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**RV Care-A-Vanners
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Dear Care-A-Vanners,

We're in Alice, Texas. It's nice to be on the road and on a build where it is actually threatening to be warm. We have enjoyed a few sunny afternoons wearing shorts, and meeting even more of you face to face.

As we continue to build and renovate alongside fellow volunteers and partner families, we're excited about more opportunities for RV Care-A-Vanners to participate in Habitat's [A Brush with Kindness](#) efforts. A Brush with Kindness is a locally-operated program serving low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. The program is a holistic approach to providing affordable housing and assisting communities as well as families.

Affiliates in Brookings, S.D., Waterloo, Iowa, Iron Mountain, Mich., and many other cities around the country are mobilizing RV Care-A-Vanners in their rehab work. We're thrilled RV Care-A-Vanners are helping build communities through both new home construction and renovation, and thank you for all of your work to serve families.

Please read below for important updates and reminders. As always, contact us to sign up, ask questions or offer ideas. The technology glitch with our phone seems to have sorted itself out, so we hope you will find connecting with us easier.

We look forward to seeing you at a future build. Thank you for all you do!

In partnership,
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

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. 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 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!

Tracking 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. 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. Please ensure these numbers are reported both to the local affiliate and the RV Care-A-Vanner desk.

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

Len and Mary Ellen Alton, Ken and Kim Austin, Jim and Jan Behr, Cheryl Brown, Larry and Susan Coy, Paul and Bobbi Elmore, Ray and Jody Hebard, Mark and Kym Hilinski, Robert and Vi Hotze, Richard and Nance Huber, Chris Johns; Larry and Sharon Lamb, Alan and April Lenning, Dave and Mary Loflin, Randy and Marsha Lumsden, Kirk McDonald, Reed Morton and Marti Wynne, Skip and Sue Onstad, Frank and Diana Peccia, Dick and Janet Porter, Rich and Elaine Richardson, Jim and Kathy Schneider, Tony and Cheryle Shackelton, Dan and Norma Thompson, Ray and Joan VanZon, Dave and Gail Vize, Bob and Eileen White, Lew and Bonnie Wilson

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

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 be 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

West Plains HFH, West Plains, Missouri. The affiliate will be working on a 12-week build, with space for drop-in RV Care-A-Vanners beginning March 1, 2010. Contact Craig King or Sharon Banning at (417) 256-8246 or president@westplainshabitat.org for more information.

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>
Thibodaux, Louisiana	March 7–21, 2010	4	\$
Asheboro, North Carolina	March 21–April 4, 2010	3	0
Ft Lauderdale, Florida	March 28–April 11, 2010	3	\$
Thibodaux, Louisiana	March 28–April 11, 2010	8	\$
Bunnell, Florida	April 18–May 2, 2010	3	\$
Thibodaux, Louisiana	April 18–May 2, 2010	9	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 2–May 14, 2010	8	\$

Waynesboro, Virginia	May 2–23, 2010	2	0
West Melbourne, Florida	May 2–May 14, 2010	9	\$\$\$
Winona, Minnesota	May 9–23, 2010	4	0
Port Townsend, Washington	May 16–30, 2010	5	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 16–30, 2010	4	\$
Marquette, Michigan	May 23–June 6, 2010	9	\$
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	May 23–June 6, 2010	1	\$\$
Santa Fe, New Mexico	May 30–June13, 2010	4	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 30–June13, 2010	9	\$
Tillamook, Oregon	May 30–June13, 2010	4	\$\$
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	7	\$\$
Sullivan, Illinois	June 6–20, 2010	3	0
Mankato, Minnesota	June 13–27, 2010	4	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 13–27, 2010	1	\$
Woodland Park, Colorado	June 13–27, 2010	3	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 27–July 11, 2010	8	\$
Souris, PEI Canada	June 27–July 11, 2010	6	0

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.*

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!

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:

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Thibodaux, Louisiana	March 7–21, 2010	\$
Thibodaux, Louisiana	March 28–April 11, 2010	\$
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	\$
West Melbourne, Florida	May 2–15, 2010	\$\$\$
Winona, Minnesota	May 9–28, 2010	0
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	\$\$
Santa Fe, New Mexico	May 30–June 13, 2010	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 30–June 13, 2010	\$
Tillamook, 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	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 27–July 11, 2010	\$

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