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RV Care-A-Vanners April 2010

Dear Care-A-Vanners,

Happy Spring!

Tony and I have arrived in Americus and plan to be here till the end of the month. We are working with Habitat for Humanity International's information technology team on the long-awaited online registration program. Stay tuned!

In case you missed it, the February issue of Highways Magazine contains an article on volunteer vacations that featured RV Care-A-Vanners. Visit <http://www.goodsamclub.com/rvcentral/HighwaysDetails.aspx?articleid=2423035&issueID=1065> to read the section in RV Care-A-Vanners and profile of Care-A-Vanners Gordon and Frances Kraus (page 41).

Cedar Rapids, Iowa needs our help! Care-A-Vanners are requested from May through August, especially June 13-17, to make a difference in this community impacted by the 2008 floods. Please read below for more information and spread the word.

Finally, we are looking for some feedback from Care-A-Vanners who have been involved with [A Brush with Kindness](#). If you are willing to share your thoughts, please let us know by calling 1-800-HABITAT (422-4828) ext. 7534 or e-mail rvinfodesk@habitat.org.

We hope you had a blessed Holy Week and a very happy Easter.

In partnership,
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

Support long-term recovery and AmeriCorps Build-A-Thon in Iowa

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is calling on Habitat RV Care-a-Vanners to help this summer! The affiliate continues to work aggressively to help rebuild affordable housing following the 2008 floods, considered the worst natural disaster in Iowa history. This summer, Cedar Valley Habitat plans to build 13 new homes, rehabilitate others in flood-affected neighborhoods and launch Habitat's A Brush with Kindness exterior repair initiative in a downtown neighborhood. Volunteers are needed for all phases of this effort from May through August.

Volunteer opportunities will start on or around May 1, as the affiliate works to prepare 13 lots for the 2010 [AmeriCorps Build-a-Thon](#). Work includes framing basements, installing flooring systems and prepping build sites in advance of the arrival of more than 500 AmeriCorps members during the week of June 13-17. Opportunities to assist in the completion of the homes will start immediately after the Build-a-Thon and continue through the end of August. Work tasks will include siding, roofing, interior trim work, painting and on-site volunteer coordination. Experienced Care-a-Vanners comfortable with leading small work groups are particularly welcome!

Cedar Valley Habitat has access to up to 10 conveniently located RV sites with full hook-ups. All costs associated with these sites will be covered by the affiliate. For more information or to secure your spot, please contact Jeff Capps, executive director, at 319.366.4485 or jeffcapps@cvhabitat.org. Together, we can build houses and hope!

Tracking Care-A-Vanner hours

Team leaders provide information about hours served at the end of each build, but individuals should report hours through drop-in or ongoing builds. If you build with an affiliate as a Care-A-Vanner outside of a scheduled build, please report your total hours worked to the Care-A-Vanner desk by sending a short e-mail to rvinfodesk@habitat.org. Reporting these numbers is vital to helping us share the impact of RV Care-A-Vanners and growing the program!

Welcome and applause to our new Care-A-Vanners!

Keith Anderson, Sir Tim and Mary Bowie, Ken Britton, Jim and Barbara Brown, Fred and Rosie Deffinbaugh, Lee and Debbie Eades, Bryan and Nadine Eaton, Jack and Charlotte Godfrey, Joe and Marcia Harvey, Mike and Janet Ingham, Richard and Theresa Killion, Tom and Jean McGuire, Keith and Phyllis Morgan, Chuck Morris and Elizabeth Keybl, Stan and Sharon Nieminski, Norton and Pat Paris, Marsha Sawma, Jeanne Sutton, Denis and Donna Weber, Gary and Mary Welch, Richard and Lois Willey, James and Christine Williamson.

Take a picture, take a trip

Enter the [2010 Habitat World photo contest](#) now! Show us what Habitat means to you and why the work we all do together remains such an important priority. The contest winner will be awarded a spot on a [Global Village trip to Pokhara, Nepal](#), Sept. 30-Oct. 10, 2010, and featured in [Habitat World](#). The contest closes at midnight, April 11, Eastern Daylight Time.

Habitat for Humanity's disaster response

Habitat is addressing immediate relief needs and long-term shelter solutions for low-income families affected by recent earthquakes in [Haiti](#) and [Chile](#). Habitat is not currently sending volunteers or scheduling volunteer teams to either location. We encourage you to check www.habitat.org for updates on Habitat's efforts, [donate](#), and learn more ways [you can help](#).

Donate your RV, trailer, car or boat to help Habitat for Humanity build homes

Call Cars for Homes™, Habitat's vehicle donation program, toll free at 1-877-277-HFHI (4344) to donate cars, trucks, boats and RVs.

Join another RV Care-A-Vanners build

Sign up to participate in a build now! The need continues to be great, and there are many opportunities for you to contribute. Look at the [online build listing](#) or [ongoing RV host sites](#).

Featured build of the month

Hardee County HFH in Bowling Green, Florida. Contact Kathleen Roehm at 863-781-2874 or katroehm@yahoo.com.

Upcoming builds seeking Care-A-Vanners!

The [build list](#) and [ongoing builds page](#) are updated each weekend if any additions or changes have occurred. Check the "as of" date at the top of the build list to find out when the page was last updated.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Rigs still needed</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Bunnell, Florida	April 18–May 2, 2010	3	\$
St Joseph, Missouri	April 18–May 2, 2010	1	\$
Thibodaux, Louisiana	April 18–May 2, 2010	5	\$
Richmond, Indiana	May 2–May 14, 2010	4	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 2–May 14, 2010	7	\$
Waynesboro, Virginia	May 2–23, 2010	2	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	May 9–23, 2010	5	\$

Winona, Minnesota	May 9–23, 2010	2	0
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 16–30, 2010	5	\$
Marquette, Michigan	May 23–June 6, 2010	7	\$
Santa Fe, New Mexico	May 30–June13, 2010	4	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 30–June13, 2010	9	\$
Tillamook, Oregon	May 30–June13, 2010	1	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota	May 30–June13, 2010	7	0
Iron River, Michigan	June 6–20, 2010	6	\$
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	June 6–20, 2010	5	\$\$
Mankato, Minnesota	June 13–27, 2010	2	\$
Woodland Park, Colorado	June 13–27, 2010	1	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	June 20–July 4, 2010	7	0
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 27–July 11, 2010	7	\$
Souris, PEI Canada	June 27–July 11, 2010	3	0
Brookings, South Dakota	July 4–18, 2010	6	0
North Platte, Nebraska	July 4–18, 2010	4	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	July 4–18, 2010	3	\$\$
Mankato, Minnesota	July 11–25, 2010	4	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 11–25, 2010	5	\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	July 18–August 1, 2010	8	0
Marquette, Michigan	July 18–August 1, 2010	8	\$
Richmond, Indiana	July 18–August 1, 2010	8	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 25–August 8, 2010	3	\$

To sign up for these builds, please call 1-800-422-4828 ext. 7534 or 229-410-7534 or email rvinfodesk@habitat.org. If you leave a message, *please remember to spell your last name and provide your zip code.*

Because we coordinate from the road, please allow 48 hours for a response. If you cannot reach Mary and need more immediate assistance, please call the Volunteer Mobilization desk at 1-800-422-4828 ext. 7530 or 229-410-7530. We are happy to help you find a build that suits your needs and answer any questions you have!

Team leaders' corner

Please use current, electronic waivers and incident reports

Please be sure to use the waiver forms and incident reports you receive before each build—not ones you may have saved from the past—as the forms have been revised. Likewise, please use the new electronic evaluations instead of the old paper ones. Thanks!

You can lead!

Please note, an RV Care-A-Vanner team leader's role is to help manage team logistics. While RV leaders with construction skills are certainly valued, the affiliate is responsible for construction supervision.

If you are interested in leading but your construction skill set is still growing, consider splitting duties with a co-leader. Many co-leaders that divide work, one focusing on logistics (e-mailing, paperwork, social activities, etc.) and another focused on acting as a construction activity liaison, have found the partnership eased their work and contributed to safe, fun builds.

Lead now!

Many of our scheduled builds still do not yet have team leaders. If you would like to volunteer as a team leader, the following our builds can use your coordinating skills. Please call us at 1-800-422-4828 ext. 7534 or 229-410-7534 if you are willing to help in this way. Leaders are needed for:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Bunnell, Florida	April 18–May 2, 2010	\$
St. Joseph, Missouri	April 18–May 2, 2010	\$
Thibodaux, Louisiana	April 18–May 2, 2010	\$
Richmond, Indiana	May 2–15, 2010	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 2–15, 2010	\$

Sheridan, Wyoming	May 16–30, 2010	\$
Marquette, Michigan	May 23–June 6, 2010	\$
Newland, North Carolina	May 23–June 6, 2010	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	May 23–June 6, 2010	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 30–June 13, 2010	\$
Tilamook, Oregon	May 30–June 13, 2010	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota	June 6–20, 2010	0
Iron River, Michigan	June 6–20, 2010	\$
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	June 6–20, 2010	\$\$
Sullivan, Illinois	June 6–20, 2010	0
Mankato, Minnesota	June 13–27, 2010	\$
Waynesboro, Virginia	June 13–27, 2010	0
Woodland Park, Colorado	June 13–27, 2010	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	June 20–July 4, 2010	0
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 27–July 11, 2010	\$
Brookings, South Dakota	July 4–18, 2010	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	July 4–18, 2010	\$\$
Mankato, Minnesota	July 11–25, 2010	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 11–25, 2010	\$
Marquette, Michigan	July 18–August 1, 2010	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 25–August 8, 2010	\$

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