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CARE-A-VANNER

A publication of the Habitat for Humanity® RV Care-A-Vanners

MISSION STATEMENT

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

From the RV Desk...



As in the rest of life, the only constant within Habitat for Humanity is change. RV Care-A-Vanners now number 2,500 rigs, who choose from more than 130 builds each year. In order to maintain a high level of service, we are integrating emerging communications technology into updated procedures. The enhancements listed below are either already in place or will be in the near future.

Please feel free to e-mail or call with your questions, comments and suggestions.

Expanded Web site and monthly E-mail Updates. See details in the articles to the right.

New brochure. The Care-A-Vanner program has a newly updated, full-color brochure. Call or e-mail to receive a supply to carry with you. They are a great way to spread the word about RV Care-A-Vanners.

Habitat brand identity. On May 1 Habitat for Humanity International unveiled a new, internationally recognizable logo, which you will soon begin to see on our communications. Leaders making nametags or window plaques containing a Habitat logo should contact me for a new logo template and usage instructions.

Build Sign ups. You will notice multiple sign-up dates in this issue's build schedule. This change will make it easier for you to get through on sign-up days.

Safe travels, Linda Walden, RV Coordinator

Monthly E-mail Updates Are Coming Your Way...

The first RV Care-A-Vanner E-mail Update should have hit your e-mail inbox on May 7. The inaugural issue was sent to all Care-A-Vanners for whom we



have a valid e-mail address. If you have e-mail access and did not receive the update, your e-mail address must not be current in our database. If you would like to receive these monthly e-mail updates, visit the Care-A-Vanner Web site (see article below) to subscribe online or contact the RV Coordinator.

Each update provides RV Care-A-Vanners with information about special-needs building opportunities, short-notice builds that were not available for publication in the most recent newsletter, advertised builds that are in dire need of RV Care-A-Vanner volunteers and other information of special interest to Care-A-Vanners.

When the newsletter is mailed, the next E-mail Update will contain notification and a link for online viewing. Recipients who do not wish to receive future e-mail updates can unsubscribe online.

Visit www.habitat.org/rv



It's here! And it's easy to locate and navigate. The RV Care-A-Vanner Web site has been redesigned, expanded and enhanced to include pages listing ongoing builds, all currently scheduled builds, online access to the Care-A-Vanner newsletter, instructions for signing up for builds and links for donating online to Care-A-Vanners and subscribing to the new monthly E-mail Update list. Just enter the url www.habitat.org/rv or go to the HFHI home page (www.habitat.org) and click *Get Involved* and then *RV Care-A-Vanners*. You are sure to appreciate the new look and functionality. Try it, it's fun!



RV Care-A-Vanner Homecoming 2005

Sign up immediately for these 2005 builds!



East Central Minnesota HFH	Braham, Minn.	July 17-July 30
HFH South Central Minnesota	\$\$ Mankato, Minn.	Aug. 7-Aug. 20
HFH Shasta Cascade	Redding, Calif.	Sept. 4-Sept. 17
HFH Waterloo-Kitchener	Waterloo, Ontario	Sept. 11-Sept. 24
HFH of Madison County	\$ (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
Greater Richmond Area HFH	\$ Richmond, Ind.	Oct. 2-Oct. 15
HFH of East St. Tammany	Slidell, La.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
Merrimac Valley HFH	Lawrence, Mass.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
Leland HFH	Leland, Miss.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
Salem County HFH	Salem, N.J.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
HFH of Russell County	Phenix City, Ala.	Oct. 23-Nov. 5
Flint River HFH	Albany, Ga.	Oct. 30-Nov. 12
Houston County 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

Sign up for these builds starting at 10 a.m. (ET) on Aug. 2

HFH of Lee County	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Oct. 2-Oct. 16
HFH of South Central Minnesota	\$\$ Mankato, Minn.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ Sebring, Fla.	Oct. 9-Oct. 22
Mesilla Valley HFH	Las Cruces, N.M.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
Chatham County HFH	Siler City, N.C.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
HFH of Goldsboro-Wayne	Goldsboro, N.C.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
Rockbridge Area HFH	\$\$ Lexington, Va.	Oct. 16-Oct. 29
HFH of Lee County	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Oct. 16-Oct. 30
Sea Island HFH	Johns Island, S.C.	Oct. 23-Nov. 5
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
HFH of Coachella Valley	\$\$ Cathedral City, Calif.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ (WBA) Sebring, Fla.	Nov. 6-Nov. 19
Highlands County HFH	\$\$ Sebring, Fla.	Nov. 27-Dec. 10
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Dec. 4-Dec. 17

New Schedule Format

This newsletter contains three separate schedules, each with a different sign-up date.

- **Left:** sign up immediately.
- **Below left:** sign up after 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2.
- **Right:** Sign up after 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 4.

BUILD REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 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 a replacement from the waitlist.

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.

Schedule Legend

(MG) March Gladness
 (BB) Blitz Build
 (WBA) Women Build America
 \$ \$5 or less daily parking fee.
 \$\$ \$10 or less daily parking fee.
 \$\$\$ >\$10 daily parking fee.

Sign up for 2006 builds starting

↓ 10 a.m. (ET) on Aug. 4 ↓

Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Jan. 8-Jan. 21
Jim Wells HFH	Alice, Texas (3 wks)	Jan. 8-Jan. 28
Bayou HFH	\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	Jan. 15-Jan. 28
Flagler HFH	\$\$ Bunnell, Fla.	Jan. 22-Feb. 4
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Jan. 29-Feb. 11
Mason County HFH	Mason County, Texas	Feb. 12-Feb. 25
Bayou HFH	\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4
HFH of Russell County	Phenix City, Ala.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Feb. 19-Mar. 4
Jim Wells HFH	Alice, Texas (3 wks)	Feb. 26-Mar. 18
Greenwood Area HFH	(MG) Greenwood, S.C.	Mar. 5-Mar. 18
HFH of St. Augustine/St. John	St. Augustine, Fla.	Mar. 5-Mar. 18
HFH of Lee County	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Mar. 5-Mar. 19
HFH of Russell County	(MG) Phenix City, Ala.	Mar. 5-Mar. 18
Indian River HFH	Vero Beach, Fla.	Mar. 12-Mar. 25
HFH of Lee County	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Mar. 19-Apr. 2
Columbus Area HFH	(MG) Columbus, Ga.	Apr. 2-Apr. 15
HFH of South Brevard County	\$\$ Melbourne, Fla.	Apr. 2-Apr. 15
Rockbridge Area HFH	\$\$ Lexington, Va.	Apr. 2-Apr. 15
Bayou HFH	\$\$ Thibodaux, La.	Apr. 9-Apr. 22
Chatham County HFH	Siler City, N.C.	Apr. 16-Apr. 29
HFH of Effingham County	Guyton, Ga.	Apr. 16-Apr. 29
HFH of Russell County	Phenix City, Ala.	Apr. 16-Apr. 29

New Zealand 2006



Now is the time to begin planning for the annual Care-A-Vanner build trip to New Zealand. While specifics are not yet finalized, the team will travel and build on both North and South Islands during the month of May. The trip will include Type C RV rental, RV park fees, major attractions, ferry tickets and some meals. **Please call on or after Aug. 2 to sign up, even if you are on last year's waitlist.**

ONGOING BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact these affiliates directly if interested in building with them. Please report hours worked to the HFHI RV desk. Organized build groups take precedence over drop-in RV volunteers.

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

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

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

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

HFH of Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Mont. Contact Cindy Hamon or Jennifer Frank at (406) 388-8225 or info@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 Russell County, Phenix City, Ala. Contact Fred Kowalski at (334) 297-2174 or habitat_russellcounty@earthlink.net.

HFH of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Contact Lynn Morris at (205) 349-4620, Ext. 9, or l Morris@hfhtuscaloosa.org.

HFH of Valencia County, Belen, N.M. Contact Gayle Romeo at (505) 864-3033 or gromeo@habitatvalencia.org.

Highlands County HFH, Avon Park, Fla. Standard and Women Builds. 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.

Koinonia Partners Inc., Americus, Ga. The birthplace of Habitat for Humanity needs help year-round. Call (877) 738-1741.

Mesilla Valley HFH, Las Cruces, N.M. September through May. Contact the office at (505) 525-0475 or mvfhf@zianet.com.

Milledgeville/Baldwin County HFH, Milledgeville Ga. Contact Wesley Nunn at (478) 453-9617 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, (252) 908-0407 (c) or habitat@rockymountnc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RV Care-A-Vanners HopeBuilders

Al and Janet Awtrey — Stan and Pat Berndt — Virginia Berridge — Homer and Mary Lou Brown — Don Brumbaugh — Russell and Carol Burbank — Gary and Sandy Dode — Al and Charlotte Halber — Greg and Karen Harbage — Jack and Colette Holm — Wayne and Dee Krause — Gus and Cathy Mendez — Jud Mygatt Vivian Peters — Eckles and Vera Phillips — Lou and Rosa Pratt — Rich and Vera Pringle — Earl and Ruth Ruitter — Jay and Joyce Rush — Ron and Suzanne Shillfarth — J.J. and Peggy Williams — Joe and Terri Wirtz

These Care-A-Vanners donate monthly to HopeBuilders, HFHI's automatic monthly withdrawal program. To support the Care-A-Vanner's work through HopeBuilders, enroll online via the Care-A-Vanner Web site www.habitat.org/rv or contact the RV coordinator at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446.

Donations and Memorials

Ron and Judy Bell
Anna Belveal
George and Wanda Bossio
Loren and Donna Burkett
Cecil and Rita Cowan
Mica Deangelis and Barry Mansfield
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Dennis and Nancy Hill
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John and Carol Lee
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Alfred and Rita Mannebach
Aldo and Linda Martinez
John and Patricia Militzer
Harold Miller
Robert and Sara Nichols
The Oconto Women's Club
Lindon and Leslie Onstad
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Mike and Barb Pickering
Kirby and Sue Prickett
James and Sue Ann Roberts
Lowell and Carole Russell
Deborah Ryder and Russell Brofer
The Simon family
Wayne and Jeanette Wallace
Curtis and Sybil Wilkinson

In memory of George Blanford

From the Ruth Blanford family:

Desiree Hancock — Susan Huey
Dennis Blanford — Darryl Blanford
Ruth A. Blanford



Spamblockers ☹

Team Members: If you have a spam-blocker on your e-mail, call the Care-A-Vanner office for your team leaders' e-mail address, so you can unblock it before they contact you.

Help Needed...

RV Care-A-Vanners are always needed to assist with clerical, administrative and data entry tasks in the Care-A-Vanner office in Americus, Ga., especially during newsletter publication time—January, April, July and October. If interested in spending a few days, a week or even longer in Americus helping make the Care-A-Vanner program work, contact Linda at (800) 422-2848, Ext. 2446. RV parking is provided.

Fund and Build 2006

Habitat for Humanity's 30th anniversary will be celebrated during the summer of 2006. David Minich, director of the Global Village department, and a number of members have suggested that the RV Care-A-Vanners celebrate the occasion by funding and building an anniversary house. We expect the location to be in the southeast. This is a significant undertaking. Please contact the RV coordinator if you are willing to help raise the funds and raise the walls for an anniversary house.

Unique Building Opportunities

Watch and Build

The Pomona Valley HFH affiliate is looking for one Care-A-Vanner rig to park on the site of their six-week, six-house Claremont build to begin Oct. 1, 2005. The Care-A-Vanner will provide an overnight presence at the site as well as join local volunteers in building. Electric and water hookups will be provided with a dump off site. Claremont is located in southern California's Inland Valley. If you are interested in volunteering for part of the time or the whole six weeks, please contact the affiliate's volunteer coordinator, Carol McClung, at (909) 596-7098, Ext. 205, or e-mail ctorres@habitatpv.org.

Mini-Blitz

The Kitsap County affiliate in Bremerton, Wash. needs your help for a mini-blitz Aug. 5-9, 2005. The goal is to have the house weather tight in five days. Regular work hours with locals. Lunch included. Stay at church with electric hookups. Contact Barb Gabriel at (360) 479-3558 or volunteercoor@kitsaphabitat.org.

Team Leaders' Corner

At the RV Care-A-Vanner reunion in Saginaw, Mich., we conducted two focus groups — one for all reunion attendees and the other for team leaders. Based on those discussions, the pre-build packet —



roster and materials — will now be sent out approximately three months before each build. Leaders should contact the affiliate as soon as they receive the packet (if they haven't already) so that they are prepared to communicate details to team members at least eight weeks prior to the build start date. We are communicating electronically where possible, so please let me know if you would like to receive your pre-build team leader packets via e-mail. In the next few months, letters will be sent to all team leaders soliciting input on various team leader subjects.

Welcome New Leaders

A big "thank you" to the following Care-A-Vanners who have agreed to become team leaders:

TY and Judy Emerson
Marti and Rose Jenkins
John and Joanne Perri
Dennis and Kathy Peters
Paul and Marilyn Tanzer
JJ and Penny Williams

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

APPLAUSE for Bernie and Audrey Ussery, who led the RV Care-A-Vanner Homecoming JCWP build in Saginaw, Mich.

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Participation in Care-A-Vanner 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-Vanner 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.