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Final House Payment



One of the biggest joys for our affiliate is to celebrate a final mortgage payment. In December, the office staff had the privilege of watching this occur. One of our homeowners came into the Habitat office to take care of her final mortgage payment. Her two daughters joyed her, flying in from two different states for this special occasion. They were her support in many ways as the three of them first made a real home together in their Habitat house years ago. The picture shows our executive director, Bruce Hilty, going over the final details of paperwork.

Habitat Guatemala



On May 10, 2018, the Lima Area Habitat for Humanity hosted one of their international partners, Habitat Guatemala. Representing the country was Executive Director, Victor Velazquez and Director of International Resource Development, Makensie Brown. They brought greetings to us from Guatemala and shared valuable information about the country and its needs, especially in decent, affordable housing.

Lima Area Habitat has been a partner with Habitat Guatemala since 2005. During this 13 year partnership, the Lima affiliate has tithed \$98,882. This tithe has impacted over 79 families in Guatemala through the construction of 13 homes, and 66 smokeless stoves, water filters, and hygienic latrines. Please especially keep Guatemala in your prayers as they determine how to move forward after the devastating volcanic eruption. There is information on our website about the relief effort by Habitat Guatemala.

Planning Ahead



It is important for any organization to plan ahead. This is true for us at the Lima Habitat Affiliate, especially for us to not only sustain the work we've done, but to continue to grow in order to help more people. Planning is done on a variety of levels, but we have some exciting new projects coming in the near future. We are especially excited about our Repair Program that will begin this summer. Building a house makes a huge difference for one family, but with our repair program we are hoping to help 20+ families a year. We also want to give a face to our partners. Therefore, we are in the process of creating a mock house (a façade) that will showcase some of our partner families and projects. This will be housed in the lobby of our ReStore. And finally, to enhance our volunteer environment, we are working on plans for a new break room in the ReStore. More details will be coming in the near future.

Volunteer Needs



While we are very grateful for the outpouring of volunteer help in many areas, we are still in **great need** for regular volunteers at the ReStore. Due to a number of changes in government programs in the last year, we have lost a large number of people who normally work with us at the ReStore. Regular volunteers can be people who come in every day to work at the ReStore, but more likely they are people who work 1 or 2 days a week for a set number of hours. There are a variety of jobs that are available to do in the store—cashier, donations pick-up, product preparation, cleaning, maintenance, customer service and more. Whatever you are able to offer will be a gift to us, and especially a gift to those needing affordable, decent housing.

Our mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live

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