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RV Care-A-Vanners Update July 2009

Dear Care-A-Vanners,

Patience is a virtue! Now that we are on the road, instead of in the Habitat for Humanity International office in 40 hours a week, we are not always able to answer ext. 7534 when it "rings" on our Habitat laptop. We do, however, try to answer your phone messages within 24 hours. Please be patient if you do not reach us in person when you call. You can also e-mail us at rvinfodesk@habitat.org. *When you do leave a message either by phone or e-mail, please include your last name and zip code so we can find you in our database.*

We are still working out the technical aspect of taking the Care-A-Vanner desk on the road. Our air card usually works pretty well, although our reception in our current location is weak. Occasionally, we can hear you on the computer/phone setup, but you cannot hear us. Please be patient.

Thank you—on behalf of HFHI, your team, the affiliates you serve, and ourselves—to all those who have agreed to lead builds. Your leadership makes a huge difference.

We've had a number of first-time Care-A-Vanners join builds lately. We hope that trend continues. Please help to spread the word.

In partnership,
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

Serve Habitat through AmeriCorps

[AmeriCorps National Direct](#) members can serve as Youth United and Collegiate Challenge coordinators at Habitat for Humanity International's headquarters, as well in valuable roles at affiliates throughout the United States. [AmeriCorps National Direct positions](#) are online now.

Read Habitat World magazine

[Habitat World](#) is Habitat for Humanity International's quarterly magazine. Download a [printable PDF of the June 2009 Habitat World issue now! In this issue now!](#) In this issue you'll find:

- [25 things you should know about poverty](#)
 - [Building tomorrows](#)
Highlights Habitat's community development work in Madagascar and Lesotho
 - [Sustain Able](#)
Focusing on how environmentally-friendly building in less-developed countries flourishes at the intersection of philosophy and practicality
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Join Habitat for Humanity's annual Jimmy and Rosalynn 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.

Be an RV team leader

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.

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.

Mankato, Minnesota	July 12–26
Kingsford, Michigan	July 26–August 9
Thibodaux, Louisiana	July 26–August 9
Alpena, Michigan	August 9–30
Brookings, South Dakota	August 9–23
Thibodaux Louisiana	August 16–30
Billings, Montana	August 30–September 13
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 6–20
Cordele, Georgia	September 6–20
Thibodaux, Louisiana	September 6–20

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

James and Vicki Gardner
Russ and Peggy Taylor
George and Donna Yorkston
Evan and Tracy Bennett
Larry and Kathy Spaulding
Mike and Veronica Holl
Glenn and Sue Orcutt
Karen Talbot
Pete and Joe Peters
Will and Tammy Page
Paul and Peggy Stanilonis

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 builds of the month:

On-going build: Tahlequah Area HFH, contact Linda Cheatham at 918-453-1332 or habitat@cablelynx.com.

Build Listing: Richmond, Indiana; September 27–October 11, 2009.

Upcoming builds seeking Care-A-Vanners!

Location	Dates	Rigs still needed
Mankato, Minnesota	July 12–26	4
Marquette, Michigan	July 12–26	5
Richmond, Indiana	July 12–26	7
Brookings, South Dakota	July 19–August 2	2
Kingsford, Michigan	July 26–August 9	9
Thibodaux, Louisiana	July 26–August 9	10
Mankato, Minnesota	August 2 –16	4
Brookings, South Dakota	August 9–23	3
Santa Fe, New Mexico	August 9–23	2
Alpena, Michigan	August 9–30	8
Kalispell, Montana	August 9–30	3
Thibodaux, Louisiana	August 16–30	10
Marquette Michigan	August 30–September 13	5
Billings, Montana	August 30–September 13	5
Brookings, South Dakota	August 30–September 13	3
Benton Harbor, Michigan	September 6–20	8
Cordele, Georgia	September 6–20	10
Thibodaux, Louisiana	September 6–20	9
Grand Rapids, Minnesota	September 13–27	3

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.

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