fee.

\$\$\$ >\$10 daily parking fee.

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Bay County HFH	Panama City, Fla.	Feb. 5-18
Comal County HFH	\$\$ New Braunfels,	Feb. 5-18
Leland HFH	(MG) Leland, Miss.	Mar. 5-18
Mason County HFH	Mason County, Texas	Mar. 5-19
Cleveland County HFH	\$ Norman, Okla.	Mar. 19-Apr. 1
Houston County HFH	Warner Robins, Ga.	Apr. 9-22
HFH of Lake County	\$\$ Clearlake, Calif.	Apr. 23-May 6
Greater Richmond HFH	Richmond, Ind.	Apr. 30-May 13
Chillicothe Area HFH	Chillicothe, Mo.	Apr. 30-May 13
HFH of Otsego County	Oneonta, N.Y.	Apr. 30-May 13
HFH of Salem County	Salem, N.J.	May 7-27
HFH of Greater Taos	Taos, N.M.	May 14-27
Mitchell-Yancey HFH	\$\$ Spruce Pine, N.C.	May 14-27
STO HFH	Mission, S.D.	May 21-June 3
Rapidan HFH	(BB) Orange County, Va.	June 4-10

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Alcona County HFH	Lincoln, Mich.	June 4-17
Moultrie County HFH	Arthur, Ill.	June 11-24
HFH of Tuscaloosa	\$ Tuscaloosa, Ala.	June 11-17
East Central Minn. HFH	Pease, Minn.	June 18-July 1
East Central Minn. HFH	Cambridge, Minn.	June 18-July 1
N. St. Louis County HFH	Virginia, Minn.	June 18-July 1
Tri-county Area HFH	Malvern, Ohio	Aug. 6-19
Santa Fe HFH	Santa Fe, N.M.	Aug. 13-26
HFH of Toronto	Toronto, ON, Canada	Aug. 14-27
Marquette County HFH	\$ Marquette, Mich.	Aug. 20-Sept. 2
STO HFH	Mission, S.D.	Aug. 20-Sept. 2
Itasca County HFH	Cohasset, Minn.	Sept. 10-23
Cleveland County HFH	\$ Norman, Okla.	Sept. 17-30
HFH of Greater New Bern	New Bern, N.C.	Sept. 17-30
Pioneer Valley HFH	\$\$ Florence, Mass.	Sept. 17-30
Greater Richmond HFH	Richmond, Ind.	Sept. 24-Oct. 7

ONGOING BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact these affiliates directly if interested in building with them. Please report hours worked to the HFHI RV coordinator. Scheduled build teams take precedence over drop-in RV volunteers.

Battle Creek Area HFH, Battle Creek, Mich. Contact Jeanne Kroinmeyer at (269) 966-2502 or volcoordinator@ctsmail.net.

East Pasco HFH, Dade City, Fla. Contact John Finnerty or Matt Hillen at (352) 567-1444 or epascohh@earthlink.net.

Greater Richmond HFH, Richmond, Ind. Contact Mindy Reece at (765) 962-5986 or mindymae@insightbb.com.

HFH Baldwin County, Foley Ala., Contact Pam Gideon at (251) 943-2387 or habitatvolunteer@gulftel.com.

HFH of Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Mont. Contact Cindy Hamon or Jennifer Frank at (406) 388-8225 or info@habitatbozeman.org.

HFH of Indian Wells Valley, Ridgecrest, Calif. Contact Barbara Manning at (760) 384-2137 or res7627d@verizon.net.

HFH of Kitsap County, Port Orchard, Wash. Contact Barb Gabriel at (360) 479-3853 or volunteercoor@kitsaphabitat.org.

HFH of Russell County, Phenix City, Ala. Contact Fred Kowalski at (334) 297-2174 or habitat_russellcounty@earthlink.net.

HFH of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Contact Lynn Morris at (205) 349-4620, Ext. 9 or lmorris@hfhtuscaloosa.org.

HFH of Valencia County, Belen, N.M. Contact Gayle Romeo at (505) 864-3033 or gromeo@habitatvalencia.org.

Highlands County HFH, Avon Park, Fla. Standard and Women's Build. Contact Penne Manar at (863) 453-9695 or pennem@strato.net.

Hilton Head/Bluffton Regional HFH, Bluffton, S.C. Contact Lois Wilkinson at (843) 757-5864 or hfhvunteers@aol.com.

Koinonia Partners Inc., Americus, Ga. The birthplace of Habitat for Humanity needs help year-round. Call (877) 738-1741.

Mesilla Valley HFH, Las Cruces, N.M. September through May. Contact the office at (505) 525-0475 or mvhfh@zianet.com.

Milledgeville/Baldwin County HFH, Milledgeville, Ga. Contact Wesley Nunn at (478) 453-9617 or habitatforhumanity@alltel.net.

Rio Grande HFH, McAllen, Texas. Contact Dale McNallen at (956) 686-7455 or rmcallen@rgv.rr.com.

Rockbridge Area HFH, Lexington, Va. Contact Dan Walz at (540) 463-3770 or habitat@rockbridge.net.

Rocky Mount Area HFH, Rocky Mount, N.C. Contact Reid McAuley (252) 972-1994, (252) 908-0407 (c) or habitat@rockymountnc.com.

Santa Fe HFH, Santa Fe, N.M. Contact Erin Boto at (505) 986-5880 or eboto@sffhf.org.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Johns Island, S.C. Contact Dawn Balsam at (843) 768-0998, Ext. 109 or volunteer@seaislandhabitat.com.

Sisters HFH, Sisters, Ore. Contact Marie Clasen at (541) 549-1193 or sistershab@coinet.com.

STO HFH, Mission, S.D. Contact Doris Caldwell at (605) 856-2665 or mustardseed@inebraska.com. **NEW!**

Taos HFH, Taos, N.M. Contact Donna Olen at (505) 758-7827 or hfht@taosnet.com.

Wiregrass HFH, Dothan, Ala. Contact Liz Tiller at (334) 792-8453 or etiller@wiregrassshabitat.org.

RV Care-A-Vanners HopeBuilders

Al and Janet Awtrey — Stan and Pat Berndt — Virginia Berridge — Don Brumbaugh — Homer and Mary Lou Brown — Russell and Carol Burbank — Gary and Sandy Dode — Al and Charlotte Halber — Greg and Karen Harbage — Jack and Colette Holm — Wayne and Dee Krause — Jim Lilja — Gus and Cathy Mendez — Jud Mygatt — Vivian Peters — Eckles and Vera Phillips — Lou and Rosa Pratt — Rich and Vera Pringle — Earl and Ruth Ruitter — Jay and Joyce Rush — Ron and Suzanne Schillfarth — J.J. and Peggy Williams — Joe and Terri Wirtz

These Care-A-Vanners donate monthly to HopeBuilders, HFHI's automatic monthly withdrawal program. To support the Care-A-Vanner's work through HopeBuilders, enroll online via the Care-A-Vanner Web site www.habitat.org/rv or contact the RV coordinator.

Donations and Memorials

Ed and Nell Darlington—John Fenty—FMCA Chapter: HFH—Deb and Keith Gingrich—Holiday Rambler RV Club—Nancy McMillen—Norman Merriam—Morrisville United Methodist Church—Rosemary Schlenker

Bob and Cheryl Hays in memory of:

Phyllis Gonring
Jean Wonderer

Dolores Lundstrom in memory of:
George Lundstrom



APPLAUSE to the following Care-A-Vanners who have assisted in the RV office over the past few months:

Karen Decker

Irine Ehrmann

Lynn and Deann Harrington

Ray and Kathy Heaton

Larry and Joyce Space

Lee and Marsha Squires

Habitat Homes: Jimmy Carter Work Project will premiere on the DIY network at 3 p.m. on Nov. 20.

New Telephone Procedure



Habitat for Humanity International has a new menu-driven telephone system. When calling the RV Care-A-Vanner office you no longer can enter just the extension (2446). When the switchboard recording answers, callers are directed to enter 1, 2, 3 or 4, depending on the purpose of the call. To reach the Care-A-Vanner office enter option 4 followed by the extension 2446.

No Newsletter?



Know Care-A-Vanners who have not been receiving the newsletter? The problem may be the database we converted to in March 2005. Anyone who has requested that Habitat for Humanity not send them solicitations may be coded "Do Not Mail." This designation also prevents the generation of address labels for the newsletter. The fix is to call HFHI at (800) 422-4828 and ask the Partner Service Center to change the mailing designation to "No Solicitations."

30th Anniversary Build

In July 2006 the RV Care-A-Vanners will help celebrate Habitat for Humanity's 30th anniversary by building an anniversary house with York County HFH in Rock Hill, S.C., the home affiliate of Marge Kitterman, former HFHI RV coordinator. To donate to the project, visit www.habitat.org/rv, or send to the RV coordinator checks payable to Habitat for Humanity and coded with "GV 1600 Anniversary House" on the memo line.

Construction Supervisors Needed



Do you have the skills and experience to help supervise construction at a Habitat affiliate? The RV Care-A-Vanner office is compiling a directory of Care-A-Vanners who are qualified and willing to assist affiliates needing supervisory help. Working under the direction of the affiliate supervisor and/or construction committee, who ensure code enforcement, assignments will last from a few weeks to several months and may involve local volunteers and Care-A-Vanner, Women Build, Collegiate Challenge, Global Village, Thrivent Builds and/or Disaster Response teams.

If qualified, e-mail rvinfodesk@habitat.org for an application. Three references from Habitat construction staff with whom you have worked in construction, site development, permitting, etc. are required. Return the completed application to the HFHI RV coordinator who will advertise opportunities via e-mail. Applications of those who respond as being interested in a particular opportunity will then be forwarded to the requesting affiliate, who will interview the candidates and make a selection.

Team Leaders' Corner

Help! RV Care-A-Vanners needs leaders for the hurricane rebuilding efforts and elsewhere. Flexibility, patience and good organizational and administrative skills are all that are needed. Advanced building skills are not necessary; host affiliates are required to provide a full-time on-site construction supervisor who is in charge of all construction activity. In addition, team leaders are needed for Global Village (non-RVing) teams. If interested in either opportunity, contact the RV coordinator for details.

Welcome New Leaders

A big "Thank You" to the following Care-A-Vanners who have agreed to become team leaders through 2005:

Linda Mercer & Pattie Carney

Ray & Kathy Heaton

Pete & Sandee Hess

Bob & Betty Marsh

Larry & Mary Marshall

Benny & Darla Robinson

Marvin & Jill Stark

Les & Janet Thompson

Dave & Mary Vandeveld

Jerry & Sue Welden

For information on becoming a team leader, call the RV coordinator at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

Stay Informed... Electronically



For the latest information about hurricane rebuilding, ongoing builds and more, visit www.habitat.org/rv. We have added a page just for hurricane rebuilding opportunities. Check it out, and don't forget to sign up for the monthly Care-A-Vanner e-mail updates. All you need is an e-mail address.

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Participation in Care-A-Vanner building projects is open to all RVers, with no restrictions on type of recreational vehicle. The number of RVers participating in each building project is limited, and all participants must register in advance with the RV Care-A-Vanner office.

For information about RV Care-A-Vanners, call (800) 422-4828 or (229) 924-6935, both Ext. 2446; e-mail rvinfodesk@habitat.org; or visit www.habitat.org/rv.