



CARE-A-VANNER

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From the RV
Office...



MISSION STATEMENT

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

The reason we do what we do.

Stability is the number one benefit of homeownership, according to a survey of Utah County Habitat for Humanity partner families. The survey also found that the new homeowners feel pride, a sense of freedom, accomplishment and greater self-esteem. Parents look forward to their children growing up in the homes, moving away and returning to visit. (*Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah)

In this issue of Care-A-Vanner we have a couple of exciting new opportunities for RV Care-A-Vanners. In April of this year Habitat received a one-year grant from the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS) to form a Disaster Corps comprised of trained individuals age 40 and above who are willing and able to assist affiliates in the face of disaster. This has resulted in two programs that involve Care-A-Vanners: **Disaster Corps Legacy Leadership training** and **RV Care-A-Vanners team leader training**.

The immediate purpose of Legacy Leadership training is to prepare qualified volunteers to assist disaster affected affiliates in the Gulf area with recovery needs other than construction. After two weeks of training, Disaster Corps volunteers will be required to spend at least one month in the Gulf area applying their newly learned skills. They then will also be qualified to assist in future disasters. See the insert in this issue for additional details.

The grant has also allowed the Care-A-Vanners program the one-time opportunity to fund three team leader training courses. These hands-on courses will be held at affiliates and combine classroom sessions, interactive exercises and on-site building. Look for details on page four of this newsletter. This opportunity may not come again, so please consider getting involved.

The 2006 team to New Zealand has returned from the fourth annual Care-A-Vanners Global Village international trip. They had an amazing time traveling in rented

type C motor homes and building with Habitat for Humanity affiliates along the way. Please contact the Care-A-Vanners office if you are interested in participating in the May 2007 trip to New Zealand.

On a different note, after 16 months as HFHI RV Care-A-Vanners coordinator I have met my commitment to streamline and enhance the program. We have improved communications, in part by initiating the monthly E-mail Update, upgrading the Care-A-Vanners Web site (www.habitat.org/rv), converting informational materials to electronic format and distribution, and updating and enhancing program support materials for new Care-A-Vanners, team leaders and affiliates.

It is now time for someone else to guide the program. My last day was June 30. If anyone is interested in the coordinator job, please contact the Care-A-Vanners office or go to www.habitat.org for a detailed job description and application.

Jean Blackledge and Marty Jenkins will be volunteering in the office for the summer months, but the new coordinator will need replacement help starting in September. If you are interested in volunteering in the RV Care-A-Vanners office in Americus, Ga., for the winter or part of it, please contact the Care-A-Vanners office. Full hookup sites are provided for volunteers.

My husband and I are returning to the road in our tenth year as full-time RVers, but we are not abandoning Habitat or the Care-A-Vanners. We have agreed to present a Care-A-Vanners team leader training course and will be joining the Disaster Corps and attending Legacy Leadership training. Of course, as we travel we plan to participate in as many Care-A-Vanners builds as practical. It has been a pleasure serving as your RV coordinator and I hope to see many of you on the road as we travel and build.

Linda

↓ You may sign up immediately for these builds. ↓

\$\$ Provo, Utah	Aug. 6-19	\$ Richmond, Ind.	Sept. 24-Oct. 7
\$ Benton Harbor, Mich.	Aug. 13-26	\$\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Sept. 24-Oct. 7
\$\$\$ Iron Mountain, Mich.	Aug. 13-26	\$ Mankato, Minn.	Sept. 25-Oct. 8
\$ Mankato, Minn.	Aug. 13-26	\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	Oct. 1-14
\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	Aug. 13-26	\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Oct. 1-14
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Aug. 13-26	Fort Myers, Fla.	Oct. 1-15
Charlottesville, Va.	Aug. 14-27	\$\$\$ Carlisle, Pa.	Oct. 8-21
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Aug. 20-Sept. 2	Lenoir, N.C.	Oct. 8-21
Muncie, Ind.	Aug. 21-Sept. 3	Elk Park, N.C.	Oct. 9-22
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Sept. 3-16	Guyton, Ga.	Oct. 15-28
\$ Marquette, Mich.	Sept. 10-23	\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Oct. 15-28
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Sept. 10-23	Vero Beach, Fla.	Oct. 15-28
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Sept. 10-23	Fort Myers, Fla.	Oct. 15-29
Tower, Minn.	Sept. 10-23	Salem, N.J.	Oct. 15-Nov. 4
Winona, Minn.	Sept. 10-23	Siler City, N.C.	Oct. 16-29
\$ Huntsville, Ala. (BB)	Sept. 10-30	\$\$ Slidell, La.	Oct. 22-Nov. 4
? Durango, Colo.	Sept. 11-24	\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Oct. 22-Nov. 4
\$\$ Knoxville, Iowa	Sept. 17-23	Albany, Ga.	Oct. 29-Nov. 11
\$\$ Cottage Grove, Ore.	Sept. 17-30	Bunnell, Fla.	Nov. 5-18
Lyons, Kan.	Sept. 17-30	Dade City, Fla.	Nov. 5-18
Oneonta, N.Y.	Sept. 17-30	\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Nov. 5-18
Taos, N.M.	Sept. 17-30	Vero Beach, Fla.	Nov. 5-18
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada	Sept. 17-30		

Special Building Opportunities

Hurricane Rebuilding

Covington, La., will accept Care-A-Vanners on an ongoing basis throughout the summer and has scheduled two fall builds. Parking is at the newly reopened Fontainebleau RV Park. Please contact Claire Nettles at (985) 893-3172 or hfhstw@bellsouth.net.

Key West, Fla., needs volunteers for cleanup and rebuilding. Contact Amanda at (305) 872-4456 or e-mail info@habikeys.org.

Slidell and Thibodaux, La.: see Build Schedule.

Special Need Situations

Alachua HFH in Gainesville, Fla., needs help completing seven houses by Oct. 31, to fulfill conditions of a grant. Parking is available. Contact Lynn Parris, construction director, at (352) 378-4663 or e-mail lparris@alachuahabitat.org.

Black Hills Area HFH in Rapid City, S.D., needs volunteers for July 31 to Aug. 5. Please contact Monica Swan at (605) 348-9196 or monica_habitat@rushmore.com.

HFH of Las Animas County in Trinidad, Colo., is seeking volunteers for Aug. 6 - 19 to help complete a duplex. Work will be mostly inside and RV hookups will be provided at a nearby State park. Please contact Steve Paulman at (719) 845-0779 or ste1pl@aol.com.

Build Schedule Legend

(BB) Blitz Build \$ \$ 5 or less nightly parking fee.
 (MG) March Gladness \$\$ \$10 or less nightly parking fee.
 (WBA) Women Build America \$\$\$ >\$10 nightly parking fee.
 (OHD) Operation Home Delivery ? Parking fee to be determined.

REGISTRATION

On sign-up day register only by speaking with the HFHI RV office staff: (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

Voice mail and e-mail registration requests on sign-up days are not accepted or acknowledged.

You may register only for your own RV.

Do not attend a Care-A-Vanners build unless you have been confirmed on that build by the HFHI RV office.

Builds already filled are not listed on the schedule.

RV desk hours:
 Monday-Friday
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET



WAITLIST

Once a build is filled, callers are added to the waitlist. When someone cancels, every effort is made 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.



CANCELLATION

If you cancel from a team, please notify the RV coordinator, who will obtain a replacement from the waitlist.

**Sign up for these builds starting
at 10 a.m. (ET) on Aug. 10, 2006.**

? Durango, Colo.	Oct. 2-15
\$\$ Covington, La.	Oct. 8-21
Las Cruces, N.M.	Oct. 8-22
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Oct. 8-21
Goldsboro, N.C.	Oct. 15-28
Leland, Miss.	Oct. 15-28
? Mt. Pleasant, S.C.	Oct. 29-Nov. 11
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Nov. 5-18
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Nov. 5-18
La Cruces, N.M.	Nov. 19-Dec. 2
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Nov. 19-Dec. 2
\$\$ Thibodaux, La. (OHD)	Nov. 26-Dec. 9
\$\$ Covington, La.	Dec. 3-16
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Dec. 3-16
Slidell, La. (OHD)	Dec. 3-16
Vero Beach, Fla.	Dec. 3-16
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Dec. 17-30

**Sign up for these builds starting
at 10 a.m. (ET) on Aug. 16, 2006.**

Vero Beach, Fla.	Jan. 7-20
Las Cruces, N.M.	Jan. 7-20
Alice, Texas	Jan. 7-27
Dade City, Fla.	Jan. 14-27
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Jan. 14-27
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Jan. 14-27
Apopka, Fla.	Jan. 21-Feb. 3
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Jan. 28-Feb. 10
\$\$ St. Mary's, Ga.	Jan. 29-Feb. 11
Vero Beach, Fla.	Feb. 4-16
\$\$ Sebring/Avon Park, Fla.	Feb. 11-24
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Feb. 11-24
Alice, Texas	Feb. 18-March 10
Pompano Beach, Fla.	Feb. 25-March 10
\$\$\$ Santa Fe, N.M.	Feb. 25-March 10
\$\$ Slidell, La. (OHD)	Feb. 25-March 10
Vero Beach, Fla.	March 4-16

ONGOING BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact affiliates directly. Please report hours worked to the HFHI RV coordinator. Scheduled build teams take precedence over drop-in RV volunteers.

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

East Pasco HFH, Dade City, Fla. Contact John Finnerty or Matt Hillen at (352) 567-1444 or epascohh@earthlink.net.

Greater Green Bay HFH, Green Bay, Wis. Contact Alex Tran at (920) 639-5355 or atran@greenbayhabitat.org.

Greater Richmond HFH, Richmond, Ind. Contact Mindy Reece at (765) 962-5986 or mindymae@verizon.net.

HFH Baldwin County, Foley, Ala. Contact Pam Gideon at (251) 943-2387 or habitatvolunteer@gulfnet.com.

HFH Freeborn/Mower, Austin, Minn. Contact Hugh Alberson at (507) 433-1349 or habitfmc@smig.net.

HFH of Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Mont. Contact Jennifer Frank at (406) 388-8225 or jfrank@habitatbozeman.org.

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

HFH of Kitsap County, Port Orchard, Wash. Contact Barb Gabriel at (360) 479-3853 or volunteercoor@kitsaphabitat.org.

HFH of La Plata County, Durango, Colo. Contact Nadine Chaney at (970) 382-9930 or Nadine@habitatdurango.org. **NEW**

HFH of Russell County, Phenix City, Ala. Contact Ron Henderson at (334) 448-8275 or habitat_russellcounty@earthlink.net.

HFH St. Tammany West, Covington, La. Contact Claire Nettles at (985) 893-3172 or hfhstw@bellsouth.net.

HFH of San Fernando/Santa Clarita Valleys, Woodland Hills, Calif. Contact Mageli Akle at (818) 884-8808 or mrmahfh@hotmail.com. **NEW**

HFH of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Contact Cary Corley at (205) 349-4620, Ext. 4 or 9, or ccorley@hfhtuscaloosa.org.

HFH of Valencia County, Belen, N.M. Contact Rachel Nicol at (505) 864-3033 or rnicol@habitatvalencia.org.

Highland County HFH, Sebring/Avon Park, Fla. Contact Penne Manar at (863) 453-9695 or pennem@strato.net.

Hilton Head/Bluffton Regional HFH, Bluffton, S.C. Contact Lois Wilkinson at (843) 757-5864 or hfhvolunteers@aol.com.

Jackson County HFH, Ocean Springs, Miss. Contact Laton Griffin at (228) 324-1777 or latan.griffin@ngc.com. **NEW**

Koinonia Farms, Americus, Ga. Contact Kathleen Monts or Sarah Prendergast at (229) 924-0391 or sandy@koinoniapartners.org.

Mesilla Valley HFH, Las Cruces, N.M. September through May. Contact Don Stover at (505) 525-0475, (505) 993-0263 or mvhfh@zianet.com.

Milledgeville/Baldwin County HFH, Milledgeville, Ga. Contact Eli Miranda at (478) 453-9617, (c) 770-653-8854, or habitatforhumanity@alltel.net.

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

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

Rocky Mount Area HFH, Rocky Mount, N.C. Contact Reid McAuley (252) 972-1994, (c) (252) 908-0407 or habitat@rockymountnc.com.

Santa Fe HFH, Santa Fe, N.M. Contact Maggie Monroe-Cassel at (505) 986-5880 or maggie@santafehabitat.org.

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

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

STO HFH, Mission, S.D. Contact Doris Cardwell at (605) 856-2665 or stohfh@gwtc.net.

Taos HFH, Taos, N.M. Contact Donna Olen at (505) 758-7827 or hfht@taosnet.com.

Tillamook County HFH, Tillamook, Ore. Contact Kathleen Tyler at (503) 842-7472 or ktyler@tillamookhabitat.org. **NEW**

Wiregrass HFH, Dothan, Ala. Contact Liz Tiller at (334) 792-8453 or etiller@wiregrasshabitat.org.

Care-A-Vanner License Plate Brackets

Show your support for the RV Care-A-Vanners program display Care-A-Vanners license plate brackets on your vehicles. These sturdy brackets feature *RV Care-A-Vanners* across the top and *Habitat for Humanity* and the new HFHI



logo along the bottom. They sell for \$5 each or two for \$9 and are available from the Care-A-Vanners office.

What should we call you?

The new Care-A-Vanners build roster is now capable of listing nicknames. If you prefer to be called by a nickname, please contact the RV office so we can update your record in the Care-A-Vanners database.



Donations and Memorials

Bob & Annie Bradley — Dorothy Eichelberger — Family Motor Coach Association — FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity — Leni Hayes — HRRVC of Alabama — Bill & Judy Kemp — Candace Smith — John & Ruth Von Hatten

In memory of George Lunstrom and his dog, Lady.
By David & Karen Wentworth

Thanks to all the Care-A-Vanners HopeBuilders.

Welcome New Team Leaders

The following Care-A-Vanners are first-time team leaders during May through July 2006: Richard & Esther Bell, Tom & Marian Braum, Ken & Carol Caldwell, Fred & Pauline Camp, Tom & Sharon Casper, Dennis & Nancy Hill, Gordon & Frances Kraus, Doug & Jill Miller (assistants), Al & Kathy Moreneault, Bill & Jean Mueller (assistants), Jack & Mary Mueller, Wayland & Joan Ritzman.

See *Team Leader Training* article below for information about becoming a team leader.

Team Leaders' Corner

The newly-revised and expanded Partnering Guidelines for Affiliates has been e-mailed to all affiliates that have hosted Care-A-Vanners in the past three years. The package includes a self-evaluation process for affiliates to determine if they are prepared to host a Care-A-Vanners team. The Partnering Guidelines, which contain valuable background information that will benefit team leaders as well, will be e-mailed to all new team leaders. Current team leaders may request a copy from the Care-A-Vanners office.

APPLAUSE to:

Walter & Jean Blackledge, Bob & Annie Bradley, Marty & Rose Jenkins and Bob & Shirley Manning who have volunteered at HFHI since the last newsletter. Jean and Marty will be at the RV desk for the remainder of the summer.



RV Care-A-Vanners Team Leader Training



Thanks to the Corporation for National Community Service grant mentioned on page one of this newsletter, the much-anticipated RV Care-A-Vanners team leader training is now available and will be conducted at three southerly locations this winter. Designed for both new and experienced team leaders, as well as those considering becoming leaders, this five-day training course includes half-day classroom sessions followed by afternoons building with the host affiliate. The curriculum is PowerPoint based and includes role playing and interactive exercises. During the afternoon sessions, course attendees will take turns facing real-life leadership challenges on the work site. The training, which is an expansion of the one-day session conducted with the HR Ramblin' Builders in Americus in January, offers a standardized approach to the team leader process, addresses common problems and FAQs, and provides an open forum for in-depth discussion. The role playing and interactive exercises proved to be fun and most beneficial.

Ten RVs can be accommodated at each training location and the cost of RV parking, lunches and training materials will be borne by the program. Former HFHI Care-A-Vanners coordinator, Linda Walden, and her husband Lynn Laymon, will facilitate the three courses. Space is limited, so don't miss this opportunity. Tentative schedule:

Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 3 to 9, 2006

Slidell, La., Jan. 7 to 13, 2007

Las Cruces, N.M., March 4 to 10, 2007

To enroll contact the RV Care-A-Vanners office after 10 a.m. on Aug. 15.

RV CARE-A-VANNERS NAME BADGES

are available from Too Crazy Ladies at (575) 525-0141. Badges with a pin attachment are \$6; magnet attaching badges are \$8. Shipping is \$1.50 to mail one or two badges to the same address.

Visit the Care-A-Vanners Web site at www.habitat.org/rv. It contains useful information about hurricane rebuilding, ongoing builds and special volunteer opportunities, in addition to online access to the Care-A-Vanners newsletter, which can be downloaded or viewed online.



If you wish to access the newsletter online and not receive the paper newsletter, e-mail rvinfodesk@habitat.org.

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

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