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CARE-A-VANNER

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the RV Care-A-Vanners is to further the mission of Habitat for Humanity International by assisting local Habitat affiliates, who act as hosts, in accelerating and/or supplementing their building programs.

AIRSTREAM

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RV CARE-A-VANNERS

Changing of the Guard



Due to family circumstances beyond her control, **Leita Blackwood** will not be able to continue in her role as the coordinator of the RV Care-A-Vanner program. We are sorry to see Leita go, but her relocation will move her closer to family, so we rejoice with her.

We are pleased to announce that **Linda Walden** will assume the role of RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator starting soon after Leita's departure. Many of you already know Linda; she is not a stranger to RVing or Habitat. Full-time RVers for the past nine years, Linda and her husband Lynn Laymon are experienced Care-A-Vanner leaders and frequent Habitat seminar presenters at RV gatherings. They have spent four of the past five winters volunteering at HFHI headquarters. We welcome Linda to the RV coordinator position.

David Minich
Director—Global Village Dept.
Habitat for Humanity International

Called the “silver palace on wheels” the Airstream trailer, with its sleek aerodynamic shape, is at once futuristic in design and a nostalgic piece of Americana. Wally Bynum built the first Airstream in his backyard in the 1930s and it was an instant classic. Airstreams can be found in both the Smithsonian Institution and the Henry Ford Museum. Over 60 percent of Airstreams ever built are still rolling down the highway.

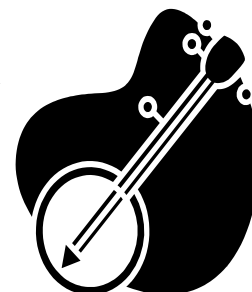
Fifteen Airstreams will roll into Lexington, Va., in October 2005. An Airstream rally is always an awe-inspiring sight, but this rally will be even more awesome than most. The owners of the Airstreams will join Rock Bridge Area Habitat for Humanity to build four houses with people in need. We are pleased to welcome Airstream to the RV Care-A-Vanner program!



Care-A-Vanner Team Makes a Joyful Noise

On April 10, veteran team leader Harry Fritts, will lead a group of RV Care-A-Vanners to Mossy Oak Music Park in Guyton, Ga. They will roll up their sleeves and, in old-fashioned barn-raising spirit, build a house with a family in need.

April 21 - 23 the laborers will lay down their tools and the Lonesome Whistle Band and the Warrior River Boys will take the stage. The sweet Bluegrass sound of banjos, flat-top guitars and mandolins will resonate under the oaks as the RV Care-A-Vanners rejoice in another job well done.



I JOHN 3:18: “Let us not love in word, nor in speech, but in deed and in truth.”

*Our talents are the gift that God gives to us...
What we make of our talents is our gift back to God.*

— Leo Buscaglia



Hammering It Home—2005



BUILD REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

You may register immediately for builds marked with an asterisk (*).

Monday, April 18, 10 a.m.

ET is the first time registrations are accepted for builds not marked with an asterisk (*).

- Register only by speaking with the RV Desk coordinator: (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.
- Voicemail and e-mail registrations are not accepted.
- Each Care-A-Vanner may register only for his/her RV.
- Do not attend a Care-A-Vanner build unless you have been confirmed on that build by the RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator.
- Builds already filled are not listed.
- RV Desk hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

If you must cancel

from a build team, please notify the RV coordinator, who will obtain your replacement from the waitlist.

WAITLIST

- Once a build is filled, callers are added to the waitlist. When someone cancels, we make every effort to contact the next person on the list. If, after being placed on a waitlist, you are no longer interested in the build, please let us know so we can remove your name from the list.

LEGEND

- * You may sign up now!
- (MG) March Gladness
- (BB) Blitz Build
- (WBA) Women Build America
- \$ \$5 or less daily parking fee.
- \$\$ \$10 or less daily parking fee.
- \$\$\$ \$10-\$15 daily parking fee.

Chatham Co. HFH	*Siler City, N.C.	Apr. 17-Apr. 30
Hart Co. HFH	*Hartwell, Ga.	Apr. 24-May 7
Lowcountry HFH	Beaufort, S.C.	May 1-May 15
Salem Co. HFH	*Salem, N.J.	May 1-May 14
Mason HFH	Mason, Texas	May 1-May 15
Valencia Co. HFH	*(WBA) Los Lunas, N.M.	May 1-May 14
Mitchell/Yancey HFH	*Burnsville, N.C.	May 8-May 21
Chester Co. HFH	*Coatesville, Pa.	May 8-May 21
Truckee Meadows HFH	*Reno, Nev.	May 15-May 28
Avery Co. HFH	*Elk Park, N.C.	May 22-June 4
Archuleta Co. HFH	\$Pagosa Springs, Colo.	June 5-June 18
HFH of Monroe Co.	*(BB) Monroe, Mich.	June 10-June 25
HFH of Ostego Co.	*Oneonta, N.Y.	June 12-June 25
Shasta Cascade HFH	*Redding, Calif.	June 12-June 25
HFH of Mason Co.	*Ludington, Mich.	June 12-June 25
Schoolcraft Co. HFH	*Manistique, Mich.	June 12-June 25
Redmond HFH	Redmond, Ore.	June 19-July 2
Archuleta Co. HFH	\$Pagosa Springs, Colo.	June 19-July 2
Menominee River HFH	*\$Iron Mountain, Mich.	July 10-July 23
Albany Co. HFH	Laramie, Wyo.	July 10-July 23
East Cooper HFH	Mt Pleasant, S.C.	July 10-July 23
HFH Toronto	Toronto, Ontario	July 10-July 23
Itasca Co. HFH	Cohasset, Minn.	July 17-July 30
East Central Minn. HFH	Braham, Minn.	July 17-July 30
Cottage Grove HFH	\$\$Cottage Grove, Ore.	July 17-July 30
Menominee River HFH	\$Iron Mountain, Mich.	Aug. 7-Aug. 20
Okiciyai Tipi HFH	\$\$\$Eagle Butte, S.D.	Aug. 14-Aug. 27
HFH Camrose	\$\$\$\$Camrose, Alberta	Sept. 11-Sept. 24
New River HFH	*Beckley, W.Va.	Sept. 18-Oct. 1
Pioneer Valley	\$\$Florence, Mass.	Sept. 18-Oct. 1
Cleveland Co. HFH	*\$Norman, Okla.	Sept. 18-Oct. 1
HFH of Madison Co.	*(BB) Huntsville, Ala.	Sept. 18-Oct. 1
El Dorado HFH	*El Dorado, Ark.	Sept. 25-Oct. 8
Augusta/CSRA HFH	*Augusta, Ga.	Sept. 25-Oct. 8

Hammering It Home (continued)

HFH St. Tammany West	\$Covington, La.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
Caldwell Co. HFH	*Lenoir, N.C.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
HFH Fresno	*Fresno, Calif.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
HFH of Taos	*Taos, N.M.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
Greater Richmond Area HFH	*Richmond, Ind.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
Burke Co. HFH	*Waynesboro, Ga.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
HFH of East St. Tammany	*\$Slidell, La.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
HFH of Yuma	*\$\$Yuma, Ariz.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
Salem Co. HFH	Salem, N.J.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
Columbus Area HFH	*Columbus Ga.	Oct. 23-Nov. 5
Flint River HFH	*Albany, Ga.	Oct. 30-Nov. 12
Belton-Temple HFH	Belton Texas	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
Sea Island HFH	John's Island, S.C.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
Houston Co. HFH	*\$\$Warner Robins, Ga.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
Flagler HFH	Bunnell, Fla.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
East Pasco HFH	*Dade City, Fla.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
East Cooper HFH	*Mt. Pleasant, S.C.	Nov. 20-Dec. 3

ONGOING BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the affiliates listed below directly if interested in building with them. After departing please call the RV Care-A-Vanner office with the number of hours you worked. On scheduled Care-A-Vanner builds the team leaders report the team's hours.

You are welcome at these affiliates anytime except when the affiliate is hosting an organized RV Care-A-Vanner build team.

Battle Creek Area HFH, Battle Creek, Mich. Contact Jeanne Kroinemeyer at (269) 966-2502 or habitatbc@ctsmail.net.

Sisters HFH, Sisters, Ore. Contact Sharlene Weed at (541) 549-1193 or sistersshab@coinet.com.

Highlands County HFH, Avon Park, Fla. Contact Penne Manar at (863) 453-9695.

East Pasco HFH, Dade City, Fla. Contact John Finnerty at (352) 567-1444.

St. Tammany West HFH, Covington, La. Contact Lucy Colclough at (985) 893-3172.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Johns Island, S.C. Contact Dawn Balsam at (843) 768-0998, Ext. 109, or volunteer@seaislandhabitat.com.

Koinonia Partners Inc., the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, welcomes RV Care-A-Vanners year-round. A variety of jobs are available on this working farm located between Americus and Plains, Ga.; call (877) 738-1741.

HFH of Indian Wells Valley, Ridgecrest, Calif. Contact Barbara Manning at res7627d@verizon.net or (760) 384-2137.

Milledgeville/Baldwin Co HFH, Milledgeville Ga. Contact Harold Tessendorf at (478) 453-9617 or habitatforhumanity@alltell.net.

Wiregrass HFH, Dothan, Ala. Contact Jennifer Norman at (334) 782-8453 or whfh_volunteer@yahoo.com.

HFH of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Contact Kim Ivey at (205) 349-4620, Ext. 9, or kivey@hfhatuscaloosa.org.

HFH Tucson, Tucson, Ariz. Contact Lisa Giannini at (520) 326-1217, Ext. 213, or lisag@hfhutucson.com.

Hilton Head/Bluffton Regional HFH, Bluffton, S.C. Contact Eleanor Dean at (843) 757-5864 or hhislandeleanor@aol.com.

Rio Grande HFH, McAllen, Texas. Contact Dale McNallen at (956) 686-7455 or rmcnallen@aol.com.

Rockbridge Area HFH, Lexington, Va. Contact Dan Walz at (540) 463-3770 or habitat@rockbridge.net.

Santa Fe HFH, Santa Fe, N.M. Contact Erin Boto at (505) 986-5880 or eboto@sfhf.org.

Taos HFH, Taos, N.M. Contact Donna Olen at (505) 758-7827.

Mesilla Valley HFH, Los Cruces, N.M. October through May contact the office at (505) 525-0475 or mvhfh@zianet.com.

Nash Edgecombe Co HFH, Rocky Mount, N.C. Contact Jennifer Blevins at (252) 972-1994 or habitat@rockymountnc.com.

HFH Baldwin CO, Foley Ala. Contact Pam Gideon at habitatvolunteer@gulftel.com.



CONSTRUCTION BASICS ONLINE...



One of Habitat for Humanity International's most innovative programs is Habitat for Humanity University. Habitat for Humanity University provides online courses for volunteers, affiliates and anyone who wants to learn construction techniques.

To learn how to build a house, Habitat style, simply log on to Habitat's public Web site: www.habitat.org. Click on "Habitat University" and then "HFHU Catalog." Scroll down to "Residential Construction Basics" and click to begin. The free course, which is designed for novices as well as experienced builders, is configured in four independent parts: "Tools of the Trade" and sections 1-3. Each section takes under an hour to complete. Go online and learn the way Habitat houses are supposed to be built.

DECEMBER 1-MARCH 1 DONATIONS

Bill and Kay Aguilar
 *Al and Janet Awtrey
 Art and Teresa Barnes
 *Stan and Pat Berndt
 *Virginia Berridge
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 *J.J. and Peggy Williams
 *Joe and Terri Wirtz

Names with * are members of the RV Care-A-Vanner HopeBuilders. To be a Hope-Builder, and donate monthly via automatic withdrawal, contact the RV coordinator at 800-422-4828, Ext. 2446.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA



In honor of Jim and Bonney Howard
Robert and Rosalie Teichert
 In honor of Edd Roberts
 In honor of Bob and Ann Melvin
 In honor of Laura Fisher
 In honor of Glenn and Carol
 In honor of Mary and Danny Rasnak
Jim and Sue Roberts
 In honor of Marge and Bob Kitterman
 In honor of Barbara Clemens
Joe and Marlene Casey
 In honor of Marge and Bob Kitterman
 In honor of Gerald McConnell
Homer and Mary Lou Brown
 In honor of Jim and Suzanne Stouffer
Angela M. Stouffer
James and Nina Stouffer
Art and Theresa Barnes

JCWP

The Jimmy Carter Work Project will take place in Michigan, June 19 - June 24. The primary sites are Benton Harbor and Detroit, but affiliates all over the state are participating. RV Care-A-Vanners have builds scheduled in Grand Rapids, Monroe, Ludington, Manistique, Iron Mountain, Marquette, Dowagiac and Saginaw. Affiliates in Benton Harbor, Detroit and Ann Arbor have requested RV Care-A-Vanners to do punch-list work the week following the JCWP. Call the Care-A-Vanner office if you would like to be involved in this **post-JCWP** work.

**RV CARE-A-VANNER
POLOS,
SWEATSHIRTS AND
JACKETS** are available in many colors and all sizes from Designer's Top Shop Inc., Avon Park, Fla. Call the Care-A-Vanner office, (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446, for an order form.



RV CARE-A-VANNER NAME BADGES

Order from Two Crazy Ladies at (888) 222-7299.

- Pin-on type: \$6 + \$1.25 to mail one or two to the same address.
- Magnet type: \$8 + \$1.50 to mail one or two to the same address.

Welcome New Leaders

Thank you to the following people who have agreed to become team leaders:



Mary and David Vandeveld
 Carol and Johnnie Smith
 Rev. Brenda Adcock
 Bob Peirson
 Jim and Betty Spencer

For information on becoming team leaders, call the RV coordinator at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

Parting Thoughts...

Leita Blackwood, former RV coordinator

The RV Care-A-Vanners will be building in every region of our country this summer. You are building in the shadow of the snow-capped mountains of Colorado; you are building beside languid bayous in Louisiana and along crowded urban streets in Detroit. Your hammers will ring from sea to shining sea, and each ring of the hammer will announce the dawning of a new day for someone living in poverty housing. The very act of travel opens the mind to new possibilities. It lets us look at our surroundings with fresh eyes each day. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Though we travel the world to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." In each community where the RV Care-A-Vanners raise their hammers, they carry with them the beauty of honest work for a just cause. They carry with them fresh eyes to envision a community with simple, decent homes for everyone. Whether at the Jimmy Carter Work Project, where 50 RV Care-A-Vanners will build five houses and transform an entire city block, or in Brooksville, Fla., where they will build a single house with a young family with an ailing child, rest assured that when the RV Care-A-Vanners ride into town, they carry with them a beautiful vision of a future where no family will live in poverty housing.

I wish you Godspeed and a safe journey.

Leita

APPLAUSE for Buggie Anderson who has continued her dedicated work assisting in the RV Care-A-Vanner office this winter.

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Participation in Care-A-Vanner building projects is open to all RVers, with no restrictions to type of recreational vehicle. The number of RVers participating in each build is limited, and all participants must register in advance with the RV Care-A-Vanner office.

For information about RV Care-A-Vanners, call (800) 422-4828 or (229) 924-6935, both Ext. 2446; e-mail rvinfo@hfhi.org; or visit www.habitat.org/gv/rv.