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# NEWSLETTER

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## Celebrate An Evening in Paris!

An eight foot replica of the Eiffel Tower, a dazzling diamond pendant, a top-brand hunting rifle, custom made Adirondack chairs, and a fun-filled house boat lake cruise. What do these things have in common? They are all auction items at the second annual Habitat for Humanity Hearts for Homes dinner and auction! Join us on Saturday, February 12 at the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn for a fun-filled evening of interactive games, lively bidding, and even a little good-natured ribbing. Emcee Robyn Nance, News Anchor from KXLY 4, will kick off the fun and introduce you to a Habitat family. Rick Sparing, our auctioneer, will lead us through a lively night of bidding and re-bidding, all in an atmosphere with a certain 'je ne sais quoi' (a distinctive, intangible quality, for us non French speakers). You won't want to miss it!

### 'An Evening in Paris'

#### Hearts for Homes Dinner & Auction

Saturday, February 12, 2011

Best Western CDA Inn

5:00 p.m. Social Hour

and Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Live Auction



Robyn Nance



Tickets are \$40 each and are available at the ReStore or our office through February 7. Contact us at (208) 762.4663 or [Habitat@northidahohabitat.org](mailto:Habitat@northidahohabitat.org) today – and don't forget to ask about our *early bird raffle tickets*.

Special thanks to our Major Sponsors who have made this event possible:



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All proceeds will support the construction of simple, decent, affordable homes which are sold to low-income families in Kootenai County at no profit. With your support, we are able to help many families achieve safety, security, and stability through home ownership. Have fun while helping eliminate substandard housing in our community and make affordable shelter a matter of consciousness.

Thanks to our Auction Committee: Rick Shipman, US Bank (Chair); Debbie Lawton-Shipman, NWBDA; Veda Gilbert, Coeur d'Alene Library; Kim Cooper, Select Brokers; Laurie Dixon, Community 1<sup>st</sup> Bank; Marci Schreiber, Habitat Executive Director; Linda Straub, Habitat Volunteer Coordinator.

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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, HABILAT hopes to build new relationships and a sense of community as well as new homes.

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## Executive Director Report: Revitalizing Our Future

by Marci Schreiber

In 1956, anthropologist Anthony F. C. Wallace defined revitalization as a "deliberate, organized, conscious effort by members of a group to create a new culture". As our economic crisis takes its toll on communities, Habitat affiliates are deliberately reorganizing to create a new vision for how we can help low-income families living in substandard housing. This movement, called Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, has challenged us to expand beyond new home construction into preserving existing homes and eventually revitalizing entire communities.

This spring we will be taking our first step in this new direction with a program called **A Brush With Kindness**. ABWK is an exterior home repair program that uses volunteer labor to provide painting, landscaping, and minor repairs for low-income homeowners, including the elderly and disabled. We will work alongside homeowners to make their existing homes more functional, durable, and livable. Would you or your organization like to join in a work day? Do you know a low-income homeowner in need of minor exterior home repairs or home painting? Let us know! We look forward to discovering this new vision with you!

To learn more about the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, visit the national Habitat for Humanity web site at [http://www.habitat.org/env/NRI\\_default.aspx](http://www.habitat.org/env/NRI_default.aspx).



**Women Build Announcement: We plan to build on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday during Women Build week - May 2 through May 7. Contact Habitat to see how you can help. Call 762-4663 or email officemanager@northidahohabitat.org**



Board Chair, Eula Hickam and ReStore Manager, Renee' Taylor hold check for \$1000 grant award from Kootenai Electric Trust to use toward the purchase of a fork lift.

## Message from Board Chair

I'm very excited about the things that are happening at HfH-North Idaho. The ReStore is doing very well - Thanks to Manager Renee' Taylor and her hard working staff! We're working on house #33 and #34 at Hamilton Woods - drop by and see how you could help!

The Heart's for Homes 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction will be taking place on February 12 - will I see you there? You won't have a better time anywhere else in town! Call the office (762-HOME) for more information!

Looking ahead - the coming spring will be bringing a new program for our Affiliate. A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

will be launched - helping more homeowners repair the homes they already live in! More ways to help improve deserving families lives.

Stay tuned - you won't want to miss a thing!

# HABITAT FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM

## Construction Update

***Our Construction Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Please let us know if you'd like to participate.***

***Hamilton Woods.*** The first of four homes in Hamilton Woods is under construction with a completion date of March 2011. Thanks to our many dedicated volunteers, including our Learn to Earn kids, for braving the weather! Construction on the next home will begin in the spring and will be an Apostles Build supported by local churches. If your church might like to help do some building, please let us know.

***Spirit Lake.*** We are eagerly anticipating the day that we can begin building again on our Spirit Lake property. We first need to develop the infrastructure for the three lot parcel. We are gathering bids and raising funds with the hope of having a family living in a new home by the end of 2011. If you'd like to support existing fundraising efforts or if you have an idea of your own, contact us today.

***A Brush With Kindness.*** In the spring of 2011, we will be launching a new program called A Brush With Kindness (ABWK), a home repair program using volunteer labor to paint, landscape, and do minor repairs for low-income homeowners. Do you have experience in exterior home painting or repairs? Do you have a group that would like a short term, hands-on project? Or do you know a low-income family with an exterior home repair need? Let us know!

**You can track our progress on Facebook under 'Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho'!**



Learn to Earn High School Group



January 8: Progress on House 33

***Recruiting Families.*** We are currently recruiting families for our new home construction program in both Coeur d'Alene and Spirit Lake. If you know of a low-income family that does not qualify for traditional home loans but has the ability to repay a no-interest mortgage, please contact our office for more information. We hold Family Orientation meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.



Gerry Smith, Margaret Nelson, Sally Williams, Laurie Sadrisset, Renee' Taylor and (in front) Jason Parker.

The ReStore Staff and I would like to thank our dedicated donors, volunteers and customers. Thanks to you, we earn enough money to build two Habitat for Humanity homes a year. While we exist as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho we also serve the community by diverting tons of material from the landfill. We provide a cost effective alternative for home improvements and offer a friendly opportunity for court ordered/school/community service volunteering. We appreciate your support of our mission.

The slow economy is hindering donations and we can use yours. If you are able to donate to the ReStore, give us a call 208-762-4352. We offer pick-up services several days a week by our volunteer staff of drivers and helpers. Our store is stocked 95% by your generous donations and we are always looking for more volunteers.

If you are a builder/contractor/business owner/homeowner and you don't currently utilize the ReStore as a place to reduce your inventory, clean out your ware-

house or find a new home for unneeded household items (such as furniture, appliances, leftovers from a remodel project), please consider donating to us, we provide you with a receipt that you can give to your tax accountant.

When you are shopping with us, you'll notice that we re-worked the yard and now have access to the yard through the ReStore. We now have designated receiving and loading areas that provide a better experience for the customer and keep us in good graces with our insurance company!

Keep checking the ReStore for bargains; as you know the inventory changes each day.

~ Renee' Taylor, ReStore Manager



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Coming Soon - Habitat's Amazing Race!
The first annual Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho's "Amazing Race" based on the TV show of the same name will be held in September 2011. But planning is starting today! If you would like to help plan or even sponsor this fun event, contact Marci at 762.4663 or marci.schreiber@northidahohabitat.org

Volunteers Needed:

- Family Selection
- Family Support
- ReStore
- Outreach / PR
- Construction
- A Brush With Kindness
- Amazing Race
- Women Build

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