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Construction Begins on Three Habitat for Humanity Homes in Salem

Habitat looks to the community for volunteer support during an accelerated build schedule

Salem, Ore., August 10 2011 — Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has broken ground on homes for three Salem-area families and is looking for community support to complete the builds by spring 2012.

To stay on schedule and under budget, Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers, donations and in-kind services. Volunteers of all skill levels ages 16 and older can join Habitat for Humanity on the construction site where they will receive guidance on build site activities. Also, 100% of donations of designated funds and specialized labor will go directly to building these homes. Specialized labor services needed include plumbers, electricians, HVAC installers, concrete finishers, drywallers and more.

Those interested in volunteering or making donations are encouraged to call Habitat for Humanity at (503) 364-6642 or visit www.SalemHabitat.org.

About the Partner Families



The Hale Family- The Cherry City Build

Ryan and Monica Hale and their two children have been selected as our Cherry City Build partner family. The Hales work full time for Youth with a Mission (YWAM) ministry and have led outreach teams in India, China, East Africa, Turkey, Thailand and in the Salem community. They currently live in a 30 year-old mobile home on the YWAM campus and are at a high risk of losing their housing due to overcrowding. Ryan and Monica say Habitat for Humanity is the answer to their prayers and are thankful for the opportunity to partner with Habitat to become homeowners.



The Goetz Family – The Veteran Build

John and Erika Goetz and their two daughters have been selected as our Veteran Build partner family. John, an Army veteran who works full-time in publishing and distribution for the state of Oregon, and Erika, a stay at home mom, are involved in the Awana program at First Baptist Church in Salem and Bible study at Salem Alliance Church. The family currently lives in an older rental home with black mold, sewer septic tank issues and an unresponsive landlord. Besides being unhealthy, the rental is so overcrowded their eldest daughter has to sleep in the garage. The Goetz family is excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity in building a healthy, energy-efficient home near good schools for their daughters.



The Herring Family – The 2011 Faith Build

Courtney Herring and her two daughters have been selected as our 2011 Faith Build partner family. Courtney, who is a single mother, works full time as a grocer. Though the Herrings currently live in decent housing, their neighborhood experiences gang activity including a fatal gang-related shooting in 2010. Besides concern for the safety of her daughters, Courtney is also concerned that their school is not meeting state standards. Courtney is excited to be partnering with Habitat for Humanity and eager to put her hard earned dollars into a home of her own.

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Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has been serving the community since 1991, working in concert with volunteers, donors, and partner families to build decent, affordable homes in Salem, Keizer, Polk County and the greater Stayton area. To date, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has built more than 75 homes, housing more than 300 individuals— including over 200 children.

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide, grass-roots movement. There are more than 2,100 active affiliates in 100 countries, including all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

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