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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.

## From the RV Office...



We continue to be amazed and gratified by the tremendous flood of RVers willing to help with hurricane rebuilding efforts. Since September 2005, we have registered more than 600 new Care-A-Vanners, many of whom have been enthusiastically signing up for builds. Care-a-Vanners completed an unprecedented 160 builds last year and 2006 requests from affiliates are already approaching that number.

The increased awareness and unequalled reputation of the Care-A-Vanners have combined to achieve this success. Along with this rapid growth comes challenges as well as new opportunities.

One of the greatest challenges is team leaders. I urge those of you with administrative and people skills (which is most of you) to consider volunteering as team leaders. To better prepare Care-A-Vanners for the leadership role we recently trialed a team leader training course, which we hope to offer a couple of times a year (see Team Leaders' Corner on page 4).

Through the Care-A-Vanner volunteer construction supervisor program announced in the fall newsletter, qualified Care-A-Vanners are now being connected with local affiliates to serve as short-term construction supervisors. To satisfy the demand, more candidates are needed. If you have professional-level construction skills please contact me for an application.

Another exciting opportunity to assist affiliates is in volunteering for office-related and administrative tasks. The St. Bernard Project (see right-hand column), while not managed by Habitat, has opened the potential for affiliates to utilize Care-A-Vanners in longer-term, nontraditional roles.

Please be flexible and open to giving of your time and wide range of talents as we move into another year.

Linda Walden, RV coordinator

## Hurricane Rebuilding in Full Swing and Care-A-Vanners Are There

**Bayou HFH** in Thibodaux, La., is beginning a long-term Operation Home Delivery project to build 86 houses in partnership with hurricane victims qualifying for Habitat homeownership. The affiliate is planning 15 two-week Care-A-Vanner builds throughout 2006 at three-week intervals. RVs will park on site with full hookups for \$8 per night. These OHD builds will be open for sign-ups as noted in the build schedule.

OHD builds are in addition to the Thibodaux builds previously scheduled for January through April, which will be devoted to keeping the affiliate's normal building program on schedule so that deserving families approved for Habitat houses prior to the hurricanes are not forgotten.

**New Orleans HFH** is requesting volunteers to assist with the St. Bernard Parish Project, which is under the jurisdiction of FEMA and the St. Bernard Parish government. Almost all of the 26,000 homes in St. Bernard Parish suffered significant damage and the project involves a comprehensive six-month clean-up, repair and rebuilding effort. Groups of short-term volunteers and contractors will be staying in a 3,500-person tent city. RVers will occupy abandoned parking lots with electricity and other facilities supplied.

The affiliate is particularly interested in Care-A-Vanners willing to stay one to six months in the following capacities:

- Assist with supervisory and administrative duties at the St. Bernard Recovery Project Tent City beginning immediately. No construction required.
- Supervise teams of 6 to 10 volunteers doing moderate rehabilitation of homes for low-income, elderly and physically-challenged residents, beginning mid-February.
- Trades people with proof of licensing in other jurisdictions (states) beginning mid-February.

For more information visit

[http://www.habitat-nola.org/st\\_bernard/](http://www.habitat-nola.org/st_bernard/).

Sign-ups are being handled by the HFHI RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

## You May Sign Up Immediately for these 2006 Builds!!



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Las Cruces, N.M.	Feb. 26-March 11
\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	Feb. 26-March 11
Mason County, Texas	March 5-19
Anniston, Ala. (MG)	March 5-25
\$\$ Pompano Beach, Fla. (MG)	March 12-25
\$ Norman, Okla.	March 19-April 1
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	March 19-April 1
\$\$ Pompano Beach, Fla. (MG)	March 26-April 8
\$\$ Melbourne, Fla.	April 2-15
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	April 9-22
\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	April 9-22
Warner Robins, Ga.	April 9-22
Phenix City, Ala.	April 16-29
\$\$ Beaumont, Texas	April 23-May 6
\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	April 23-May 6
Oneonta, N.Y.	April 30-May 13
\$ Richmond, Ind.	April 30-May 13
Salem, N.J.	May 7-27
\$\$ Spruce Pine, N.C.	May 14-27
Lincoln, Mich.	June 4-17
\$ Tuscaloosa, Ala.	June 11-17
Cambridge, Minn.	June 18-July 1
Pease, Minn.	June 18-July 1
Malvern, Ohio	Aug. 6-19
\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	Aug. 13-26
Toronto, ON, Canada	Aug. 14-27
Mission, S.D.	Aug. 20-Sept. 2
Cohasset, Minn.	Sept. 10-23
\$\$ Florence, Mass.	Sept. 17-30
New Bern, N.C.	Sept. 17-30

## BUILD PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

### REGISTRATION

- 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.

**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.

### CANCELLATION

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

### Schedule Legend

(MG) March Gladness	\$	\$ 5 or less daily parking fee
(BB) Blitz Build	\$\$	\$10 or less daily parking fee
(WBA) Women Build America	\$\$\$	>\$10 daily parking fee
(OHD) Operation Home Delivery	?	TBD

## Special Care-A-Vanner Opportunities



### Hurricane Rebuilding

The Key West, Fla., affiliate still needs help for the foreseeable future repairing Hurricane Wilma damage. In addition to cleanup and reconstruction, they need volunteers with electrical background. Hookups provided. Please contact Tony at (305) 872-4456 or e-mail [info@habikeys.org](mailto:info@habikeys.org).

Covington and Slidell, La., continue to accept RVers on a drop-in basis for March and later. Please contact the affiliates before traveling there:

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

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

### RV Show

RV Care-A-Vanners have been offered the opportunity to have a booth at an RV show Thurs., March 9, to Sun., March 12, at the Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, N.J. Materials and training will be provided. Anyone interested in representing Care-A-Vanners please contact the Care-A-Vanner office.

### Koinonia

Koinonia Partners, Inc., Americus, Ga., the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, needs help year-round. RV parking with hookups provided. Call (877) 738-1741 or (229) 924-0391.

**Sign Up for These Builds Starting  
At 10 a.m. (ET) on Feb. 22, 2006**

\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	April 30-May 13
Warrenton, N.C.	April 30-May 13
\$\$\$ Green Bay, Wis.	April 30-May 14
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	May 21-June 3
Elk Park, N.C.	May 28-June 10
\$\$ Pagosa Springs, Colo.	June 4-17
Saginaw, Mich. (BB)	June 8-25
? Austin, Minn.	June 11-24
\$ Benton Harbor, Mich.	June 11-24
\$\$\$ Osburn, Id.	June 11-24
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	June 11-24
\$ Sioux Falls, S.D.	June 12-25
Laramie, Wyo. (WBA)	June 18-July 1
\$\$\$ Mankato, Minn.	June 18-July 1
\$\$ Pagosa Springs, Colo.	June 18-July 1
Washington, Iowa	June 18-July 2

**Sign Up for these Builds Starting  
At 10 a.m. (ET) on March 1, 2006**

\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	July 2-15
? Calgary, Alberta, Canada	July 3-16
\$ Benton Harbor, Mich.	July 9-22
Brookings, S.D.	July 9-22
\$\$ Iron Mountain, Mich.	July 9-22
Laramie, Wyo.	July 9-22
Morehead, Ky.	July 23-Aug. 5
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	July 23-Aug. 5
\$ Benton Harbor, Mich.	Aug. 13-26
Brookings, S.D.	Aug. 13-26
\$\$ Iron Mountain, Mich.	Aug. 13-26
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Aug. 13-26
\$\$\$ Green Bay, Wis.	Aug. 13-27
Muncie, Ind.	Aug. 21-Sept. 2
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Sept. 3-16
Waverly/Waterloo, Iowa	Sept. 10-23
Winona, Minn.	Sept. 10-23
\$ Huntsville, Ala. (BB)	Sept. 10-30

**ONGOING BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Contact affiliates directly. 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 Kroinemeyer 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 Green Bay HFH, Green Bay, Wis.** Contact Alex Tran at (920) 639-5355 or atran@greenbayhabitat.org. **NEW!**

**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@gulfnet.com.

**HFH of Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Mont.** Contact Cindy Hamon or Jennifer Frank at (406) 388-8225 or chamon or jfrank @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 Cary Corley at (205) 349-4620, Ext. 4 or 9, or ccorley@hfhtuscaloosa.org.

**HFH of Valencia County, Belen, N.M.** Contact (505) 864-3033 or kcronk@habitatvalencia.org.

**Highlands County HFH, Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.** 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.

**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 Maggie Monroe-Cassel at (505) 986-5880 or maggie@santafehabitat.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 Cardwell at (605) 856-2665 or mustardseed@inebraska.com.

**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@wiregrasshabitat.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 — Bob and Mary Ireland — 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 Ruiter — 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](http://www.habitat.org/rv), or contact the RV coordinator.

## Donations and Memorials

Harry & Linda Drivas — Escapees HFH BoF — FMCA — FMCA Chapter:HFH — Wellesley & Dolores Goodwin — Marge & Dennis Hagman — Joseph Haug — Robert & Charyl Hays — Bill & Judy Kemp — John & Raelene King charitable fund — Phil & Dolores Krause — Lowell & Gwen Larson — John Lundblad — Molly Mandel — Larry & Mary Marshall — Monaco Coach for Ramblin' Builders — Joseph & Cynthia Roberts — Sandpiper Chapter FMCA — Robert & Sylvia Taylor — Les & Janet Thompson — Paul White



## RV Care-A-Vanners Need YOU



The RV Care-A-Vanner program is coordinated by a staff of one and a full-time volunteer, with occasional assistance from Care-A-Vanners passing through. In June the full-time volunteer will be departing. If you are interested in filling that spot through October, please contact Linda. A 30/50 amp, full hookup RV site, with at-site telephone service and laundry facilities, is provided. Shorter-term volunteers are always needed and welcome. An RV site is usually available. We especially need someone during March 2006. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by and give us a hand for a few days, weeks or months. We can always use the help.

## Care-A-Vanner office relocates

The Care-A-Vanner office, along with the Global Village staff, has relocated to the former Market Place building located on the grounds of the Global Village and Discovery Center demonstration area. The Market Place formerly housed Habitat's retail store. If you are passing anywhere near Americus, please stop by and visit or volunteer for a few days. Take the opportunity to tour the Discovery Center where you'll stroll among recreations of poverty housing worldwide and the types of homes Habitat builds to replace them.

**RV CARE-A-VANNER NAME BADGES** can be ordered from Too Crazy Ladies at (888) 222-7299. Badges with a pin attachment are \$6; magnet attaching badges are \$8. Shipping is \$1.50 to mail one or two badges to the same address.

APPLAUSE to Larry & Janet McClintock who assisted in mailing this newsletter and other tasks while in Americus. STANDING OVATION to Irine Ehrmann who is the full-time volunteer in the Care-A-Vanner office. Many of you have spoken with her. Irine's assistance is invaluable to the Care-A-Vanner program!



## Welcome New Leaders

A big "Thank You" to the following Care-A-Vanners who have agreed to become team leaders in the first quarter of 2006: Charlie Choc — Jim & Carol Contratto — Tom & Rosalie Coon — Sam & Jan Daniel — Greg & Karen Harbage — Ken & Carol Jones — Larry & Janet McClintock — Doris & Dale McMahill — By & Lin Miller — Art & Janet Nease — Sandy & Ken Safemaster — Ed & Carol Smith — Lee & Marsha Squires — Glen & Jan Stewart  
For information on becoming a team leader, call the RV coordinator at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

## HFHI 30th Anniversary

The Care-A-Vanner build originally planned in conjunction with HFHI's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been rescheduled to October. We will still be building with York County HFH in Rock Hill, S.C. Details to be announced in the Spring newsletter.

## Team Leaders' Corner



Members of the Ramblin' Builders attend the RV Care-A-Vanners inaugural team leader training course.

On Jan. 9, 14 current and prospective Care-A-Vanner team leaders, all members of the Holiday Rambler Ramblin' Builders chapter, gathered in the Global Village training room at HFHI headquarters in Americus, Ga., to learn how to lead Care-A-Vanner teams. Centered around a PowerPoint presentation of Habitat basics and Care-A-Vanner philosophy and procedures, the interactive training included role-playing and case studies. If you are interested in attending the new team leader course, contact the RV coordinator. We hope to conduct several training sessions each year in Americus and possibly take the training on the road to major RV gatherings.

## Save a Tree ... Save a Stamp ... Stay Informed Online ...



In addition to useful information about hurricane rebuilding, ongoing builds and special volunteer opportunities, the Care-A-Vanner Web site at [www.habitat.org/rv](http://www.habitat.org/rv) contains a link to the latest Care-A-Vanner newsletter. **To stop receiving a paper newsletter**, e-mail [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org). The Care-a-Vanner monthly e-mail update will notify you when the latest newsletter is available for downloading or viewing online.

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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](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org); or visit [www.habitat.org/rv](http://www.habitat.org/rv).