



Hammers & Hope

Offering "A hand-up not a hand-out"

In Stillwater, Oklahoma

Our Volunteers Are Raising the Roof



Charlie Peterson, Construction Supervisor, takes a break with House #16 partner, Saara Jones.

These are exciting times to be involved with Stillwater Habitat for Humanity. The SHfH Office and ReStore relocated to 505 E. 18th in January. We began a recycling program in April, had a house dedication in May and selected our next partner family in June. But the excitement didn't really hit the building committee until they got the A-OK to break ground on House 16.

Over the past two years, we were blessed with a significant donation of undeveloped land, which will be the site of our next 6 homes. After nearly a year of land surveys, permits, and meetings, house 16 is finally underway.

According to Stan Waugh, the building crew will be getting trusses into place, the roof on and weathering in the house during the next month. Waugh, who is the former Project Manager, has resigned his du-

ties due to time constraints but will remain active with the affiliate on a volunteer basis.

The crew usually works on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and is always looking for regular volunteers.

Saara Jones, the intended applicant for this home has already been putting in Sweat Equity hours on the job site. Each family is required to work on his own and/or another Habitat home as part of the partnering process.

Applicants are recommended to the Board by the Family Selection committee for a 20-year interest free loan. The recommendation is made based on a variety of qualifiers that include ability to pay, inadequate or substandard current housing, and a willingness to partner.

To join us on the building site, call (405) 377-0403. To help at the ReStore or with the recycling program, call (405) 372-8100.



Gail Garst, John Leonard, Ron Beer and Ken Evans work on the 16th house for the Stillwater affiliate.



Dr. Heath Reese presents a check for \$800 to Stillwater Habitat for Humanity President, Marvin Barth. Reese Chiropractic ran a special promotion to raise money by donating time and services for new patients.

Building Volunteer Orientation Coming

- Want to help?
- Willing to learn?
- Not sure where to start?

Get introduced to the volunteer process and onboard to help make home ownership possible for a deserving family.

Saturday, Aug. 9th
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
505 E. 18th Avenue
(1 block west of Perkins Rd.)

A work session will follow the orientation. Future orientations will be held as needed for new volunteers.

Call (405) 377-0403 to reserve your spot or submit the form at: www.stillwaterhabitat.org

"Happiness is a by-product of an effort to make someone else happy." Gretta Brooker Palmer

Devine Family Finds Welcome Home

By Janet Reeder

Renda Devine heard about Habitat for Humanity during an elementary school assembly over a year ago. She remembers that the young students were fundraising for the program by reading as many books as they could and donating pledges received from sponsors in the Stillwater community.

Devine filled out an application soon after hearing about how Habitat for Humanity built homes in the community. She didn't make the cut initially, she said, and another qualified family started the process for the available home. Instead of being completely discouraged, she said it made her focus on the things she needed to do to be able to eventually buy a home.

"They advised me to go to credit counseling, so I went to credit counseling and did all of those classes," Devine said. "I went to a home buyers class at Stillwater Public Library. It was really helpful for me," Devine said. Both programs are recommended for those applying to the Habitat program. She reapplied with Stillwater Habitat for Humanity about a year later and succeeded in having her application approved. As the latest Stillwater Habitat for Humanity homeowner, Devine is rightfully proud of her accomplishment. She and her extended family have devoted many hours to fulfilling volunteer requirements and other program qualifications.

Devine has also learned a lot, she said, through the volunteer requirements of the Habitat for Humanity program. Although she did not have the typical Habitat opportunity to assist with the construction of her own home, she has done some construction and repair work with the remodeling efforts of the recently relocated Stillwater Habitat for Humanity offices at 18th and Fern. And she is ready to help build a home for another Habitat family.

Stillwater Habitat for Humanity continually looks for qualified applicants for homes in the community. Those interested in the application process are invited to go to the Web site at <http://www.stillwater-habitat.org> to view an application and find other information about the non-profit program. Volunteers are always needed and can work in a wide variety of settings in the community assisting with building and non-building efforts. The Stillwater Habitat for Humanity chapter holds monthly meetings and the public is welcome to attend. Schedules for meetings and additional information are also available on the Web site or by calling 405-377-0403.

A Lasting Memory

Giving or designating a memorial gift honors a loved one in a meaningful and lasting way. Recent designations to Stillwater Habitat for Humanity have been made in memory of the following people:

- Reta Crotzer
- Helen Murray
- Maxyne Dorr
- Alvena Bieri



Nickulas Devine, 9, cuts through the ribbon for his mother Renda Devine at the family's Stillwater Habitat for Humanity house dedication in Stillwater in May, while Marvin Barth, president of Stillwater Habitat for Humanity, looks on with Devine and her family. (Photo by Janet F. Reeder)

SHfH meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Location details are available at www.stillwaterhabitat.org or by calling our office at (405) 377-0403. Visitors are always welcome.

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Salem Group Keeping Us in Stitches

Since the early 1980's a regular group of quilters has been providing hand-made items to bring love and a feeling of home to those in need. The group of about 17 regulars gather each Wednesday at Salem Lutheran, 101 S. Duck, to sew, have a cup of coffee and share stories. As the friendships between them grow, so do the number of quilts given away.



Each year, about 86 quilts and 40 baby quilts or lap robes comfort recipients thanks to the dedicated service of these stitchers. They also have made bibs for nursing homes, padded hangers for the Sheerar Museum, fabric bags for educational materials, and pet blankets for the Humane Society. Donations of material are frequent but batting and backing fabric are usually purchased. "Quilts are sold for \$45-\$50 to fund expenses," explained Gloria Sandvold, the group's coordinator for 16 years.

The Lutherans present SHfH families with a quilt for each member when the family's house is dedicated. The response is unmistakable. "My daughter took hers to camp.", said our newest homeowner, Renda Devine.

With willing hands and a dedicated heart, each person's talent can be used to make a difference for someone else and the Salem Sew-ers illustrate SHfH volunteerism at its best. Our thanks goes out to them for their faithful work and dedication.



Above: Ruth Ann Haedt, Marlene Oltmanns, Gloria Sandvold, Lydia Godfrey & Olga Reinholtz review their current quilting project.

Below: Stillwater HfH Board Director, Dana Morford with Sew-er, Anita Friedemann.



Sew-ers, Darlene Gaither and Darald Haedt

Salem Sew-er Recipients:

- American Red Cross
- J. K. Hospice Store
- Elite Repeat
- St. Andrew's Thrift Shop
- Payne County Youth Shelter
- Oaks Indian Mission School
- Lutheran World Relief
- Stillwater Domestic Violence
- Sheerar Museum
- DHS Foster Children Program
- Lion's Club Boys Ranch



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A Word from our President

It is a privilege to serve as President in such rewarding times. For me, the most fulfilling moment this year was listening to the daughter of our newest homeowner introduce her family. The words and emotions conveyed by her reinforced my commitment to Stillwater Habitat and our mission.

Stillwater Habitat for Humanity is successful due to the tremendous volunteers and staff who serve in many roles. Elite Repeat continues as a major contributor with a dedicated group of volunteers. The SHfH ReStore, in our new location is growing thanks to great staff and volunteers. Our recycling program is growing and prospering. Fundraising is progressing with many individual contributions and a major fundraising event by the Board of Realtors®. Our paid employees are all doing outstanding jobs.

One of our priorities is recruiting additional volunteers to help with all areas of our organization. You might have seen one of our flyers or a church bulletin insert. Whoever you are, there is a spot within Stillwater Habitat for Humanity where you can make a difference. For more information about our affiliate, check out our Web site www.stillwaterhabitat.org or call 377-0403.

We have accomplished a lot so far this year. With everyone's assistance, we will continue to grow.

Marvin Barth, President