

Habitat Happenings ~ July-August 2010

E-News Clips from Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County

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Greetings Habitat volunteers, donors and friends!

Summer has finally arrived! As summer shines on the Olympic Peninsula, Habitat for Humanity is involved in several community events, fairs, and festivals. You may have seen our “portable jobsite” in the P.A. 4th of July parade, sponsored by our friends at Kitsap Bank.

We had a blast!



The Lavender Festival in Sequim was a first opportunity to have kids involved in the construction of our “Habitot” playhouse (pictured above). A great group of volunteer craftsmen pre-fabricated the structure, and kids and family members got involved in painting shingles. We’ll have a very colorful roof to assemble at our booth at the County Fair in August. This fun little project is helping to raise awareness of what Habitat does, and a few dollars as we raffle it off.

Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet ?!?!

Construction News –

Maloney Heights: Phase I construction is now 100% complete — all the underground work of installing water, sewer, electrical, phone & cable, and stormwater lines is finished. The Serenity House Apartment complex is progressing rapidly, and if you haven’t been out to the site you should swing by to have a look. It’s located off of W. 16th between N and O Streets.

Phase II work has been designed and engineered and is now in plan-review with the city. This phase involves the completion of streets, sidewalks, curbs, storm water retention, and grading of the 14 Habitat homesites. We hope to have this work ready to go out for bid in just a couple of weeks. more →

HFHCC Launches New Website— www.habitatclallam.org

On July 1st we launched a brand new website with a fresh new look and lots of information about the organization, current projects, hot deals available at the HFHStore, and ways that folks can get involved. The structure of the site came from our generous friends at the East Jefferson County Habitat affiliate. Additional development work was donated by Rik Scairpon of R.S.V.P. to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.

You’ll find the new site at www.habitatclallam.org. Click on the info@habitatclallam.org link to send us an email and let us know what you think. Your input is welcome!

Be a part of the solution!

Every family deserves a simple, decent place to live. Here’s how you can help!

- ◆ Donate – send your tax deductible gift to Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County, 728 E. Front St., Port Angeles, WA 98362.
- ◆ Donate – land, vehicles, building materials, or professional services.
- ◆ Shop at our ReStore, or donate gently used items.
- ◆ Volunteer! Serve one to two hours per month on a committee.
- ◆ Speak up! Serve at a Habitat for Humanity community booth advocating for affordable housing!
- ◆ Invite Habitat to speak about our program at your service club, church, or place of business.

Please let us know how you would like to serve with Habitat for Humanity.

Two recently re-acquired houses, one on Maizie Court in Sequim, and the other on Campbell Ave. in P.A. are nearly ready for their new owners. Dave Lyon & Lynn Drake and crews are in the final stages of cleanup and repair, while Dick Chambers is ably leading a dedicated Family Selection committee in the process of identifying our next two partner families. We really look forward to being able to lend a hand up to two deserving new Habitat families.

Help Wanted: We still have several unique volunteer opportunities upcoming. Can you help?

First, the work on our “HabiTOT” playhouse at the Laverder Festival was a rousing success. Kids and families took part in painting shingles—an activity that requires a bit of supervision! At the Clallam County Fair, and again at the Crab Festival, we will continue to paint and then shingle the roof. The playhouse is being raffled off as a fundraiser, so help is also needed to sell tickets. The County Fair is August 19 – 22, and the Crab Festival is October 9-10. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenna Gregory at 681-6780 to sign up for a shift if you can. It’s very fun!

Second, Habitat for Humanity of Jefferson County is still seeking construction volunteers to help with their current houses while we are without a house to work on. They build on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from about 9am to 4pm, and the greatest need is for Saturday volunteers. There are a couple weeks in July/August (July 25-August 8) when they will have Care-A-Vanners helping with the build, and during those weeks they will be working Monday thru Friday. Please let us know if you are interested in participating on a build in Port Townsend, and we will coordinate.

Finally, our HFH Home Improvement Store is looking for dedicated part-time volunteers to help with picking up donations, stocking shelves, and helping customers. If you have a few hours each week to serve Habitat for Humanity in the HFHStore, please call (417-7543) or stop by.

Become A Community Partner!

The donation of time, talents and funds from our business and organization community partners is invaluable to Habitat and helps families in need move from poverty housing to a higher quality of life.

Our community partners do more than help build homes; they are providing hope and a brighter future for families and entire communities around the world. When your organization partners with us, you will receive a number of reciprocal benefits such as recognition and tax deductions. Additionally, our partners often tell us that the partnership provides an overall increase in their group’s morale. Locally, we partner with Kirsch Electric, C&F Insulation, the US Coast Guard, and soon with Estes Builders, to name a few.

We invite your organization to become a partner with Habitat for Humanity in working toward our mission of ending homelessness and substandard housing. Your organization can get involved through:

- Product donations
- Financial support
- Volunteer engagement
- Grants and awards programs

Thanks for considering this unique service opportunity.

Genius begins great works; labor alone finishes them.
- Joseph Joubert

Introducing Jenna Gregory - Volunteer Coordinator

Jenna was born in Arkansas and raised in Michigan and California. When her children were teenagers, she went back to college and became an RN, and while living in Santa Cruz, CA she worked in several hospitals before becoming a home care nurse, a job she loved.

Jenna moved to Port Angeles in 2002 because both of her children had moved to P.A. with their families. She spent the first few years here caring for her 4 grandchildren full time, then decided to return to the workforce.



A flyer for the Senior Community Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) at the local Goodwill store caught her attention and a short time later she was hired and given the opportunity to train as an administrative assistant for several different offices. She started with Habitat for Humanity in November of 2009, and loves her work helping to coordinate our volunteer workforce. We’re glad she’s here!

Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County is a non-profit, ecumenical housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing by providing simple, decent and affordable housing for low-income families through volunteer labor and charitable donations.

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