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## **RV Care-A-Vanners October 2009**

RV Care-A-Vanners,

We continue to sign up new volunteers as first-time Care-A-Vanners. Hooray! We often receive similar questions, so we thought we would cover a few here for newbies and veterans alike.

### **How do I learn about builds?**

All scheduled builds are listed on the "Build Listing" page. Go directly to [http://www.habitat.org/rv/build\\_listing.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/rv/build_listing.aspx), or click on the link in the left-hand side of [www.habitat.org/rv](http://www.habitat.org/rv). The list is updated at the beginning of each month, more often if required. Check the "as of" date at the top of the list; if it has changed since you last looked, there have been additions or corrections.

### **How can I (or a friend) receive the monthly e-newsletter?**

Go directly to [http://www.habitat.org/rv/rv\\_lyris\\_subscription\\_form.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/rv/rv_lyris_subscription_form.aspx), or click the "E-mail List" tab at [www.habitat.org/rv](http://www.habitat.org/rv). Enter the email address or addresses at which you would like to receive the newsletter.

Note to affiliates: You may want more than one contact email to receive the newsletter.

### **How do I sign up for a build?**

Visit [http://www.habitat.org/rv/join\\_a\\_build.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/rv/join_a_build.aspx) or see "Contacting us" below to learn how to sign up.

### **What is a typical build like? What tools/experience do I need?**

Each RV Care-A-Vanner building project is a unique and rewarding experience. Previous RV Care-A-Vanner teams have participated in house construction, interior and finish work, renovations and disaster relief. Those who prefer to be non-builders can work in the affiliate office or be "go fors" around the build site. There are ample opportunities to learn and plenty of meaningful work for everyone—no experience necessary.

Most RV Care-A-Vanner builds involve eight to 20 volunteers and last two weeks, with 10 six- to seven-hour workdays. A typical day begins with devotions and includes morning, lunch and afternoon breaks. Volunteers bring their own hand tools—tool belt, hammer, square, pencil, measuring tape—and the affiliate provides everything else including power tools, ladders, building materials, instruction and supervision.

Team members pay their own expenses, which may be tax deductible, and the host affiliate arranges for RV parking—usually free or at a nominal charge. Teams can expect at least minimal electric hookups, access to water and a dump station nearby. Hosting affiliates also may provide lunches and a welcome gathering. Due to safety and hygiene issues, pets are not permitted on the work site.

Aside from the opportunity to use existing construction skills and learn new ones, RV Care-A-Vanner teams experience God's love in action firsthand. Lasting friendships develop as the group parks together, builds together, eats together and socializes. In addition, the team often has the opportunity to work alongside local volunteers and the future homeowners—a truly unforgettable experience.

We hope you found something useful in the above answers that you did not already know. Feel free to forward this newsletter to friends who may be interested in becoming a Habit for Humanity RV Care-A-Vanner. It may be just what they are looking for.

In partnership,  
Mary (and Tony) Campbell

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### **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:

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dade City, Florida       | October 11–25, 2009           |
| Pagosa Springs, Colorado | October 25–November 8, 2009   |
| Sheridan, Wyoming        | October 25–November 8, 2009   |
| Bunnell, Florida         | November 1–15, 2009           |
| St. Joseph, Missouri     | November 1–15, 2009           |
| Taos, New Mexico         | November 1–15, 2009           |
| Dade City, Florida       | November 8–22, 2009           |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana     | November 8–22, 2009           |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana     | November 29–December 13, 2009 |
| Ocala, Florida           | December 6–20, 2009           |
| Franklin, West Virginia  | January 3–15, 2010            |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana     | January 3–15, 2010            |
| Bunnell, Florida         | January 10–24, 2010           |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana*    | January 24–February 7, 2010   |
| Thibodaux Louisiana      | February 14–28, 2010          |

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### **Join Habitat for Humanity and RV Care-A-Vanners on the Internet**

Become a fan of [Habitat for Humanity on Facebook](#) to get updates from Habitat, see pictures and take part in discussions. You can also view and post your pictures on Habitat's online [Flickr](#) photo page. To learn more ways to connect online, visit Habitat's [social media](#) site.

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### **Team leaders: Let us hear from you!**

Please send evaluations to HFHI RV Care-A-Vanners / 121 Habitat St. / Americus, GA 31709-0369. The feedback we receive from team leaders and build participants can help us provide an excellent experience for RV Care-A-Vanners and help serve more families.

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

Steven and Karen Beck, Floyd and Alice Clanton, Ted and Grace Cully, Cliff and Carmen Gilchrist, Andy and Dorothy Leatherman, and Jim and Donna Smith.

*Our 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-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](#).

### **Contacting us**

For simple questions or signing 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. Please remember to include your name (and your spouse's name, if applicable) and zip code in all communications to help us find you in our database. Because we are coordinating on the road, please allow 48 hours for a response. If for any reason you cannot reach Mary or need more immediate assistance, please call the Volunteer Mobilization desk at 1-800-422-4828, ext. 7530 or 229-410-7530. We are all happy to help you find a build that suits your needs!

**Featured build of the month:** Marion County, HFH Ocala, Florida. December 6–28, 2009

**Upcoming builds seeking Care-A-Vanners!**

| <i>Location</i>           | <i>Dates</i>                  | <i>Rigs still needed</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dade City, Florida        | October 11–25                 | 12                       |
| Rome, New York            | October 11–25                 | 3                        |
| Goldsboro, North Carolina | October 18–November 1         | 3                        |
| Taos, New Mexico          | October 18–November 1         | 1                        |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana      | October 18–November 1         | 1                        |
| Pagosa Springs, Colorado  | October 25–November 8         | 8                        |
| Sheridan, Wyoming         | October 25–November 8         | 9                        |
| Bunnell, Florida          | November 1–15, 2009           | 10                       |
| St. Joseph, Missouri      | November 1–15, 2009           | 10                       |
| Taos, New Mexico          | November 1–15, 2009           | 1                        |
| Dade City, Florida        | November 8–22, 2009           | 7                        |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana      | November 8–22, 2009           | 6                        |
| Las Cruces, New Mexico    | November 15–29, 2009          | 2                        |
| Thibodaux, Louisiana      | November 29–December 13, 2009 | 7                        |
| Ocala, Florida            | December 6–18, 2009           | 10                       |

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](mailto:rvinfodesk@habitat.org). If you leave a message, please remember to spell your last name and provide your zip code.

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