

HABITAT FAMILY CREATES NEW LIFE

Barbara and her seven children are a sight to see: warm, affectionate, and very loving with each other. As homeowners for more than five years, they are the epitome of what makes the Habitat for Humanity program the success that it is! When they were forced to flee their home because of an abusive environment, they ended up living with relatives in a small three bedroom home without a shred of privacy.

“Habitat helps people be better people – encouraging them to excel, to be independent, to be creative, but most of all, to succeed.”

When Barbara’s boss at work, John, told her about the Habitat program, it only took 30 seconds before making the call that would change her life. John has been effusive in talking about how much fun their whole department had in working together to help Barbara earn her sweat equity hours.

Today, Barbara and her children are thriving. She tears up when she talks about how much she loves her

home, because it is a haven for her children and it provides her with the freedom that was missing from her former life.

The kids are growing up and pursuing their dreams: one is a contractor, another is in college, and one is in school studying criminal justice. Her younger children are doing well in school. She’s proud of the fact that she can take care of her kids on her own and she’s very grateful to all the volunteers and donors who made this dream a reality for her.

If you know of someone – a relative, friend, co-worker, church acquaintance, neighbor, or employee – who might benefit from a Habitat home, please have them call 956-3456 x5. We would be happy to talk with them about the possibilities!



A fresh start in a new Habitat home.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Please come celebrate with us at our DEDICATION for the completion of our 15 home Fairview Cottage site on Saturday, December 11th at 10 a.m. 1800 Fairview Street. For more information, please contact Susan Newman 360-956-3456 x5.

Visit the ReStore!

Help reduce waste in the landfills by supporting the ReStore and utilizing our recycled building materials. Open Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saving Money, Building Homes

HABITAT AUCTION A MAJOR SUCCESS!

Thank you to all guests, volunteers, sponsors and supporters that made our 4th Annual Blueprints & Blue Jeans Dinner and Auction a rousing success Saturday, October 2nd!

Not only did everyone have a great evening, enjoying the wonderful food, program and auction festivities, we also raised enough money to build an entire Habitat for Humanity house for a low-income working family in Thurston County!

A special thank you to our generous event sponsors, Olympia Federal Savings, Anchor Bank, HomeStreet, Titus-Will, the matching “fund a need” sponsors, WSECU, McGladrey Inc., and Pete Mattich, State Farm Insurance agent and our table sponsors, Armour Vickerman, PLLC., Justin Long, The Rader Family and Sea-slug Consulting.

All of us here at South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity are inspired by the dedication and hard work of all the volunteers that made our dinner and auction such a success. Thank you!



SPS Habitat board member Greg Hinkle and HomeStreet Bank colleagues have a fun evening at the auction.

Making home ownership a reality for low-income families through partnership, community support and hard work.

Habitat Homeowner Honored to Help

New partner family Amanda and her four children will be moving into their home at the Fairview Cottages near the end of this year. This is an excerpt from Amanda's ongoing blog of her experiences with Habitat and her story of their journey to get their house built.

"On October 2, 2010, I was given the opportunity to volunteer for SPS Habitat for Humanity's annual dinner and auction. It was an AMAZING event and even working as a volunteer I had a wonderful time! The people at the event were pumped and you could seriously feel the energy in the room.

I certainly feel it is an event that all partner families should experience.

It was important to me to see and meet people in the community that believe in and support Habitat for

Humanity. The event was probably the fanciest event I have ever been to. Even though it was fancy it was loaded with fun. The room was consistently filled with laughter.

I feel very honored that I was asked and able to participate in the event. My house will be built by December 2010, however I already plan on working at this event every year. I encourage those in the community to attend next years Blue Prints & Blue Jeans Dinner and Auction because you will experience something AMAZING!!!!"



Habitat homeowner Amanda Allard volunteering at the recent Blueprints & Blue Jeans Auction.

The Gingerbread Cottages are Coming!

Please accept this Invitation to enter the 2010 Gingerbread Holiday Cottages Competition sponsored by Timberland Bank. This is a fun, family-friendly kickoff to the holidays!

When? Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27-28, 12-5p.m.

Where? The Olympia Ballroom above the Urban Onion in downtown Olympia

In 2009, 31 cottages were displayed and over 2000 people visited the event.

Please visit us online for details and to complete your entry form: www.sps Habitat.org/events

Message From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Five years ago our Fairview Cottage neighborhood was a wooded lot and a set of plans. Today we are completing the final two homes of this fifteen home owner-occupied affordable housing development with our last two families set to move into their homes in early December.

These 15 homes in Fairview came together only through the hard work, compassion and dedication of over 650 selfless volunteers who made it happen. Of course when we finish Fairview our work is not done, we are moving directly into Tumwater to begin our five home cottage development, Shepherd's Grove. We're calling the project Shepherd's Grove in honor of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd where this affiliate got its start in a spare room twenty-one years ago.

Currently we are in the early planning stages of developing a multi-site project in Lacey that could result in the construction of 35-40 affordable cottage style homes. Over the next ten years we will be building 5 homes in Shepherd's Grove in Tumwater, then 5-6 homes a year in Lacey while also building 2-3 homes a year in the southern cities (Tenino, Grand Mound/Rochester, Bucoda and Rainier.) And by us, I mean you, because it takes everyone, whether holding a hammer; serving on a committee; helping with a fundraiser; volunteering in our store or working one-on-one with our partner families, you get this important job done. Many thanks.

Working together,

Curt



Executive Director, Curt D. Andino