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## RV Care-A-Vanners May 2010

Dear Care-A-Vanners,

We're back on the road this weekend, having spent the last five weeks in Americus. We've had some good meetings regarding the online registration program. We still need to be patient, but we are excited about progress made.

We will continue to update the [build list](#) weekly, and have added a "NEW" symbol to help you find the latest additions. Our goal is to have any new builds added before each weekend. Always check the "as of" date at the top to tell if any changes have been made since your last visit to the site.

This month, we were particularly glad to hear the [story of first-timer Care-A-Vanners Brenda and Scott Schnelle](#). Habitat's mission touches so many—volunteers and partner families alike—and we are grateful to be a part of it with you. If you would like to share your story, please e-mail us at [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org).

Thanks for all you do to support Habitat for Humanity!

In partnership,

Mary (and Tony) Campbell

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

When, where and by whom was Habitat for Humanity founded? (Answer at bottom of update.)

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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!

Keith Anderson, Terry and Mary Cameron, Brad and Jacolyn Dadles, Ed Davidson, Jack and Charlotte Godfrey, Jeff and Barb Gunderson, Mike and Donna Hartman, Joe and Marcia Harvey, Erin Houck and Joshua Martarella, Jr., Jerry and Arlene Layl, Stuart and Lois Luedtke, Brad and Jackie Martin, Terry and Janice McClure, Ellen Miller, Larry and Diane Mock, Norton and Pat Paris, Rich and Ann Peterson, John Sheren, Jean Sutton, James and Christine Williamson.

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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## Update on Habitat's ongoing disaster recovery work in Haiti and Chile

"I've learned no one is strong enough to think he will not need any help from others. I've learned we need to work as a team, wherever we are," said Habitat Haiti national director Claude Jeudy. Read the entire [Q&A with Habitat Haiti's national director](#) or watch the [video of hundreds of Atlanta-area volunteers assembling 13,250 more emergency shelter kits for Haiti](#).

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 read the [three-month update on Habitat's work in Haiti](#), [donate](#), and learn more ways [you can help](#).

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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

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 builds of the month

*Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* Cedar Valley HFH, May–August 2010. Your help is needed to recover flood-ravaged Cedar Rapids and support the 2010 AmeriCorps Build-A-Thon. Learn more about the [Cedar Rapids, Iowa build](#) now! Contact Jeff Capps, Cedar Valley HFH executive director, at 319-366-4485 or [jeffcapps@cvhabitat.org](mailto:jeffcapps@cvhabitat.org) for additional information.

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.* Central Oklahoma HFH, June 20–27, 2010. Contact the [rvinfodesk@habitat.org](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org) for more information

*Thibodaux, Louisiana.* Bayou Area HFH. May–August 2010. The affiliate is doing ongoing hurricane recovery and will complete five modular homes by August, with your help! Contact Aimee Bourgeois, Volunteer Coordinator at [labourgeois@bayouhabitat.org](mailto:labourgeois@bayouhabitat.org) or 985-447-6999.

## 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>
Richmond, Indiana	May 2–May 14, 2010	3	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 2–May 14, 2010	7	\$
Waynesboro, Virginia	May 2–23, 2010	1	0
Thibodaux, Louisiana	May 9–23, 2010	5	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 16–30, 2010	6	\$
Marquette, Michigan	May 23–June 6, 2010	7	\$
Newland, North Carolina	May 23–June 6, 2010	1	0
Santa Fe, New Mexico	May 30–June 13, 2010	4	\$\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	May 30–June 13, 2010	9	\$
Tillamook, Oregon	May 30–June 13, 2010	1	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota	June 6–20, 2010	7	0
Iron River, Michigan	June 6–20, 2010	5	\$
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	June 6–20, 2010	3	\$\$
Mankato, Minnesota	June 13–27, 2010	1	\$
Woodland Park, Colorado	June 13–27, 2010	2	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	June 20–July 4, 2010	6	0
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	June 20–July 4, 2010	9	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	June 27–July 11, 2010	4	\$
Souris, PEI Canada	June 27–July 11, 2010	1	0
Brookings, South Dakota	July 4–18, 2010	3	0
North Platte, Nebraska	July 4–18, 2010	3	0

Pagosa Springs, Colorado	July 4–18, 2010	3	\$\$
Mankato, Minnesota	July 11–25, 2010	1	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 11–25, 2010	4	\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	July 18–August 1, 2010	8	0
Marquette, Michigan	July 18–August 1, 2010	6	\$
Richmond, Indiana	July 18–August 1, 2010	8	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 25–August 8, 2010	4	\$
Brookings, South Dakota	August 1–15, 2010	4	0
El Paso, Texas	August 1–15, 2010	6	\$
Iron Mountain, Michigan	August 1–15, 2010	1	\$
Santa Fe, New Mexico	August 8–22, 2010	7	\$\$
Marquette, Michigan	August 15–29, 2010	5	\$
Waterloo, Iowa	August 15–29, 2010	3	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	August 29–September 12, 2010	9	\$

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

## Team leaders' corner

### **Roster updates**

Please make corrections to rosters by hand so we can tell what the changes are. Please fax the altered roster to 229-410-7490. Or you can scan and email 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>
Richmond, Indiana	May 2–15, 2010	\$
Marquette, Michigan	May 23–June 6, 2010	\$
Newland, North Carolina	May 23–June 6, 2010	0
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	\$
Woodland Park, Colorado	June 13–27, 2010	\$\$
Brookings, South Dakota-BWK	June 20–July 4, 2010	0
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	June 20–July 4, 2010	\$
North Platte, Nebraska	July 4–18, 2010	0
Pagosa Springs, Colorado	July 4–18, 2010	\$\$
Marquette, Michigan	July 18–August 1, 2010	\$
Sheridan, Wyoming	July 25–August 8, 2010	\$
El Paso, Texas	August 1–15, 2010	\$
Tillamook, Oregon	August 1–15, 2010	\$\$
Santa Fe, New Mexico	August 8–22, 2010	\$\$
Marquette, Michigan	August 15–29, 2010	\$

**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 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!

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

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 in Americus, Ga., by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda. Learn more about the [history of Habitat!](#)

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