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MAY 2013

Calendar

MAY

- 7 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required
- 16 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required
- 17 MILITARY BUILD DAY**
Coleman Ridge Community
RSVP to Volunteer Services,
210-223-5203
- 17 HAB-I-TOUR**
Friday, 1:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
Lunch Provided
RSVP to Ashley, 210-223-5203 x156

JUNE

- 4 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required
- 20 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required

- 21 HAB-I-TOUR**
Friday, 1:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
Lunch Provided
RSVP to Ashley, 210-223-5203 x156

- 22 HOUSE DEDICATION**
Saturday, 10 a.m.
Coleman Ridge Community

JULY

- 2 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required
- 18 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
No RSVP Required
- 19 HAB-I-TOUR**
Friday, 1:00 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Office
Lunch Provided
RSVP to Ashley, 210-223-5203 x156
- 26 PACK THE PARK**
Volunteer Appreciation Event
Friday, 7:05 p.m.
(Gates open at 6 p.m.)
Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium

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“Transforming lives through a hand up, and not a hand out”

Morning Star Terrace: Where the House Building Journey Ends, New Lives Begin

From HFHSA President & CEO, Natalie Griffith

Last April you shared in our excitement and anticipation as the vision of Morning Star Terrace, a 14-lot Habitat community in District 5, came to life. Now, one year later the project is complete, and brand new affordable homes now stand where dilapidated buildings once existed.

Forged by a close relationship between City Councilman David Medina, Jr., and Habitat, the Morning Star Terrace development is a progressive step toward expanding our partnership with the City to eliminate blight and create much needed sustainable living opportunities for the residents of San Antonio.

It was City of San Antonio staff and officials who joined Habitat volunteers at our April 2012 Groundbreaking to build the first set of wall panels for the first Morning Star Terrace home. From there the transformation was underway with demolition of the original buildings, followed by infrastructure, construction, and a celebratory House Dedication Ceremony for the new homeowners.

Special thanks are owed to Mayor Castro and the entire City Council who voted unanimously to support this neigh-

borhood revitalization effort. Thank you to our Engineer, Rolando Briones, Jr., and the staff of Briones Engineering for designing and overseeing the development of this project.

Also, a big, warm thank you to the invaluable individuals and organizations – from churches to businesses and civic groups – that came together through Habitat to fund and build Morning Star Terrace. Whether you helped frame, paint or landscape a Habitat house you have joined in the mission of building hope and community in San Antonio.

The Morning Star Terrace development will forever hold a special place in our hearts. It was in this neighborhood on Harriman Place that our organization celebrated the milestone completion of our 800th house. That's 800 affordable homes for 800 hardworking families in our 37-year history!

Morning Star Terrace will provide long-term stability the homeowners can afford and the security necessary to plan and build their futures. By giving families a hand-up so they can lead independent lives, we are strengthening families and the entire community. Thank you, San Antonio, for a job well done!



Newly completed homes at Morning Star Terrace.

Before & After: Morning Star Terrace Snapshots



Demolition begins on a dilapidated building to make way for infrastructure and construction at Morning Star Terrace.



Councilman David Medina, Jr. addresses a crowd of onlookers at our House Dedication Ceremony on March 23, 2013.



Volunteers are hard at work on the construction of one of the 14 new homes in Morning Star Terrace.



Rolando Briones of Briones Engineering congratulates Rodolfo Fuentes on the completion of his new home.



Six Flags "Project 6" team members help paint a home at Morning Star Terrace.



New homeowners, Leslie Torres and Stephanie Campbell, celebrate on Dedication Day with their house sponsors, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Recognizing Our Extraordinary Military Support

In recognition of National Military Month, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio would like to say thank you to our military men and women, past and present, for their sacrifices, dedication, and service to our country. Your support for Habitat's mission is evident through

countless hours of volunteer work and serves as an inspiration to us all:

- Air Force Recruiting/ 341 Recruiter Squadron/E-Flight Eagles
- 543 ISRG
- 331st Training Squadron

• USCG

In honor of you, we are pleased to announce that our next Military Build Day will be Friday, May 17. Contact Sarah (210-223-5203 x160, Sarah@HabitatSA.org) or Clark (210-223-5203 x161, Volunteer@HabitatSA.org) in Volunteer Services to join us!

Habitat Home Centers: Lots of New Stuff!

The Home Centers are well stocked with a broad assortment of new merchandise. We recently attended a surplus trade show and acquired truckloads of many different items that are new to our stores. New styles of furniture, hardware and tools, various kinds of houseware and decorative products, and even some artwork can be found on our shelves now.

We are making an even greater effort than in the past to seek out new products that are great bargains so that shopping in the Home Centers will present shoppers with new merchandise on each visit.

The stores always have a selection of gently used merchandise as well as

brand new goods that are the same as can be found in larger chain retailers (but priced lower!) Also we have a very large inventory of doors and windows that are great buys for someone remodeling or just doing some fix-up on rental properties.

As always we are on the lookout for opportunities to acquire surplus or left-over home improvement type merchandise. Please keep those leads coming as you see situations that might help us in our efforts. Call any of our store managers and let them know of any opportunity that might provide us with a chance to acquire reusable goods.

Remember also that our Wrecking Crew stands ready to deconstruct or

otherwise salvage fixtures that might be slated for demolition in either residential or commercial projects. If you haven't stopped in lately please come see what's happening in our three Habitat Home Centers.



SCAN WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE to view store locations or visit www.habitatsa.org/homecenter/locations

HELP BUILD IT!

Friday Volunteers Needed through Summer

Don't miss out on the fun of helping to build simple, decent and affordable homes with families in need.

VOLUNTEERS GET HUNGRY TOO!

Join our lunch crew and help feed the more than 17,000 volunteers who build Habitat homes in San Antonio each year.

Contact Volunteer Services to join us now!

Sarah - 210-223-5203 x160 Sarah@HabitatSA.org

Clark - 210-223-5203 x161 Volunteer@HabitatSA.org

BE INFORMED, GET INVOLVED!

Want to learn more about HFHSA? Join us for one of our monthly Hab-i-Tours!

This one-hour guided bus tour includes COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH and a unique look at the Habitat homes built in partnership with San Antonio families.

Led by staff, Hab-i-Tours include videos and commentary while touring a Habitat community under construction.

Upcoming tour dates: May 17, Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 18. Contact Ashley at 210-223-5203 x156 to RSVP your lunch order today.

THANK YOU

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio thanks the following house sponsors for their generous support:

Community Build

Oak Hills Church

Temple Beth El Brotherhood

Agudas Achim Men's Club

Summer Break is Just Around the Corner!

Looking for ways to motivate your teen to stay healthy and active this summer? Is your child in need of volunteer hours for school?

Contact Volunteer Services today

at 210-223-5203 to arrange for your child, family or group to participate in a summer build.

This year, skip camp and help build a Habitat house instead!