



# Habitat Happenings

SPRING 2015

## NEW FRONTIERS

**BLUEPRINTS & BLUEJEANS**  
 A "Foot Stompin' Time"  
 Fundraising Dinner - Dance

Tickets: \$35 each  
 Call (928) 649-6788  
 Saturday, June 13  
 5-9pm  
 Clarkdale Memorial Clubhouse

Raffles  
 Live Auction  
 Dancing  
 Live Music  
 Prime Rib & Chicken Dinner  
 Catered by Nates Cowboy Cafe

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**Saturday June 13**  
**Buy your tickets NOW!**

Call 928-649-6788  
**Individual: \$35**  
 or  
**Table of 10: \$300**

Many thanks to our sponsors!



Here at Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity we are thrilled to be in the final stages of completing home number 13 in Sedona. Patience reaps rewards, and so it is for the property at 55 Grounds. However, it is so important for us to thank the home sponsor, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG). Without their donation of time, materials and finances we would not have been able to build an advanced sustainable home, something not only popular these days, but much-needed as we tread this earth lightly. In this case, 13 is a very lucky number.



Executive Director Tania Simms with Scott Palmer, Manager of Market Development for SRMG

SRMG is one of the leading suppliers of portland and masonry cements throughout Arizona and the Southwestern United States. They are a leader promoting sustainable products

and practices in its industries. As the home sponsor for Number 13, SRMG has brought many of their product partners on as donors to this project making this home build a focus of both green building techniques and energy efficiency for the homeowner.

Through these generous donations and partnerships, the future homeowners, Shandra Ryan and her children, will have a home built with a *Hercuwall* system, a panelized concrete composite wall building system. It's a quality, energy-efficient and green product that will help keep the homeowner's energy use costs low. There are many other concrete features such as sealed concrete floors and countertops, and roof tiles that will further provide an energy efficient home for the family.

We are grateful to SRMG for sponsoring our *first* Sedona home build and bringing their green products, technologies, and product partners to

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## Construction Update



By Deborah Murphy, Construction Manager  
(Pictured above: Deborah with the Bonners, a VVHH family)

I am happy to report that we are 98% completed with our Sedona build and by the time this newsletter is out we should have our certificate of occupancy! We are very excited to have built our first home in Sedona and will be welcoming in the Ryan family with a dedication this month. Shandra Ryan is a local schoolteacher with three children and they are very excited to finally get into their home.

The combined efforts of our sponsor, SRMG, as well as our contractor, Lawler Construction, and his subs, coupled with many other donations and volunteer hours is finally coming to fruition! So, thank you one and all for all your hard work and effort in this build as both Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Ryan family appreciate it.

Next, we move on to an existing house in Rimrock where we will be doing some cosmetic and mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) work. We will definitely be in need of some volunteers for that project so, if you are interested in painting, flooring, carpentry, landscaping, etc., please let us know -- we'll put you to work!

Our next new construction build will be happening in Cottonwood for a family that has been on a waiting list. Our Habitat employees are happy that the next house will be in our back yard. Updates on when that project starts will be forthcoming so that we can get community members involved.

Once the new build in Cottonwood wraps up then we're back to Sedona for a triplex in uptown. It promises to be a great opportunity for much needed housing. We are blessed to be able to fulfill the mission of Habitat for Humanity and look forward to the houses we'll be making available in the next many years with the support of Verde Valley residents.

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...the build, as well as the many hundreds of hours that their volunteers and partners have provided in the planning and construction of the home.

SRMG is dedicated to improving the quality of life for homeowners in Sedona and all towns in the Verde Valley. They know their efforts lift up the community. Thank you Salt River Materials Group!

Yours in service,

*Tania Simms*, Executive Director

## ReStore News

By Annick Desmeules, ReStore Manager

Spring is here, and many Verde Valley residents are happily tending to their yards and gardens. The ReStore sells gardening materials but we are in short supply at the moment.

Consider donating gently used pots, rakes, mowers, trimmers, chicken or other wire, sprinkling systems parts or anything else you don't use anymore and that our customers would happily purchase!

Consider donating your scrap metal to us as well, whether aluminum, steel, copper, or brass. We are able to generate a modest income from recycling all sorts of metals, which helps both the ReStore and the Affiliate.

We have had a great first quarter 2015, and look forward to a successful summer. We are always looking for volunteers to help us accept and sort donations, and assist our driver in picking up donations.

Thank you all for participating in our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and ReStore Sale. It was a huge success! Thank you for your continued support of our mission. Happy Spring!

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

By Maria Lodico, Volunteer Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity staff offered a big thank you to our countless volunteers this last year as we presented them with a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Verde Baptist Church. Our evening began with a special video "I am Habitat" by Habitat International. We had a fabulous Tuscan chicken dinner catered by Randall's Restaurant and entertainment by Second Wind of Arizona.



Service with a smile!

Because we give volunteers an opportunity to not only make a difference with a day's work, but also make a connection with a family moving towards stability and home-ownership we had the privilege of hearing from Karla Bonner, 2014 Cottonwood homeowner and Shandra Ryan 2015 Sedona homeowner. They offered words of encouragement to all in attendance. Our homes are made possible through the labor of our dedicated volunteers working side-by-side with our homeowners.

The night was also a time to give special thanks to a couple of volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Cullen Hollister - Cullen has served on our Board of Directors for five years. Cullen was an integral help to the success of the ReStore move four years ago and has remained so since he became a board member. Cullen invests quite a bit of his time to volunteer for VVHFH, he stepped in as the acting volunteer Executive Director for six months after the ReStore moved, he volunteers on our truck to pick up donations, participates on the construction committee, has volunteered on home builds, and is always willing to take on other tasks as the needs come up

Karen Boarman - Karen is a local realtor and has served on our Board of Directors for eight years. Karen also serves on our IT, finance and site selection committees. In addition to serving in these capacities she has been an invaluable resource to Tania Simms, our new Executive Director, in real estate and mortgages.

Jim Lawler - Jim is a local contractor owning Lawler Construction, LLC, here in Cottonwood. Jim has been a local contractor and business owner for 30 years. We are blessed that he accepted the volunteer contractor position to help us build the 55 Grounds Sedona home. The Sedona build has been an unusual build for our affiliate in that it is a home built of materials that we customarily do not use. Jim has spent many hours donating his professional time and resources to this build because he believes in the Habitat mission. We are grateful to Jim for accepting this position and sharing his giving heart with us.

Larry Robran - Larry is fairly new to the Habitat team as a volunteer. He has put in countless hours in the ReStore helping customers, fixing and getting merchandise ready to be sold. His positive and cheerful attitude is an encouragement to all who enter the Restore. He is "Habitat."

## Focus on Giving

By Susan Kavanaugh, Development Director

Let's start by saying THANK YOU to all of the wonderful donors, volunteers and friends of Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity. Your gifts of treasure, talent and time have brought our organization to a greater level of success than we had hoped. Every financial gift goes toward the opportunity to build more houses, and we continue to ask for your support doing that.

We want to give a special thank you to Laurie Rangel. She organized a third-party fundraiser for the Affiliate. Its emphasis was on collecting office supplies and practical operations' supplies. Laurie obtained sponsor commitments from the community and T-shirts featuring the names of these supporting vendors

We had a lovely 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event on Tuesday, April 7 (also Arizona Gives Day). It was as windy as the dickens, so the plan to have balloons and a covered tent literally blew away. We were able to salvage our cake and move the band to a location where it would be better heard. We express deepest of thanks to Second Wind of Arizona for donating its time to enhance the afternoon with 60s and 70s tunes.

We haven't had a chance to catch our breath yet, because we are now planning our second annual **BLUEPRINTS & BLUEJEANS** dinner-dance event. We're going to have as much fun as last year and more. This year we'll be in the Clarkdale Memorial Clubhouse, serving up Prime Rib and enjoying the music of Jed Morrison and his local band. At this 2015 event there will be so many Silent Auction items that attendees will all most likely take goodies home if they participate in the bidding. Please buy your tickets at our ReStore or call 928-649-6788.

Bless you for your continued support.

**Call 928-649-6788 for tickets to BluePrints & Bluejeans**



Enjoying the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. L to R: Tania Simms, Cullen Hollister, Jim and Cindy Lawler

Learn how you can contribute to sustainable financial support for Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity. Contact Susan at 928-649-6788., or go online to [www.vvhabitat.org](http://www.vvhabitat.org).

**Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity is celebrating 20 years in the valley. Be sure to celebrate with us at Blueprints & Bluejeans, our premiere fundraiser on June 13.**



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