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NEWSLETTER

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Habitat House #33 Dedication was held on May 21 at "Hamilton Woods" in Coeur d'Alene celebrating the completion of a simple, decent, affordable, and energy efficient home for the Williams family.

Carolyn Williams moved to Coeur d'Alene seven years ago with her three children Matthew, Rebecca and Sara. She was first introduced to the Habitat for Humanity Housing Program via the newspaper August of 2007. Carolyn contacted and completed an application for the Habitat Housing Program in January 2008. She was very happy to receive the news two months later that her family was selected for the program.

Over the last three years, Carolyn has met all the program requirements and is very excited to be purchasing her first home here in North Idaho. Carolyn and her family are looking forward to the stability of home ownership (no longer needing to rent), having a garden and pets, as well as having her friend, Kathy, as a neighbor.



Families are the reason we exist.
They are the focus of our mission.

Eula Hickam, Board Chair, looks on as Greg Nowak, Construction Supervisor, presents Carolyn Williams with the key to her home at the House Dedication



Members of the community listen to presentations at the Home Dedication ceremony for the Williams family.

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is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose objective is to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make a decent shelter a matter of conscience. By bringing together all members of the community to work in equal partnership, HABILITAT hopes to build new relationships and a sense of community as well as new homes.

HABILITAT serves all clients without regard to race, color, ethnic origin, handicap, creed, religion or sex.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

It was about 20 years ago that the first Habitat for Humanity home was completed in Coeur d'Alene! Since then, 32 more have been finished, but we want to celebrate 20 years of helping families in Kootenai County enjoy a better life.

So, we're planning a party – more news to come, but it will be in September. So, plan on attending. We're looking for volunteers, past and current; families; donors and just folks who like to have fun!

Below is an excerpt from a letter to our affiliate from Habitat International announcing Habitat as the 6th largest homebuilder in the U.S.

Habitat for Humanity achieves No. 6 on the 'Builder 100' list

May 10, 2011

Dear Habitat affiliate leader,

Congratulations! Due to the combined building efforts of U.S. affiliates, volunteers and donors, Habitat for Humanity International ranks as the sixth largest homebuilder in the United States, with 6,032 closings in 2010, according to Builder magazine's annual survey. Each year, the magazine compiles information from U.S. builders and lists the top 100.

Even in these difficult times, Habitat's 2010 home closings increased. Through the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative and with Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, affiliates have purchased and rehabilitated foreclosed properties to turn them into affordable housing in partnership with low-income families and to strengthen neighborhoods affected by the current housing market. Habitat helped an additional 2,327 families with repairs to their homes in the United States.

Thank you for always striving to meet the affordable housing needs of families in your local communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Gluth".

Warm regards,

Larry Gluth

Senior vice president, U.S. and Canada Area, Habitat for Humanity International

MESSAGE FROM THE AFFILIATE CHAIR

- Eula Hickam



I was so impressed at the dedication of Carolyn Williams new home held on Saturday, May 21. A great turn out, great weather, and a very happy family!

This was the 30th house where I have been involved in the process. Since 1993 when I saw the first "A Habitat for Humanity House is being built here" sign, this program has been near and dear to my heart! As I've always said, "Where else is there a non-profit that makes such a permanent difference to a family's life?" When a family earns a home that they have helped build and are going to pay for with an interest free mortgage, THEIR LIVES ARE CHANGED FOREVER!"

That's why I stay involved. It is a joy to work with so many good people – volunteers, donors, businesses, government, the list goes on and on. Thanks for all **YOU** are doing to help this worthy cause!



HOUSING PROGRAM

A special thanks to LOWE'S for sponsoring Women Build Week.



At "How to" workshop that Lowe's provided before each build day during National Women Build Week.



"Cut and Paste" has a whole new meaning!



It takes a "team" to work together on building a house. Thank you to Greg Nowak, Construction Supervisor, and to all the volunteers, especially our loyal dedicated construction workers, for all their help.



Kathy French, future homeowner of Habitat House #34 being built at "Hamilton Woods" in CdA looks on with delight as Women Build participants frame walls in May.



Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho appreciates all the volunteers, donors, and contributors who support this affiliate's house building goals and our mission.

Thank You!



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Construction Update

The first of four homes in Hamilton Woods was completed and celebrated with a House Dedication for Carolyn Williams on May 21. Thanks to our many dedicated volunteers, including our Learn to Earn kids, for working hard to make this happen! We are currently building on Habitat House #34 for Kathy French.

Spring has sprung and so has 'A Brush with Kindness' (ABWK), our newest neighborhood revitalization program. After much planning, we are ready to complete the first of our ABWK projects this month. ABWK is a Habitat program being integrated into affiliates nationwide. Here at Habitat North Idaho, we are eager to participate in this program because it enables us to expand our capacity to help those in need of a safe and decent place to live.

Using our current housing model, we are able to extend our services to community members who already own their homes but find themselves needing help with minor exterior repairs and maintenance such as landscaping, spring cleanup, painting, or deck/ ramp construction.

Join us in this new program! We will have a greater impact on our communities, reach more families, utilize more volunteers and help neighbors reclaim the pride and dignity of home ownership.

Those wishing to apply for the ABWK program call our office at (208) 762-4663 or email your request to abwk@northidahohabitat.org. Homeowners qualify by meeting the basic Habitat requirements: demonstrated need, willingness to partner and ability to repay cost of materials.

- Report by Volunteer Coordinator, Katrina Boyer

We would love to save printing and mailing costs by sending correspondence electronically.
Please let us know if you would like to receive our newsletters by e-mail. E-mail us at

OfficeManager@northidahohabitat.org

The Restore is the very thankful recipients of Grant money received from US Bank in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Kootenai Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$1,000.00 and also Spokane Forklift for a \$1,000 donation toward our new forklift. Our old forklift "fondly named Fred" had served us well but we were experiencing frequent repairs. Our new to us (used) forklift is a 1990 Clark.

New Forklift!!!

It is very modern compared to our 1978 Allis Chalmers, the new forklift has a 5000 lb. lift capacity and side shift. We feel very fortunate to have such a nice reliable piece of equipment to help us with our mission here at the ReStore, as a fundraiser to build homes for deserving families.



Old Forklift

"Fred"

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To all of our additional business and individual donors, **THANK YOU** for choosing us when making your donation decision. Without you ALL we couldn't have a successful fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho. - ReStore Manager

Employee Spotlight

Laurie Sadrisabet

Lead Retail Cashier

Laurie has been the FACE of the ReStore for four years. She knows our customers better than anyone else. Laurie is a loyal, dedicated and appreciated employee.

She has learned a lot about everything from plumbing to lumber since she started working at the ReStore. She knows our pricing, donors and customers. Her job is multi faceted; she manages our community service volunteers and works very well with our dedicated volunteer staff and co-workers. She also serves as a customer service representative and cashier.

Eastern Washington University is currently conducting a survey of our customers. Most of those filling out the survey forms mention our helpful and courteous staff as well as our clean and organized store. Our staff is the reason the ReStore has evolved into what it is today. Keep coming in to see what changes are in store for the future!!!

I admire Laurie's dedication to the ReStore and our Mission as a fundraiser to build homes for deserving people.

- Renee' Taylor, ReStore Manager



The staff at the ReStore have been looking forward to spring. Finally donations have started to pick up. Thank you to our donors. We appreciate you thinking of us.



The ReStore women staff and volunteers participated in the Women Build week on Friday May 6th. We had a great time hammering, sawing and measuring to frame and put up walls. A special thanks to the volunteers and staff that stepped up to the plate and wrangled the ReStore so we could go work on a Habitat house.

If you have extra inventory, or items that are just taking up space, we would love to help you out. Give us a call and we can pick up your unneeded items.

We can pick up items

from a garage or yard sale. We take some household items, furniture, working appliances and building supplies from lumber to light fixtures.

We are in need of volunteers to pick up donations, work in the ReStore and help in the warehouse/yard. If you are interested, please give me a call at 762-4352 or our volunteer coordinator Katrina at 762-4663 .

Thanks to our donors, volunteers and customers for helping us in our mission to eliminate poverty housing.

- Renee' Taylor, ReStore Manager

