



Mesilla Valley
**Habitat
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Words From The Executive Director

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity built 4 new homes in the 2009/2010 building season. This impressive accomplishment is to the credit of our building team of Care A Vanners and local volunteers, led by Don & Steve, and supported by Leticia, Paula, and Marie. They even finished two months ahead of schedule!

Two of those homes were funded by ReStore revenue. Henry, Patty, Zenaida's leadership, the Restore's staff, and countless hours from dedicated volunteers all contributed to setting this year's sales records.

On behalf of the families with new homes, thank you for your contribution of time, energy, and money for this successful building season.

You have generated changed lives, and futures. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR:

We have secured 9 lots for the 2010/2011 build year. Fourteen families have been selected by our Family Selection Committee, and they are already taking classes and beginning sweat equity hours for their homes.

More than doubling the number of houses means more than doubling the number of families we can help. And that opens new opportunities for more local volunteers, as well as Care A Vanners. We are currently in the midst of negotiation for the lot across the street from the office for expanding Care A Vanner RV spaces; many told us as they left how eager they

are to return to our community next year to build these homes with MVVHFH.

Will you consider sponsoring a house? Or part of a home? Perhaps your employer will match your donation! Come talk with us about how you can be a part. Your dollars will play a crucial role in building homes and futures. See page 2 and 3 or call our office for more information.

It is because of your support that MVVHFH is changing the lives of more families every year.

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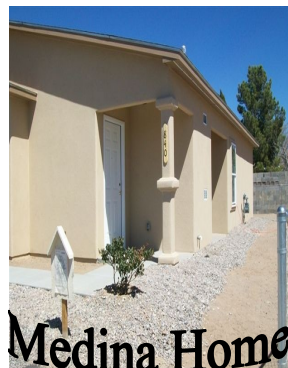
Our First Duplex in Las Cruces



Atwell Home



Barela Home



Medina Home



Dominguez Home

A Month for Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your willingness to commit a month to focus your thoughts, prayers and actions on the need for decent, safe, affordable housing.

	1 If your home is completely paid off, deposit \$1.00	2 Thank God for the roof over your head. If no leaks, add .50	3 If you have rain gutters, deposit .50 plus .05 per downspout	4 For each room in your house, deposit .25	5 For your living room, deposit .75	6 For your bathroom, add .25. for each additional bath add, .50
7 For each bedroom, deposit .25	8 For each closet, deposit .25	9 For each heat register, deposit .50	10 No trips to the well!! Add .15 for each water faucet	11 If you have a pantry, deposit .25	12 For each refrigerator, add .25	13 If you have a freezer, add .35
14 If you have a microwave, deposit .40	15 Enjoy a dishwasher, deposit .35	16 For each electrical outlet add .30	17 For each light fixture or lamp, deposit .40	18 Home has air-conditioning, add \$1.00	19 If you have a garage door opener, deposit .35	20 Add .35 if you have a washing machine
21 Deposit .30 if you have a dryer	22 Add .05 per window in your home	23 Add .25 for each carpeted room	24 .40 if you have a 2 car garage and .80 if 3	25 Do you recycle garbage? If yes: .25, No: .50	26 If you have a fence around your yard, add .50	27 Add .25 for each smoke detector
28 If you have more than one TV add .50	29 Deposit .25 if you have a water heater	30 If you have a dining room, add .50	31 If your home has a security system, add \$1.00	Follow these easy steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect each days contribution in a jar. • At the end of the month write a check. • Send the check in the envelope provided. 		

Wells Fargo Donated Money and Time to Habitat	Arbor Day Collaboration	At a Glance
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In an ongoing effort to provide quality homeownership opportunities to those in need, Wells Fargo in Las Cruces through the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation, provided financial support and volunteer support to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity. "They not only provided funding but volunteer support as well. This shows great commitment to the community in which they do business" stated Marie Schwartz, Development Officer for Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Teaming up with Habitat, Wells Fargo donated \$10,000 and the volunteer support of its team members toward the construction of a home.



This home, located at 7560 Monte Verde, is now complete. "Wells Fargo is honored to begin establishing a strong relationship with Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity. Our goals are consistent in that we are committed to furthering the dream of homeownership," said Michael Cheney, Regional President of Southern NM with Wells Fargo. "We are fortunate to be able to join with Habitat on this project to improve the quality of life for residents in our community. Working together we can create safe, decent housing and further the dream of homeownership for all Americans."

Thank you Wells Fargo!

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is in partnership with Tree New Mexico, The Home Depot Foundation, and the Alliance for Community Trees, as part of a national "Neighborhoods" celebration, working towards building urban tree canopies to help keep New Mexico clean, beautiful, and healthy.

The grant helped fund trees and mulch for two Habitat homes. The celebration was held April 8th at our Virginia St. home, our first duplex. The mayor and several representatives were in attendance. We thank everyone involved and have enjoyed the partnership. Thank you to Walter Gudas from Home Depot for helping coordinate this event.

- Barnes and Noble fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to Mary Lou Brown!!!
- We now have new brochures, come and take a look at the new design.
- We also have new resources available to the community. For example, our "Grow your Assets Without Growing Your Heirs' Tax Bill" and "Two Popular Ways to Boost Your Retirement Income", to name only a few. Stop by to get a copy and see the full selection.

Circle of Twelve

Working Together, A Common Mission, Providing a Home
Will you join us?

Circle of Twelve

Total of \$50,000
 \$4,167.00 each
Now Through September
Will you join our circle?
Call Marie Today:
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Habitat invites people of all faiths to join our efforts to eliminate poverty housing.

We have an entire kit of resources we will provide for this endeavor. This kit includes fundraising ideas.

The graphic features twelve icons around the circle: a house with a cross, a cross, a cross, a candle, a circle, a cross, a Star of David, a Star of David, a cross, a cross, a crescent moon, and a cross. Each icon is accompanied by the text '\$4,167' and a blank rectangular box for a name.

A Spirit of Humility and Cooperation

As with any partnership, the key to developing interfaith projects is building relationships. Approaching new partners from a spirit of humility and cooperation sets the stage for success. It is important to acknowledge the opportunity for each person to live out his or her faith. Inherent to many people of faith is the call to serve the poor, to make the world a better place and to be in service to others. Understanding that building a Habitat home is a clear expression of faith for people of many beliefs is a wonderful way to include diverse faith partners in a building project.



75th Home!!!
 Celebrating our 75th home at the Wall Raising with the Mayor on October 19th. Our 75th home belongs to Reyna Barela and her two children, Analise and Andres. The home is now complete and the family is looking forward to moving in soon. **Congratulations!!**

Photo by Marie Schwartz, Development Officer for Habitat



Our Builders
 Our key builders: Rick Carter, Steve Blythe, Don Stover and Jerry Adams. Thank you for all you do to help make our homes a reality. Thank you also to all the Car-A-Vanners and volunteers who donate time to help make dreams a reality for citizens of Las Cruces.

Photo by Mac Fell, Volunteer Photographer and Member of Habitat Family



Collegiate Challenge
 Spoon River College came to assist with our ReStore renovations as part of the Collegiate Challenge. They resided at Peace Lutheran Church. Thank you to Peace Lutheran for your assistance. Thank you Spoon River for helping make our store look great!

Photo by Beth Sitzler Courtesy of The Las Cruces Bulletin



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The ReStore By: Patty Ickler - Volunteer Coordinator

The ReStore has had a tremendous uplift with many reworked shelves. This was due to the efforts of the Habitat volunteers coordinated by Don Stover. All the shelves were made sturdier and now make for better display of our product. With some repositioning, they were even able to open up more shelf space. Many customers have commented on how nice they look and how the merchandise is better presented. Thanks to all involved in making this happen.

The store also looks better with the help of the assistant families who are working towards their sweat equity hours. Their time, along with the ReStore volunteers, have really made a

difference. Keeping the store neat, clean, and organized is a daily challenge and everyone's help has been greatly appreciated.

The seasons come and go, and currently we're displaying our Easter wares. There are many baskets to choose from along with colored grass, rabbits and eggs. Come in and check out the great bargains for this holiday.

Enough can never be said about the dedicated volunteers who come to the ReStore each week to give of their time, energy and expertise. We have such diversified individuals who will fix, test, organize, decorate, clean and sell. Each and everyone is valuable to our success. "Thank you" doesn't seem

enough - but Thank You!

During the cold, wintery months, the donations seem to slow down. This does enable us to catch up and spend some time organizing and cleaning our backroom, which we have done, and now we're ready for anything that comes our way. Spring is in the air, and I'm confident the donations are on their way. Happy Spring cleaning!

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 WWW.LASCRCUESHABITAT.ORG**



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