

Newsletter for April –June 2014



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3	Board Meeting	6:00 pm	Methodist Church
April 12	Safe at Home Event		
April 30	NOR CA Affiliates Mtg.		Sacramento, CA
May 3	Board Meeting	6:00 pm	Methodist Church
May 10	Family Information Mtg.	1:00 pm	Lutheran Church
June 5	Board Meeting	6:00 pm	Methodist Church

Habitat Warehouse Sales Every Saturday 9:00—1:00 pm Italian Acres

Office location:
5320 Hwy 49 No. Unit 7,
P.O. Box 1420,
Mariposa, CA 95338
Office Hours:
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday:
9 :00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Friday : 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

Board Directors of HFH of Mariposa County

Al Johnson - President	(Vacant) - Vice President	Jackie McCormick - Secretary
Pat Eby - Assistant Secretary/Newsletter	Kay Dressel - (Interim) Treasurer	Jovan Trujillo - Assistant Treasurer
Marilyn Corral - Family Selection	Jim Newberry - Family Support	Mary Ann Johnson - Church Relations
(Vacant) - Resource Development	Tre Ford - Construction	(Vacant) - Site Selection
Don Fox - Member at Large	Judy Gibbons - Member at Large	Erik Skindrud - Member at Large
Beth Tomsick - Volunteer Executive Director (Non-Voting)		

Mission Vision: *A world where everyone has a decent place to live.*

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

HFH of Mariposa County begins its 7th Year!

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County is beginning its seventh year as an affiliate of Habitat International. The affiliate has received great support from our community and county. Habitat's work is funded by individual and church donations; grants from partners such as PG&E, State Farm, Home Depot, Whirlpool and others; and Habitat International programs, such as Cars for Homes.

The Tour de Habitat draws nearly 100 riders for our stationary bike competition and casual riding each year. Generally, sixteen teams bring us from \$300 to \$1,500 each, and this year the ride, raffle, and sponsorships raised around \$11,500.

The vast majority of Habitat's donations go directly to home building. Our board of directors decided early in our affiliation to accept the Habitat International policy of tithing 10% of our undesignated donations. Due to this policy, HFH of Mariposa County has built **five homes** through Habitat International's Global Village program in countries where the need is greatest: Southeast Asia or Haiti, for example. Homes in these countries may be built for \$3-\$5,000.

Howard and Joy Dudley of Garden Grove, California, have been wonderful benefactors of HFH of MC. They have generously donated two 5-acre parcels on Sebastopol Road for partner family homes. The Sternberg home on Sebastopol was dedicated in August 2011. The Ruaisabs, HFH of MC's second partners, have been in their home on Mueller Court since its dedication on November 11, 2013.

HFH of MC was the recipient of another large donation at the end of 2013 when a home was donated anonymously to the affiliate. Because the home was not suitable for a Habitat home, HFH of MC was able to sell it, with the donor's permission. It sold very quickly and, for that reason, Habitat has unexpected funds for building and is looking forward to selecting its third partner family very soon! (See article In this newsletter.)

Those of us working for Habitat, all volunteers, count our blessings and thank all our hard workers and kind supporters for getting us this far in fulfilling our mission to bring safe, decent, affordable housing to our county.

Check out our Facebook page!



Please note...



We will be starting our search for our third partner family on Saturday May 10th, 2014. If you have friends or family who are currently living in substandard housing and are in need of safe, decent, affordable housing please let them know about this important meeting. Our Family Information Meeting will be held at the Mariposa Lutheran Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 10th. Applications for our home ownership program, along with an informative presentation covering all aspects of the application process, will be covered during this meeting. Application packets are only available at this event. Please come join us.

HFH of Mariposa County is working on its 6th A Brush With Kindness project

This program is designed in particular to help elderly and disabled homeowners maintain their homes, especially with yard cleanup and exterior painting. Others may apply for the program.

In the past, HFH of MC has completed five yard cleanups, installed rain gutters on one home, and repaired fences on two homes in Mariposa County. Families or individuals may apply for the program and be accepted on the basis of need, willingness to partner with Habitat which includes putting in some type of "sweat equity," if possible, and qualifying on a financial basis.

Like our home-building program, families are asked to pay back all or part of the expenses, and that money is used in future projects. This may be done in small amounts over time. Habitat maintains its policy of a "hand up" rather than a "handout."

Bruce Pickard is the new chair of Habitat's *A Brush With Kindness* program. Habitat is always looking for volunteers to help in these short term projects. Call 966-7444 if you are interested.



Cars for Homes Update



Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County recognizes the latest Cars for Homes donors, Bob and Yvonne McKnight, for their generous donation of their 2001 Toyota Sienna minivan. The McKnights join a long list of donors from Mariposa County who have brought \$22,926.63 to Habitat's work since we began in 2008. This amount would have paid for almost a quarter of the expenses on the partner family home on Mueller Court, including trusses, roofing, lumber, drywall, and cabinets.

The McKnights donated their car on Friday, February 28, and it was picked up on Monday, March 3! Although Habitat International administers the program, our local affiliate receives 80% of the proceeds. In this way, cars are turned into homes for deserving families who help to build them and pay back a no-interest mortgage loan to Habitat for future homes.

Donations can be made by calling 209 966-7444 or 877 277-4344. If donors live outside the 95338 or other Mariposa County zip code, they must indicate that they are donating to our affiliate.

Fourth Annual Tour de Habitat biggest fundraiser of the year !

We would like to thank all our team captains and the riders at our 4th Annual Tour de Habitat held at New Life Christian Fellowship on February 22, 2014.

You were wonderful! Our Habitat mission vision is “a world where everyone has a decent place to live.” This vision will be fulfilled if enough people like you take a stand for safe, decent, affordable housing everywhere. Thank you very much to the following teams, sponsors, and donors of prizes:



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 Perfect Skin)
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 Storytelling Festival in Yosemite
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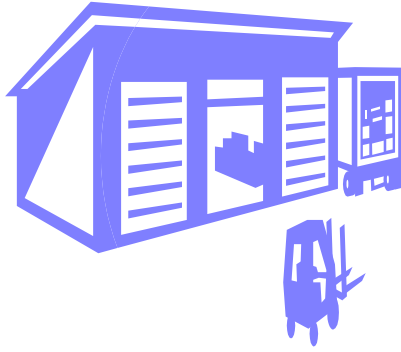
TEAMS

St. Andrews' Anglers
 Katie's Crew (Mariposa Lutheran Church)
 Martin's Men (Mariposa Lutheran Church)
 Dragonflyers (Dragonfly Yoga)
 Methodist Circuit Riders
 Mountain Yoga Core Power
 Cycling Assembly (Mariposa Assembly of God)
 St. Joseph's Catholic Cruisers
 AAUW Action Figures
 Rotary Club Rollers
 Pioneer/New Beginnings
 1850/Savoury's
 Mariposa County Sheriff's Dept.
 Team Awakeners
 CDF on Fire
 MCHS Awesome ASB



SPONSORS

The Fitness Zone II (Donor of the stationary bikes)
 Miner's Roadhouse 140 (Donor of water for the event)
 Sierra Telephone
 Yosemite Bank
 California Highway Patrol
 Jazzercise
 Mariposa County Contractors Association
 Charles Mosher, M.D
 Napa Auto Parts
 Steve's Sportsman Café
 All Creatures Veterinary Hospital



Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County

Warehouse Sales of Donated Items

Where: 5320 Hwy 49 North (behind our office)

When: 9:00am to 1:00pm EVERY Saturday

Questions: call office at 966-7444 or Al Johnson at 966-6618

News from HFHI

Sustainable building

What is sustainable building?

Sustainable—or “green”—building means designing and constructing houses that are efficient and durable, that use less resources, are healthy to live in and are affordable.

Habitat builds sustainable homes using construction standards that pay attention to water and [energy efficiency](#); [safety and health](#); and [materials conservation](#).

Why build sustainably?

We build sustainably to take better care of our environment, our homeowners, and our volunteers. Our goals are to reduce the home’s monthly and life cycle costs and increase efficiency and durability while providing healthy environments.

How is Habitat building sustainably?

Habitat works in concert with many partners to continually improve the quality of our homes and the building process.

We find green building techniques and materials that are comparable in price to traditional counterparts.

We continually seek new ideas and educate the volunteers that work on each build site.

Help Habitat build sustainable homes in your community

Call 209 966-7444 to connect with Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County. We are getting ready for our third building project.

Real-life examples

Learn more about Habitat's energy-efficient, healthy and sustainable houses in communities around the world on our [Project examples](#) page.



WE NEED YOU

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Call us at 966-7444