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RV Care-A-Vanners August 2009

Dear Care-A-Vanners,

This month, we'd like to celebrate our team leaders! They provide invaluable support to all of us RV Care-A-Vanners and to the Habitat for Humanity affiliates we serve. Volunteering as an RV team leader means a little more responsibility and paperwork, but the support you provide is an important part of all of our success. Thank you!

Team leaders, who serve as a liaison between the team and the affiliate, perform a critical organizing role on RV Care-A-Vanner builds. They act as a single point of contact for the affiliate and the team, passing along information as appropriate. This often includes forwarding logistics details to participants—such as information about camping facilities, meal arrangements, the directions to campgrounds and build sites, locations of laundry facilities, grocery stores, churches, mail delivery and more—and answering questions.

If you haven't led a team before or it's been a while, please consider volunteering. It's a valuable way to support the program and Habitat. We'll provide all the checklists and forms you need, and are happy to support you as you go. If you can't commit to taking on full leadership responsibility or want to ease into the role, help lighten your team leader's load! Volunteer to co-lead or take on some tasks.

To existing team leaders, delegate out some of the jobs, like thank-you notes or social planning. Identify potential team leaders on your evaluation form so we can help engage more leaders. And remember how much we appreciate your efforts!

The saying, "Many hands make light work" can apply to leading builds as well as constructing a house. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions about serving as an RV team leader, or the program in general.

Thank you for all you do to support the RV Care-A-Vanners program and Habitat for Humanity!

In partnership,
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

Be an RV team leader

Many of our scheduled builds still do not yet have team leaders. If you would like to volunteer as a team leader, any of the following upcoming 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:

Thibodaux Louisiana	August 16–30
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 6–20
Cordele, Georgia	September 6–20
Thibodaux, Louisiana	September 6–20
Winona, Minnesota	September 13–27
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 20–October 4
Brookings, South Dakota	September 20–October 4

Santa Fe, New Mexico	September 20–October 4
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan	September 20–October 4
Richmond, Indiana	September 27–October 11
Bunnell, Florida	October 4–18
Las Cruces, New Mexico	October 4–18
Pittsboro, North Carolina	October 4–18
Dade City, Florida	October 11–25
Pedricktown, New Jersey	October 11–25
Goldsboro, North Carolina	October 18–November 1
Taos, New Mexico	October 18–November 1

Serve Habitat through AmeriCorps

Become an [AmeriCorps member with Habitat for Humanity](#). AmeriCorps National Direct and VISTA members can serve in valuable roles at affiliates throughout the United States and at the Habitat for Humanity International headquarters in Americus, Ga.

Join Habitat for Humanity's annual Carter Work Project 2009 in Southeast Asia

Volunteers are needed for [Habitat for Humanity's annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project 2009 in Southeast Asia](#). Volunteer opportunities are available in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam during the week of November 15-20.

Take part in World Habitat Day, October 5, 2009!

The first Monday of every October is designated as [World Habitat Day](#)—an important reminder that everyone must unite to ensure that everyone has a safe, decent place to call home. Last year, more than 160 Habitat affiliates, volunteers, campus chapters, national offices and Global Village teams took part in builds, advocacy and other events to mark the day. Start thinking about how you can participate! Go to the online World Habitat Day page to learn more.

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

Will and Tami Page (Correction from last month)

Randy Ballweg

Art and Ricky Beutler

Marty and Bill Gillenwater

Alan and Maria Gouveia

Nancy Jackson

Ken and Donna Larson

Rose and Steve Pagano

George and Nancy Scouten

Brady and Cindy Tihinen

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

Share your Habitat for Humanity photos on Flickr

Join [Habitat for Humanity on Flickr](#) now! Share pictures from an RV Care-A-Vanners, Collegiate Challenge or Global Village trip and check out photos from other volunteers. To find Habitat for Humanity on Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Twitter and iGoogle, visit [Habitat's social media](#) page.

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.

Need a break from the RV?: Hotel room offer for volunteers

Sleep easy with Sage Hospitality's [Give a day, get a night](#) program. Complete eight hours of volunteer service to a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and qualify to receive 50 percent off

the published room rate or a complimentary night at some participating hotels. Please contact the affiliate where you are serving for a letter verifying your service hours. Offer expires December 20, 2009

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](#). The schedule is updated at the beginning of every month. Call the RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator at 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7534 or 229-410-7534 for assistance. If for any reason you cannot reach Mary, please call the Volunteer Mobilization desk at 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7530 or 229-410-7530 for assistance. We are all happy to help you find a build that suits your needs!

Featured build of the month: Winona, Minnesota, September 13-27, 2009.

Upcoming builds seeking Care-A-Vanners!

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Rigs still needed</i>
Mankato, Minnesota	August 2 –16	3
Alpena, Michigan	August 9–30	7
Kalispell, Montana	August 9–30	1
Santa Fe, New Mexico	August 9–23	1
Thibodaux, Louisiana	August 16–30	10
Billings, Montana	August 30–September 13	1
Brookings, South Dakota	August 30–September 13	4
Marquette Michigan	August 30–September 13	4
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 6–20	9
Cordele, Georgia	September 6–20	10
Thibodaux, Louisiana	September 6–20	8
Grand Rapids, Minnesota	September 13–27	2
Winona, Minnesota	September 13–27	10
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 20-October 4	9
Brookings, South Dakota	September 20-October 4	6
Florence, Massachusetts	September 20-October 4	6
Santa Fe, New Mexico	September 20-October 4	4
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan	September 20-October 4	8
Richmond, Indiana	September 27-October 11	5
Thibodaux, Louisiana	September 27-October 11	8

Please visit [online build listing](#) or [ongoing RV host sites](#) to see complete, current listings.

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.

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