



Habitat for Humanity® Central Arizona

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Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that advocates for the elimination of substandard, poverty shelter by creating partnerships to build, renovate and repair homes for families in need of decent, affordable housing.

A Match Made by Giving

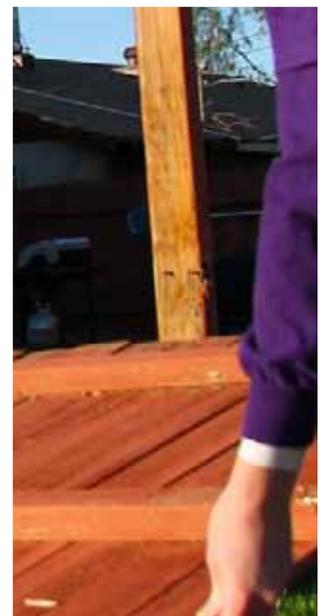
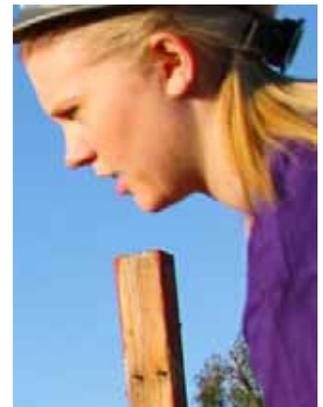
This New Year we kicked off Phase One of the Canyon Corridor Project with **Grand Canyon University (GCU)**. Through the Canyon Corridor Project, GCU and Habitat are teaming together to revitalize homes in the community just south of the GCU campus in west Phoenix.

The Canyon Corridor is home to several thousand residents and generally consists of established neighborhoods situated around GCU's main campus in Phoenix. In Phase One of the project, the university plans to raise \$700,000 for repair and building costs. This two-year long phase is one of four phases.

The official kick off was Saturday, January 24, and celebrated by about 200 GCU students and faculty. First steps in renovation were made to a section of nine homes. The goal is to work on these renovations weekly until completion. All GCU sponsored builds will be closed to GCU student and faculty volunteers.

Though the Canyon Corridor Project will be a significant outreach to the area, GCU has also taken other initiatives to increase neighborhood safety, tutor children and eliminate graffiti in the Canyon Corridor area.

We are excited to continue this unique, multi-year partnership with such a prestigious private Christian university that is committed to serving the local community!



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Another Notable Year

Yet again, we are closing out another memorable year of accomplishments for HFHCAZ. During our fiscal year 2015, we kicked off our first Neighborhood Revitalization projects, including the Phoenix project called **The Canyon Corridor Project in partnership with Grand Canyon University** and the Tempe project called the **Sustainable Neighborhoods for Happiness** in partnership with **Ramsey Social Justice Foundation**, the **City of Tempe**, **Global Sustainability Solution Services - Arizona State University**, **The Happy Neighborhoods Institute** and the **Local Initiatives Support Corporation**.

Our 2015 activities also include the start of our planning and infrastructure work on the **18 unit, Don Carlos development**, building and renovating approximately **40 homes**, serving as an emergency home repair contractor for the cities of Glendale and Chandler and **servicing approximately 75 families** through our home repair business, and the launch of our "contractor for non-profits business".

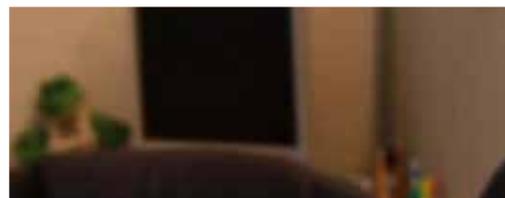
We began the process of further strengthening our organization by creating and then filling **mid-management positions to ensure better continuity** and to add depth to our organizational structure. We have improved our management succession plan and our Board of Directors **recently completed our 2016 – 2020 Strategic Plan**.

I would like to thank all of our Families, Donors, Volunteers, Board Members and Staff. Your generosity, hard work, dedication to the mission and your friendships, along with the many blessings from God, made all of this possible.

Sincerely,



Roger G. Schwierjohn
President/CEO
Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona



New Habitat Homeowners

Amda - Phoenix

Jones Lang LaSalle
US Airways



Lopez — Phoenix

Catholic Coalition
Northeast Valley Lutheran Coalition
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona

Anderson — Phoenix

Wells Fargo



Nhial — Phoenix

PCL
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona

Bustamante — Peoria

Fund for Humanity



Pearson — Peoria

City of Peoria
Kiewit
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona

Charleton - Peoria

City of Peoria
Bank of America



Roberts — Coolidge

Pinal County
Fund for Humanity

Cisneros — Surprise

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Selamu/Salu — Phoenix

Wells Fargo

Ghidey/Belay - Phoenix

St. Patrick Catholic Community
Zurich



Shifa — Phoenix

City of Phoenix YouthBuild
Bellevue Heights Church Foundation

Hollon - Glendale

City of Glendale
West Valley Presbyterian Coalition



Urive — Glendale

Frank "Pancho" and Frances Lopez
City of Glendale

Jaruallah — Avondale

CommonWealth Financial
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona



Veliz — Phoenix

US Airways
Wells Fargo
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona

Kur/Jok — Avondale

Liberty Mutual
Federal Home Loan Bank
National Bank of Arizona



Valdivia - Peoria

City of Peoria
West Valley Lutheran Coalition



Family Spotlight

Within a decade, **Andy Anderson** went from working on Habitat builds to working on *the* build that he considers to be one of the most incredible experiences of his life.

As a former Home Depot employee of 16 years, Anderson was in charge of organizing and helping with builds in the South Ranch area between 1998 and 2004. But, there came a time when he needed Habitat to return the favor.

After living in a group home for a time, his own application was approved by

Habitat in October 2013. Then it was straight to work with the help of the sponsor, Wells Fargo. It took about 15 months from approval to closing. Anderson described his experience as an “unbelievable time.” “All these people are there for you,” he said. **“You are overwhelmed with this kindness, the dedication each person is giving and a love bond is formed.”**

Andy has come “full circle” as we call it. His journey from volunteer to recipient was not easy, but he went to the work site every Saturday with hammer in hand and an effervescent spirit noticed by all that worked with him.

Anderson’s closing ceremony was December 20, 2014. He now studies Theology with Community Church of Hope in Phoenix to become a pastor. “This team lifted me, inspired me and taught me so I could be a home owner,” Anderson said. **“Those keys are given to you and it unlocks many things as you open the door.”**



Where there’s a will, there’s a way

– a way to take care of family members, a way to assist others (including one or more of your favorite charities) and a way to minimize taxes.



While the phrase “estate planning” sounds formidable and difficult, the fact is, in the majority of cases, it is almost the opposite – easy, quick and uncomplicated. A formal will, which we recommend, is prepared by an attorney and executed according to strict formalities. A holographic will, or hand written will, is one executed without formalities but signed, dated and witnessed.

If you own a home, have a bank account, stocks, life insurance or any other kind of property, you should consider having a will – a document that describes how you wish your estate to be distributed (if you don’t have a will, this decision will be made based on Arizona state statutes, which may not reflect your wishes). **A will, therefore, is really nothing more than a plan – but it is your plan (after all, it is your estate).**

Please consider including Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona in your estate planning. Staff members are available to answer questions for you and your professional advisor. **Please call Karen Cordy at 602-495-2580.**



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Solar Energy: Lower Costs for Homeowners

Living in the desert can take a toll on the thermostat as well as the electric bill. But, **our friends at Arizona Solar Deployment Alliance (ASDA) are helping us make housing more energy efficient** and cutting costs for Habitat families.

With the rising use of solar energy in Arizona, a lot of speculation and information has flooded consumers. The ASDA is a nonprofit, formed in 2013, which helps homeowners collect and decipher accurate solar energy information so they can make educated decisions to fit their household needs.

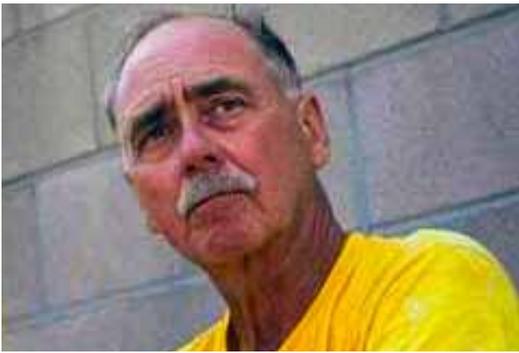
The alliance is comprised of five Arizona solar companies (**American Solar, Arizona Solar Concepts, Harmon Solar, Sun Valley Solar Solutions and Technicians for Sustainability**) dedicated to ensuring consumers have accurate, reliable information on solar energy issues. Their mission as experts is to inform and advocate on the behalf of the consumer.

As an in-kind partner, ASDA has generously donated up to 10 solar panel systems a year to Habitat homes. By providing labor and materials, Habitat home owners are able to generate clean, renewable solar energy.

Many Habitat homes are already LEED certifiable, but with ASDA's generous additions we are able to go above and beyond to make housing affordable and energy efficient.



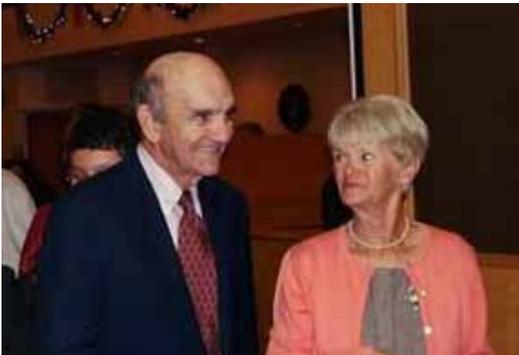
Through the sale of new and gently-used furniture, home goods and building materials, **our five Valley discount home stores are supporting the Habitat for Humanity mission** of building, renovating and repairing homes in Central Arizona for deserving families in need of decent, affordable housing.



Volunteer Spotlight

Over the last few months, our Habitat family suffered the loss of three of our cherished leaders. Each of these men shared a great love for Habitat and their passion for our mission played prominent roles at their memorial services. The love was mutual and we wanted to say goodbye one last time.

Tom Weiskittel passed away in October after a four-month bout with cancer. He worked primarily in Glendale and Peoria and was one of the mainstays on Mark Barkenbush's team. Tom is remembered mostly for his sense of humor.

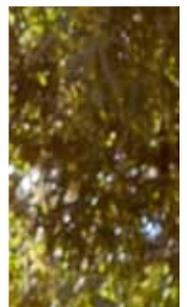


Bill Herr is also remembered for his humor and for the smile which never left his face. He was a friend to all and especially to the Weekday Regular team ranging back to the earliest days of our affiliate. We first learned he had cancer at the end of June, the same week we were told the same about Tom. We lost Bill in early December.



Jim Isaacson was the driving force behind the team from the Rio Verde/Tonto Verde Communities and a true champion of Habitat when it came to generating interest in the organization. Under his leadership, Rio Verde sponsored and completed 18 homes and had begun construction on number 19. He passed away suddenly around the turn of the year.

These three men will be greatly missed at Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. We ask that you keep them and their families in your hearts and your prayers.



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