

A Dedication on Patricia Lane

by Sue Getzin



Assem, Mariam, Mohamed, Fatima

John and I feel so fortunate to have been the family partners for Mohamed and Mariam and their kids, Assem and Fatima on their journey toward a safe and affordable home that they can one day call their own. From the moment that they were accepted into the program, they have grabbed every opportunity to volunteer their time toward their sweat equity hours and to complete all the requirements to move along in the process. Their infectious smiles quickly close any language barrier and their untiring work ethic is a true testimony to their desire to succeed in all they do. Throughout the process, they have



The Completed Homes

been thankful and gracious for even the smallest gift, or even gesture, they have received. Without fail, the first question from their mouths, after a heartfelt thank you, is to ask how they can give back.

Their ever present optimism belies the circumstances that brought them to the United States and ultimately, to Boise. At the dedication of their new home, Mohamed alluded to their arduous journey fleeing to Egypt from the carnage their family endured in Darfur. After seven years in Egypt, they were finally able to gain refugee status and come to the United States. With a heavy heart for the close family members they have lost, Mohamed blessed his home in a traditional reading from the Koran and thanked Habitat for Humanity and all those who so generously have helped them.

The wonderful contributions toward the achievement of their

dreams could not go unnoticed. The day of the dedication brought an outpouring of support from friends, family, businesses and community members. I talked with several workers from the IDOC crew who helped build the home, and they were appreciative for the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy project, to have had the opportunity to gain marketable work skills and felt fortunate to participate in the dedication to see the project come full circle.

Habitat for Humanity embodies what is wonderful about our community. It reaches out to those in need and calls on all of us to give what we can, in whatever way that we can, to improve our community. John and I have gained so much from our experience as family partners including a family that we are blessed to call our new friends. Congratulations to Mohamed, Mariam, Assem and Fatima -- enjoy your new home!



Family Partners John & Sue Getzin welcome the family to their new home



Department of Correction helped build it and helped dedicate it



Mohamed Mohamed speaks of his gratitude



Congratulations from the Executive Director



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Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and our community to provide decent, affordable homes and to promote responsible homeownership for people in need

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President's Corner



Pat Haas, President
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By now we are all getting tired of seeing the latest depressing economic news. Every day there seems to be an indicator that the economy has bottomed out and things are beginning to get better followed by another

report that, no, things are still bad and not likely to improve anytime soon. If we are not personally affected by the recession we all have friends or neighbors that have lost their job or gotten reduced hours or seen a sizable portion of their business go away or even had to close their small business.

It is a sober reminder that even in a rich country like ours there are still difficulties faced by many people. It's a reminder that there are many families in need. Habitat plays an important role in helping families here in Ada County and around the world. Habitat fills a unique position in the community – there are other programs that help people purchase homes or give them

help with rent assistance but only Habitat allows families at the lower end of the income scale and in need of decent housing to become proud homeowners.

We help families become homeowners through a lot of hard work – the sweat equity that the families put in, the efforts of many, many volunteers, our partnerships with the building trades and the professional leadership of our Habitat staff make it happen.

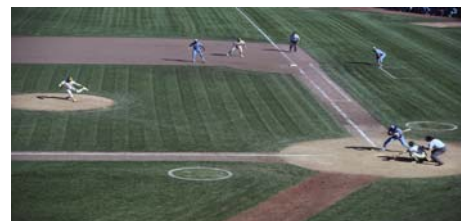
It also takes a lot of financial support. Boise Valley Habitat will build five new homes this year and that's a lot of lumber and nails, insulation and siding and all the other materials that go into creating a new home. In difficult times it is tempting to cut back on our charitable giving but we should remember that people need help more than ever. Habitat needs your help. Please remember what we do at Habitat and the families that we work with and help us with a generous donation so we can build even more new homes.

Thank you.

Boise Hawks First Pitch

by Helen Shepherd

After a number of phone calls and much arranging, Thrivent representative, Todd Kraft hosted Muktar and Hamadi Mberwa at the Boise Hawks game Sunday June 21, 2009.



The boys are the two oldest sons of Dadiri Nuro & Fatuma Haji, the Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity family who will purchase the Thrivent Builds home currently under construction on Humanity Lane.

Muktar and Hamadi, were "chauffeured" to Hawks stadium by their Habitat family partner, Helen Shepherd. Todd met them and took

the boys for the rest of the evening buying not only their admission tickets but many hamburgers, chili dogs and soft drinks. Muktar was introduced at midfield and threw the first pitch of the game and was awarded the ball to keep. Todd gave another new ball to Hamadi and Seattle Mariners ball caps to both boys. Muktar and Hamadi will always treasure these new American memories as they virtually glowed with excitement as Todd took them home.

Director's Corner

A Garden Party, A Building Permit & A Couple of Miracles



Tom Lay
Executive Director

On July 9 FarWest Garden and Landscape Center hosted the Third Annual Garden Party in support of Boise Valley Habitat for

Humanity – wine from Woodriver Cellars, food from Life's Kitchen, music by James Barrett—all in a gorgeous setting at their State Street location.

Approximately 90 attendees enjoyed conversation and relaxation on a beautiful summer evening. The nearly fifty auction items included planters,

fountains, garden furniture and maybe the finest pair of garden shears I have ever seen.

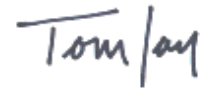
This is a unique and very appropriate venue for a Habitat fundraiser. You can meet friends and co-workers, enjoy a light dinner, and explore the FarWest nursery to find something special for your home. So mark your calendar for Thursday, June 10, 2010. It will be a great way to start your summer. Oh, the little miracle? After several weeks of blazing heat we enjoyed an evening with a light overcast and a comfortable 85 degrees...Perfect!

Miracle Number Two. Construction has begun on Humanity Lane! Truly a miracle in and of itself. But I'm referring to a little miracle that is repeated every weekend on Habitat for

Humanity build sites.

Every Saturday 15 to 20 people from many different backgrounds meet at 8:00am, share a cup of coffee, a prayer, and then go to work to help some perfect strangers. Everyone works hard and at the end of the day a house begins to take shape. After about twenty repetitions of this process a deserving Habitat family's life is transformed with a home of their own. All of this due to a small group of people who decided that they would sacrifice some of their time for the benefit of their community and a family they hardly know. A miracle, indeed.

Thank you all for what you contribute to Habitat and our community.



Board of Trustees Welcomes Dennis Robinson

Born in Moscow, raised in Homedale and graduated from the University of Idaho - Dennis Robinson is a true Idaho native.

With a degree in Architecture, Dennis worked for several Boise area architectural firms and obtained his architectural license. In 1976 he joined Walter Opp Construction where he became involved with construction as an estimator and project manager.

Two years later he and his brother-in-law started CM Company with the backing of Brennan Construction of Pocatello. Since 1977 their firm has focused on constructing both private and public commercial building projects including Capitol Plaza, University Quay, Rocky Mountain High School, South Junior High School and the relocation of the synagogue for Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel.

Dennis and his wife Nancy have three grown children, two married boys and one single daughter, who all live in

Boise. "At this time, much to my wife's chagrin, we have no grandchildren."

Dennis and Nancy had been aware of Habitat for a number of years and were interested in its work. After attending several talks about Habitat given at their church, Dennis joined the small group formed at the church to volunteer and support Habitat. Their parish was one of the sponsoring churches of the Apostle Build. As a result of the Apostle Build Dennis joined the Faith Relations Committee, worked on site at the Apostle Build home. After meeting Dennis McCoy and many of the Construction Committee members he joined the Construction Committee. Since then he has worked as a crew leader.

Dennis feels that Habitat provides opportunities to help people improve their lives through their own efforts coupled with the efforts of others. Meeting new people and working with them to achieve a positive end result is an important part of aspect of Habitat for Dennis.

When asked what it is about Habitat that makes him feel like being a part of it Dennis said, "One of the most rewarding aspects of any construction project is the



Dennis Robinson

ability to walk away from the job and see tangible results of your efforts." Even though he has been involved with construction for almost 40 years "Habitat has given me an opportunity to learn skills I do not use in my 'day job'." The bottom line is he believes in the organization's vision of providing decent affordable housing and he appreciates the chance to give back to the community.

"Thanks for the opportunity to work with Habitat and your confidence that I can be a contributing member of the Board of Trustees – I will do my best to support the affiliate's goals. "

So How Does ReStore Work?



ReStore operates in an 11,000 square foot retail space on the SE corner of Overland and Five Mile in southwest Boise and is open to the public six days a week. All of the essentials of the operation were derived from reuse and recycling - store fixtures, displays, equipment, and vehicles were obtained through donation and purchase of used materials otherwise destined for the landfill or long term storage. Creative reuse of donated materials is evident throughout the store: lumber racks are constructed of wooden headboards salvaged from a hotel remodel, work benches were made from doors that were removed and donated from Albertson's Corporate Headquarters, and our point-of-sale computer system had been excessed by another retail operation.

Customers and donors are assisted by two full-time employees and up to fifteen volunteers working at the store each day. Among the volunteers are men and women of all ages and from all walks of life, as well as Habitat partner families earning sweat equity hours toward future homeownership. Everyone involved with ReStore—donors, customers, employees, and volunteers—work in cooperation to promote conservation and sustainability by keeping serviceable building materials out of the landfill through reuse and recycling.

Donations are received at the store daily and one day a week volunteers pick up larger donations from individuals, wholesalers and retailers using ReStore's renovated moving van or pickup truck. All donations are cleaned, repaired and priced by employees and volunteers before being placed in our retail space for sale to the public.

ReStore has a rigorous recycling policy. In-store waste, including

cardboard, paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum is all recycled using an efficient storage and transport system established by one volunteer and supported by all individuals associated with ReStore. Paint, solvents, pesticides, fluorescent lights, electronics, and all other hazardous wastes are isolated and disposed of according to established procedures. Partnership with a local entrepreneur handles all metal items, including appliances that are unusable or unsalable.

ReStore estimates that nearly 1500 tons of waste has been diverted from landfills during the first year and a half of operation.

Operation of the ReStore is only possible because of the generous commitment of volunteers, an estimated 200 individuals since work began to establish the business. Many of our volunteers began as customers who embrace the recycling and reuse ethic of ReStore and enjoy the upbeat, creative atmosphere of the store. Others have come through previous involvement with the affiliate. Groups from University of Idaho, St. Luke's Hospital, and others have contributed time to ReStore. Individuals serving court-ordered community service are also valuable contributors to ReStore's mission.

Given the basic mission of Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity—to provide decent affordable homes and to promote responsible homeownership for people in need in Ada County—Restore provides financial support for building decent affordable homes that are energy efficient, reduce air pollution, use reclaimed and recycled building materials, and provide healthy and sustainable housing.

Thrivent® Builds



by Jim James

This summer a national fraternal benefit organization is investing in affordable housing in our community. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit financial services company providing insurance and investment products. Funds that it would otherwise pay in taxes are plowed back into communities through the volunteer efforts of its members. Thrivent Builds is a four-year, \$125 million alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International.

Thrivent Builds is paying 65% of the cost of the home Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity is building with the Nuro family. The Nuro home is the first home being built in the Humanity Lane subdivision on North Maple Grove. It is one of 311 in the nation being built through the Thrivent Builds program.



Work crew from King of Glory Lutheran Church at Thrivent Builds site

Local Lutheran congregations are part of the team in the Thrivent Builds program. They are providing 10% of the construction cost of the home in addition to at least half of the volunteer labor. The congregations are also providing site hosts and lunches. Congregational members can also volunteer at Habitat's ReStore to earn credit for the valley churches' share.

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Meet the Garcia de Alba Family

by Marilee Fuller



Oscar and Maria Guadalupe (Lupe) are faithful volunteers at ReStore. They are there every Saturday and have become a real part of the enterprise--Oscar gets excited when new merchandise comes in.

Oscar and Lupe wed in March of 2006 and have a two year old daughter, Veronica. They are both from the state of Jalisco in Mexico. Oscar is the third of nine children, and first came to Southern California 20 years ago to work in a restaurant. Lupe had vacationed in Boise a couple of times, visiting her brother and a sister who live here, before moving here herself three years ago. They love the small town atmosphere of Boise. Oscar works for Davey Tree Service, mainly on contracts with Idaho Power.



Veronica, Oscar & Maria (Lupe)

They will visit Guadalajara this summer to spend three weeks with family. Lupe's parents and brother live in Jalisco, while Oscar has his mother, four sisters and two brothers living there (another sister is in Seattle and a brother lives in the Bay area).

Lupe loves to cook, as those attending the Winter Dinner can attest—her huge pot of tamales was a

hit! Some of her other specialties are carne asada, camarones, pan and mole. The family lives in a tiny apartment, but they enjoy spending free time in the parks of Boise, especially Ann Morrison Park.

They attend St. Mary's Church every Sunday and have made many friends there, including Juan and Maria Moreno, who introduced them to Habitat. Oscar and Lupe completed the Habitat application in June of 2008.

Owning their own home is a dream, and Oscar says he will cry for three days on realizing that dream with his Habitat home. Over a year has elapsed for Garcia de Albas without a lot assignment, but Oscar isn't anxious. "I've waited over 20 years for my own home, so one more doesn't matter."

Tour de ReStore

by Carol Boss

While some retirees caravan their RVs from state to state during the summer, one Idaho native pedaled his way the entire length of Idaho to benefit local Habitat for Humanity (HfH) affiliates.

Jim Duffield (aka "Duff") grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, attended college in Moscow, Idaho, and served in the US Air Force, until he retired as a Major. He now lives in Mount Vernon, WA with his wife Linda and dog Max. To say Duff is dedicated to Habitat for Humanity and affordable housing issues is an understatement. He served on the Board of Directors of Skagit HfH for six years, was President of the Board for the past three years and currently chairs the Family Support Committee of that Habitat affiliate.

Going the distance for a cause is nothing new for Duffield. In 2006, he walked 410 miles across Washington state. During his trek he held interviews with local radio and TV crews, met volunteers at Habitat ReStores and Habitat construction sites, and raised money for affiliates along the route. "I walked for a month and my feet hurt ... a lot."



Jim Duffield (aka "Duff")

Duff was on wheels for his latest endeavor to raise money and awareness for Habitat. He pedaled his recumbent bike the entire length of Idaho, pulling a trailer loaded with gear and his wirehaired dachshund Max.

The journey officially began on June 25 on the Idaho-Utah border. Duff camped, stayed at hotels and homes of Habitat friends. He mastered the nuances of riding a recumbent bike with 27 gears, made good use of his GPS unit, listened to music on his iPod and enjoyed the beauty of his home state at the comfortable pace of about 40 miles a day. Along the way, Duffield worked with 10 Habitat affiliates, participating in public appearances, making presentations and having "man-on-the-street" interactions in order to share



Michael, Duff and Jeff - ready to ride!

information about Habitat's mission and to encourage new volunteers and donors. "I told the affiliates that I'd do just about anything they need - as long as it's legal."

In Boise, after an interview with Fox 12 News, Duff made the 22 mile ride from the Boise ReStore to the Caldwell ReStore with Boise ReStore manager Jeff Phelps and BVHfH family partner Michael Hobson along for the trip.

"People ask if it's been fun and I tell them that's not a word I would use" said Duffield. "It's been interesting, it's been challenging, it's been rewarding, for actually planning it and carrying it off."

Duff reached the Canadian border, 29 days and 1,055 miles after he began his journey.

Read daily blogs from Duff's trek at: duffbikesforhabitat.blogspot.com

Committee News

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

RICK SIMON, CHAIR

The Construction committee is excited about beginning work on Humanity Lane. We've got five sites we can build on. We expect to start framing our first two units in August, and the Meridian H.S. students will begin work on a third in September.

To help prepare for these and future builds, the committee continues to work on quick reference sheets for the various building tasks. So far, Jim

James has developed drafts for plates, framing, and roof decking for final committee review. As we complete different parts of the initial houses, we'll draft reference sheets for each.

We've recruited several more Crew Leads who will be on site during our build days to help guide volunteers and ensure they have a safe, productive, and enjoyable experience.

Meet Our Volunteer Coordinator



As if over 150 volunteer hours at ReStore was not enough, last May Sarah Waltman stepped right up to the plate and took on the grand task of coordinating construction volunteers at the Humanity Lane build sites.

This means working out the scheduling for individuals and groups of all kinds while staying in very close contact with the Habitat office and attending weekly meetings with Habitat staff and the Thrivent Chapter Specialist.

Sarah got off to a rocky start, through no fault of her own, as we had setbacks, disappointments and delays aplenty - it seemed as if we would never start building. But Sarah remained steadfast when those less courageous might have fled.

We applaud her perseverance and we are so grateful for her hard work. Way to go, Sarah!

FAMILY SUPPORT

MARILEE FULLER, CHAIR

Family partners continue to mentor our prospective homeowners as they complete their journey to homeownership. Here is an overview of where our partner families stand:

Homes completed:

Lynne Noseworthy, 2 bedroom townhome, dedicated 5/31/09

Mohamed Mohamed & Mariam Abdalla, 3 bedroom townhome, dedicated 5/31/09

Katie & Michael Hobson, 3 bedroom existing home, completed 5/23/09

Homes under construction:

Dadiri Nuro & Fatuma Haji, 4 bedroom home, Humanity Lane

Anna & Nikolay Kolodchenko, 4 bedroom home, Humanity Lane

Preliminary Hours Completed, eligible for lot selection:

Maria & Oscar Garcia de Alba

Ali Abdi & Zeinab Khamis

Zarghuna Nodir

& Mohammad Ewaz

Aaron & Corie Edwards

Mari Samad

& Mohammad Zaman

Working toward preliminary hours:

Vera Lapien

Lacee & Daniel Cook

Construction Update

The Maple Grove site has a new name - Humanity Lane - AND WE ARE BUILDING!



9088 W Humanity Lane (Nuro Family):

Foundation and sub-floor are complete, garage floor, driveway, patio and the sidewalk have been poured. Framing began on August 8. Underground utilities have been completed and the property backfilled and graded. USAF crews will work on August 11 & 12. Volunteers are scheduled every weekend through October! (Pictured: Keynetics crew installs sub-floor)



9076 W Humanity Lane (Kolodchenko Family):

Foundation and garage floor have been poured. Underground utilities have been completed and the property backfilled and graded. Boise Cascade and their employees (pictured left) donated materials and installed the floor system. Driveway and other concrete flatwork will be completed in August. Volunteer groups are scheduled every weekend through October.



9064 W Humanity Lane (Meridian School District build):

Foundation and garage floor have been poured. Front porch, driveway and other concrete flatwork will be completed in August. Underground utilities have been completed and the property backfilled and graded. High school students in the residential construction classes will begin work on site on September 2nd.

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You've made an important decision to be a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. Helping a family obtain a safe, decent and affordable home is a very gratifying experience, whether you are helping out on the construction site or at ReStore.

Lockton Affinity, the program administrator for the HFH Affiliate Insurance Program, has created an online safety course volunteers can take before arriving at ReStore or on the worksite. The course presents detailed information on a wide range of common safety risks you may encounter.

Visit the website below - everything you need to get started is right there. After you have completed the course you will be asked to enter some information including the name of our affiliate (Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity). This information will be used to notify us once you have completed the training.

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