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## RV Care-A-Vanners August 2010

Dear Care-A-Vanners,

We are writing this in the midst of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County's first RV Care-A-Vanners build, in Salem, Ohio. As we welcome the affiliate to the RV Care-A-Vanner world, we thought it was a great time to remember the program's roots.

In the spring 2006 newsletter, Linda Walden, a previous RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator, shared the RV Care-A-Vanner 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 supplementing their building programs.*

She went on to offer important reminders about registration, expectations and the goals of the program that still hold true today. We urge all Care-A-Vanners to read [Walden's note](#) and continue to be some of the most outstanding servants of Habitat's mission!

Walden closes her advice, requests and instructions with words that are an important reminder and inspiration in all we do, with Habitat and in our lives: "Our true accomplishments are measured by our effect on those around us—the partner families, the community, our fellow volunteers—when we unselfishly put God's love into action."

Thank you for putting God's love in action as a Habitat for Humanity's RV Care-A-Vanner.

In partnership,  
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary".

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### Monthly Care-A-Vanner trivia: Do you know?

How many houses has Habitat for Humanity built and rehabbed in the Gulf Coast since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the region?

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### Report Care-A-Vanner hours

We record the number of volunteer hours Care-A-Vanners contribute. Team leaders provide this information at the end of each build, but individuals should report hours served through drop-in or ongoing builds to the Care-A-Vanner office at Habitat for Humanity International. 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](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org).

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

Glenn and Irene Craig, Bob Danbeck, Bill and Glenda Dicke, Jimmy and Lynn Fitts, Dave and Gail Franke, Larry and Chris Gasperini, Bill and Mattie Goben, Bill and Ruth Gold, Bob and Ruthine Hennessy, Guy and Karen Krukowski, William and Jane Nemeth, Dwight Olson, Gordie Saum, Maxine Styers, Dave and Fran Surlles, Ron and

Colleen Tomlinson, Patty Wirschem.

My apologies if I have included a seasoned Care-a-Vanner. Habitat for Humanity is grateful for the work that you do!

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### 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.

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### Join another RV Care-A-Vanner build

The need continues to be great, and there are many opportunities to contribute. Find a build now on the [online build listing](#) or [ongoing RV host sites](#).

### Featured builds of the month

*Abita Springs, Louisiana.* St Tammany West HFH. November 28–December 12, 2010.

*El Dorado, Arkansas.* El Dorado HFH, September 12–26, 2010.

*Pittsboro, North Carolina.* Chatham HFH. October 17–31, 2010

*Ridgeland, South Carolina.* Hilton Head HFH. September–December 2010. (Building seven new homes.)

### Special build sign up: Alice, Texas: January 9–30, 2011 and February 27–March 20, 2011

Due to the popularity of these builds, there will be a special sign-up procedure for these two builds. Call-in signups will be accepted beginning Sept. 1, 2010 at 11 a.m. ET. Phone messages left at the RV desk, by dialing either 229-410-7534 or 1-800-422-4828 ext. 7534, will be honored in the order they are received.

We will call you back in order to confirm you are either on the build or wait list. Each rig must call in separately; calls requesting multiple signups will not be honored. E-mail sign-ups will not be accepted.

### Upcoming builds

The [build list](#) and [ongoing builds page](#) are updated by Saturday each week 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>
Brookings, South Dakota***	August 15–29, 2010	8	0
Mankato, Minnesota	August 15–29, 2010	3	0
Marquette, Michigan	August 15–29, 2010	2	0
Waterloo, Iowa	August 15–29, 2010	2	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	August 22–Sept. 5, 2010	9	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	September 5–19, 2010	6	\$
Brookings, South Dakota	September 12–26, 2010	7	0
El Dorado, Arkansas	September 12–26, 2010	6	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	September 12–26, 2010	6	\$\$
Springville, Utah	September 12–19, 2010	7	\$
Greensboro, Georgia	September 19–26, 2010	2	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	Sept. 19–October 3, 2010	8	\$
Brookings, South Dakota	Sept. 26–October 10, 2010	6	0
Ridgeland, South Carolina	Sept. 26–October 10, 2010	7	0
Santa Fe, New Mexico	Sept. 26–October 10, 2010	4	\$\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 3–17, 2010	11	0
Brookings, South Dakota***	October 10–22, 2010	8	0
Dade City, Florida	October 10–22, 2010	6	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	October 10–22, 2010	3	\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 17–31, 2010	12	0
Pittsboro, North Carolina	October 17–31, 2010	5	0
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 31–Nov 14, 2010	10	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	October 31–Nov 14, 2010	12	\$\$
Dade City, Florida	November 7–21, 2010	3	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	November 7–21, 2010	3	\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	November 14–28, 2010	10	0
Abita Springs, Louisiana	Nov 28–Dec 12, 2010	11	\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	Nov 28–Dec 12, 2010	12	0

Thibodaux, Louisiana	Nov 28–Dec.19, 2010	4	\$
Dade City, Florida	December 5–19, 2010	1	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	December 5–19, 2010	12	\$\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	December 12–26, 2010	11	0
Las Cruces, New Mexico	January2–16, 2011	9	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	January 2–16, 2011	8	\$\$
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	Janaury 16–30, 2011	6	\$\$
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	February6–20, 2011	6	\$\$

To sign up for these builds, please call 1-800-422-4828 ext. 7534 or 229-410-7534 or e-mail [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org). If you leave a message, please remember to spell your last name and provide your ZIP code.

\*\*\*Denotes [A Brush with Kindness](#) project.

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## Team leaders' corner

### **Roster updates**

Please make roster corrections by hand and fax the altered roster to 229-410-7490, or scan and e-mail to [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org).

### **Leader roles**

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 a team**

Many of our scheduled builds still do not yet have team leaders. If you would like to volunteer as a team leader, the following 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>
Brookings, South Dakota***	August 15–29, 2010	0
Mankato, Minnesota	August 15–29, 2010	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	August 22–September 5, 2010	\$
Brookings, South Dakota***	September 12–26, 2010	0
El Dorado, Arkansas	September 12–26, 2010	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	September 12–26, 2010	\$\$
Springville, Utah	September 12–19, 2010	\$
Greensboro, Georgia	September 19–26, 2010	\$
Richmond, Indiana	September 26–October 10, 2010	\$
Ridgeland, South Carolina	September 26–October 10, 2010	0
Santa Fe, New Mexico	September 26–October 10, 2010	\$\$
Dade City, Florida	October 10–24, 2010	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	October 10–24, 2010	\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 17–31, 2010	0
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 31–November 14, 2010	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	October 31–November 14, 2010	\$\$
Dade City, Florida	November 7–21, 2010	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	November 7–21, 2010	\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	November 14–28, 2010	0
Las Cruces, New Mexico	November 28–December 12, 2010	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	November 28–December 19, 2010	\$
Dade City, Florida	December 5–19, 2010	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	December 5–19, 2010	\$\$
Las Cruces, New Mexico	December 12–26, 2010	0

Las Cruces, New Mexico	January 2–16, 2011	0
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	January 2–16, 2011	\$\$
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	January 16–30, 2011	\$\$
Sebring, Florida (No dogs)	February 6–20, 2011	\$\$
Leland, Mississippi	March 6–20, 2011	0

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### Contact us

For simple questions or to sign up for a build, the most efficient way to reach us is by e-mailing [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org). You can also call 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7534, or 229-410-7534 for assistance.

To help us find you in the database, please include your name (and your spouse's name, if applicable) and ZIP code in all communications.

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 Habitat for Humanity International Volunteer Mobilization desk at 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7530, or 229-410-7530.

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### Monthly Care-A-Vanner trivia answer: Do you know?

Since 2005, Habitat for Humanity Habitat affiliates and their partners have built, rehabbed or repaired more than 2,200 houses in the hardest-hit areas of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Texas. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made landfall in late 2005 and became one of the most destructive disasters in United States' history. The two hurricanes displaced more than a million residents, inflicted major damage to nearly 550,000 homes and demolished hundreds of square miles of coastal land. Learn more about [Habitat for Humanity's Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery effort](#) in Habitat's new report, [Katrina and Rita: Five Years Later](#).

RV Care-A-Vanners, who offered needed skills, incredible compassion and vital mobile housing, were among some of the first volunteers to help Habitat for Humanity begin rebuilding after the storms. Over the past years, RV Care-A-Vanners have not forgotten about the need, spending significant time building a new future for families affected by the storm. Thank you, RV Care-A-Vanners!

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