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Thrivent Builds Homes - PAHH House #75 Dedicated

By Christine Mack
Faith Relations Liason



Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity celebrated a milestone July 31, 2014 when it dedicated its 75th house, which was partially funded by a Thrivent Builds Homes grant. Approximately 70 people gathered at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley for this celebration.

Rev. Kirk Anderson, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran (a PAHH Faith Partner), officiated at the festive dedication ceremony. He was one member of the team of clergy men and women who worked on House #75 in March as part of PAHH's first Clergy Build Day, a "Building on Faith" event. The other clergy who helped build this house included Deacon Kimball Arnold (St. Luke's Episcopal Church), Pastor Arden Gray (Light & Life Free Methodist Church), Pastor Jane Cheek (First Congregational Church), Pastor Jesse Liles (Willow Hills Baptist Church), Pastor Lyle Hamilton (First Church of the Nazarene), Fr. Darrin Merlino (Sacred Heart Catholic Church), Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal (Temple B'rith Shalom), and the Reverends Jack Shannon, Erich Sokoloski, and Dan Storvick (American Lutheran Church).

PAHH's E.D., Miriam Haubrich, welcomed people to the ceremony. A Litany of Thanksgiving was shared by Don Dimmel, Dan Hilton, Gail Martin, Sib and Nancy Tonkin, and Christine Mack. One of the unique features of PAHH House #75 is its rooftop solar system, which was donated by Sun Valley Solar Solutions (SVSS) of Phoenix. Mr. Tom Lammie of SVSS spoke to the audience about the value of solar power in reducing residential electrical costs.

Agnes Curtis was joined by pianist Cathy Namock to lead the gathering in a rousing rendition of "Bless This House," and Emmanuel's Faith Formation Assistant Adam Bissell led some of Emmanuel's youth in an interactive song. Dan Hilton, President of the Thrivent Financial Mingus Mountain Chapter Board, spoke about the diverse ways that Thrivent serves communities through its fraternal service outreach.



Following the ceremony, a reception was held in Emmanuel's fellowship hall. Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog and Councilman Marty Grossman enjoyed robust conversations with folks as they enjoyed the generous hospitality of Emmanuel. An open house at the house concluded PAHH's landmark celebration.

PAHH offers special thanks to Emmanuel staff members Mary Jensen and Rebecca Myers for doing so much to make this event a success.

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From the Executive Director

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) celebrates 25 years, 75 homes. Believe it or not, we are 207 children, 123 adults, 330 people, making up 75 families. Each family has brought their gifts, talent and challenges.

Over the last 25 years, PAHH as an organization has grown to include new programs like Critical Home Repair and A Brush with Kindness. However, the opening of the ReStore in 1998 was a leap of faith for sure. In 2003, the ReStore moved to its current location at 1061 Commerce Dr. I remember people saying, "how will we pay the rent, will we have items to sell and will our customer find us?" You all know those answers. The ReStore has been a blessing especially now, where there is a thrift store at every intersection. We daily thank God for the blessings that have been bestowed upon PAHH.

Some of the people who we call "the founders" are steadfast, but the majority have moved or passed on. To them we say, thank you!

Our journey started with humble beginnings in what is the library of First Christian Church. Next, we moved to Trinity Presbyterian Church where the preschool is today. We returned to First Christian Church in 2002, where we remain today. Thank you, First Christian Church, for allowing us to share your space.

Over the years we have had dedicated volunteers come and go, to be replaced by equally committed volunteers. Thank you volunteers for giving your time, talents and resources. Without you, we could not build simple, decent houses with low-income families.

Dr. Harry Miller, the first Executive Director, gave his full focus on the fledgling affiliate with the help of a few hours weekly from the church's secretary. Harry was the driving force behind moving forward as an organization. There are many people out in the community, who remember how Harry would make a suggestion, and you may have given a nod, and for Harry that was a concrete agreement and off he would go telling everyone you committed to one thing or another, but for sure it was for the benefit of Habitat.

PAHH has grown since the days of the one room office. The weight of being the bank, a licensed contractor, the ReStore and a social service agency stretches our staff to their creative limits. The people that work at PAHH are amazing and have been through the years. It takes a special person to do all that is needed to achieve PAHH's goals. I can say with pride and confidence that our staff is the very best and are dedicated to the task of building simple decent houses with low-income families.

In conclusion, thank you to the Board of Directors, volunteers, donors, staff and our families for all you do today and for all you will do tomorrow.

Respectfully

Miriam M. Haubrich

PAHH Executive Director



Chairman's Challenge

Gone Fishing



You're Invited to a Web Warming Party!

By Gary Janchik
Communications Director

On December 1, 2014, our new website will be launched. Please accept this as your personal invitation to attend! I've spent the last couple of months building the site and adding content. Visit us and learn about our activities through informative articles, along with audio, video and images. Support us through a secure online donation process and purchase tickets to our events. Use our maps to find the best route to the ReStore. Link to our calendar, Facebook page, and various documents. Return often, as content will be updated frequently. I hope you find the new site pleasing to the eye, informative and easier to navigate. Our URL address will remain www.prescotthabitat.org. I will be further developing the site and would love to hear your feedback. Please send your comments to me at info@prescotthabitat.org. We look forward to your visit!



PAHH Faith Relations Committee Celebrated Bike & Build Team

By Christine Mack
Faith Relation Liaison

PAHH's Faith Relations committee celebrated its second 2014 "Building on Faith" event July 14 by hosting a potluck for the North Carolina to San Diego (NC2SD) Bike & Build cycling team, whose members volunteered at the site of the PAHH – Thrivent Builds House (#75) in Prescott Valley. The team's 70-day journey between Nags Head, NC and San Diego, CA covered 3,592 miles, and the 31 members of the team raised \$157,332 to support affordable housing efforts in the U.S. Approximately 100 people, including two PAHH homeowner families, attended the potluck in the fellowship hall of American Lutheran Church, a PAHH Faith Partner.

Upcoming Habitat Events

By Alyce Ayers
Resource Development and ReStore Marketing Director

Upcoming Habitat Events

Since the first ReStore Contest was an amazing success, we will hold our second contest beginning Monday, December 1, 2014 and running through Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Contestants will choose an item or items from the store to redo, renew, refinish, revise, refurbish, thereby resulting in complete transformations.

Remember, the ReStore helps the environment by diverting tons of material from landfills while providing new and gently used home improvement materials and appliances at affordable prices to people of all income levels. So the bottom line is everybody loves a good deal, it's a treasure hunt, why not have fun on a D.I.Y stress release project, friends don't let friends fill landfills AND IT'S A STORE THAT BUILDS HOMES, COMMUNITY AND HOPE WITHOUT LIFTING A HAMMER! Please call us at 771-1777 to donate items or get details about our second annual ReStore Contest with great prizes donated by local businesses.



Prescott Valley Police Department volunteers traded their service weapons for nail guns to help the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity "Build Homes & Build Hope."



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If you would like to be part of our dynamic volunteer team here at the ReStore, please contact the office to schedule an orientation or pick up a volunteer application at the store.
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T&T

By Alyce Ayers
Resource Development and ReStore Marketing Director

Another Toolbelts & Tuxedos Gala has come and gone but the memories of our success in continuing the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity's mission will always remain in our hearts. This year marked our Silver Anniversary, 25 years and 75 homes. The theme was beautifully displayed on every table. The mock house our construction crew built for Prescott's July 4th parade also prominently displayed "25" in edged diamond-like numbers and became the perfect back drop for all on stage. As always, we enjoyed a great attendance, a great Fund A Need event, shopping at the live and silent auctions and an absolutely elegant dinner. Check out our FaceBook page and website for photos.

A very early reminder to open your 2015 calendar and Save the Date for Saturday, November 7, same time, same place for our next T & T event!





Construction Update

By Tommy Savoini
Construction Manager



We have had a productive start to the fall season on the Prescott Area Habitat construction sites. House number 76, located at 4355 Sauter Drive East in Prescott Valley, is framed, and we are ready to start installing the exterior siding. All of the mechanical, plumbing and

electrical rough-in work will start as of this update. The neighbors in Prescott Valley have been extremely positive and upbeat about this build and we appreciate their support.

Prescott Area Habitat volunteers started house number 77 right across the road at 4531 Sauter Drive West in Prescott Valley. The foundation footings were poured this week and the PAHH construction crews will begin work on the stem wall and house slab immediately.

Thank you to all of our great volunteers and donors who help PAHH to achieve our goal of providing simple, affordable housing to low income families. I hope you all have a blessed holiday season. Be safe in your travels, and I will see you on the job site.



Critical Home Repairs Critically Needed

By Collin Lovdahl
Critical Home Repair Coordinator



The Critical Home Repair program has been blessed with the opportunity to serve several area clients over the last few months. We have built a couple of accessibility ramps, helped with making bathrooms usable for the disabled, and even worked to help a client get back into a home that had some small damage due to fire.

Some applicants aren't able to participate in the program because they don't manage to make it through the paperwork process. We have certain information that is required to qualify, but don't be discouraged! If you are able to be diligent and get through the paperwork, you're much more likely to be a participant in the program.

Feel free to contact our office to be sent an application for work that is critical to being able to live in and use your home.

Newest PAHH Families Making Great Progress

Suzanne Johnson
Family Services Coordinator

Just slightly more than four months from the date the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) Selection Committee announced its six families who will work toward home ownership, most have completed financial classes through Catholic Social Services, and four families have completed enough construction sweat equity hours to go into a pool for a lot assignment. Those two requirements, completion of financial classes and completion of one-half of family construction hours, are central to an indication of partnering with PAHH. Partnering consists of many things, but includes an on-going effort toward completion of total sweat equity hours, and taking advantage of learning opportunities like the Global Priorities classes, offered by Catholic Social Services.

As the Family Services Coordinator, I am very impressed by the motivation and cooperation demonstrated by these families. Some family members are earning sweat equity hours by caring for each other's children, so that the parents can work on the job site. Five families have earned sweat equity hours by taking the Global Priorities classes through Catholic Social Services. Some families have submitted adult and child grade reports for sweat equity credit. Many have put in hours at the ReStore. The cooperation I have seen is an indication of the solidarity that has developed within this group of families. As I interact with them, I find that the spirit of Habitat is alive and well in their work ethic and the fact that they have embraced PAHH's directive to "partner." I predict continued amazing strides by these families.



Tax Credit Jumps to Our Number 2 Fundraiser

By Cindy Ksenzulak
Office Manager

Tax Credit donations have been rising over the past three years and have now become our second largest annual fund raiser, thanks largely to you, our wonderful donors, and to Gene Murphy of Sacred Heart. Gene has dedicated himself to helping us fundraise and was successful in having the flyer placed in the Catholic Sun last year. Receiving tax credit donations means a lot to us as January through March are months we generally do not receive many donations. With the many choices you have to make contributions to, we are thankful you choose us. Please consider donating all or a portion of your tax credit to us again this year. You can do this by sending in the back portion of the newsletter, calling in or using the donate button on our web page.



Portrait Of Mission Partnership: Prescott Area Habitat & Thrivent Builds Homes

By Christine Mack

The canvas that represents the six-year Mission Partnership between Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) and the Thrivent Builds program is a vibrant and colorful array of landscapes and people.

Thrivent Financial granted PAHH its first Thrivent Builds Homes award in 2007, which provided our affiliate with the opportunity to forge relationships with members of four local Lutheran congregations and to increase our building capacity. With that single award, a new canvas appeared in the gallery of PAHH's experiences, and it has become a striking canvas.

Since 2007, virtually every aspect of PAHH's outreach has included the dedicated participation of Lutheran and Thrivent members who joined with us to build our first TB house. Over the years, they have become core construction volunteers, PAHH Board and committee members, financial donors, key vendors providing gift-in-kind donations, and valued friends. PAHH has been deeply blessed by these relationships, and we are so grateful for the many ways that our work and our lives have been enriched by them.

PAHH now holds functions at the Lutheran churches whose members have contributed to the construction of six PAHH houses. Perhaps the most memorable of these events have been the house dedication ceremonies for each of our TB houses, the most recent of which was July 31, 2014 for PAHH's 75th house. In addition, a family who worships at one of these Lutheran churches has become a PAHH-Thrivent Builds homeowner family.

For eight years, PAHH has been visited by young adults who bicycle across the U.S. with the national organization Bike and Build to raise awareness about, and financial support for, affordable housing issues. The "North Carolina to San Diego" B&B team arrives here in July each year, and they have volunteered their labor on each of our TB projects. We host a potluck for them at one of our Lutheran churches, and we have provided some of the teams with TB T-shirts. This has provided notable advertising for the HFHI-TB program as these young adults return to their lives all across the U.S.

PAHH has developed close ties to members of the Thrivent Financial Mingus Mountain Chapter Board, and they are invited to PAHH events throughout the year. We also work closely with our regional Thrivent Financial Associate, who served on our Faith Relations committee during 2013. Our Habitat affiliate has honored Thrivent Financial as one of our major donors at our annual Major Donor Reception every year that we have participated in the TB program, and this has afforded other major donors an opportunity to meet and visit with Thrivent employees and volunteers.

Several PAHH staff members now own Thrivent Financial products, and the possibilities of expanded buy-in may increase in the coming years.

After six years of working with the Thrivent Builds

program, the portrait of our Mission Partnership has actually become a mural, and all of the people and images painted on it have become indelible. The exciting aspect of this mural, one of God's beautiful creations, is that there is room for continued expansion with glorious new images. It is a reflection of a relationship between Thrivent Financial and Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity that continues to deepen as both organizations strive to answer God's call to help people develop a healthy relationship with money and to work together to build homes, communities, and hope.

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Thank you!



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These are examples only and your gift will be merged with others to build complete homes for our partner families.

Remember, 100% of your cash donation goes directly into building homes for those in need of affordable housing in our tri-city area.

Sack of nails or 10 bricks	\$8	Furnace	\$950
Sack of cement	\$10	Complete bathroom	\$1,200
One electrical fixture	\$22	Whole house sheetrock	\$1,400
Hollow core door	\$25	Electrical wiring, whole house	\$1,500
One square of shingles	\$35	Carpet for house	\$2,100
One dual glazed window	\$125	Insulation for house	\$2,500
One interior door, jam & trim	\$125	Interior plumbing	\$3,000
Kitchen sink	\$170	Complete bedroom	\$3,470
Bathtub	\$200	Complete living room	\$4,500
Water heater, 35 gal.	\$225	Complete kitchen	\$5,000
Vinyl for two baths and kitchen	\$295	*Note: "Complete" means all parts and pieces to complete room	

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