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SPRING 2009

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

“I think everybody should have a place to live. Every family should enjoy that, every family.”

James Masterson,
Habitat homeowner



We Must Carry On

FOUNDER MILLARD FULLER'S PASSING

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The recent passing of Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller gives us pause for thought and reflection on the man who dedicated his life to shining a spotlight on poverty housing and doing something about it; the man who inspired so many to make decent housing a matter of conscience. Millard's passing reminds us to renew our commitment to the vision of this remarkable force of nature and to the mission of this organization he founded which has served more than 300,000 families around the world by working in partnership to provide simple, decent, affordable homes.

2009 will be a year of continuing challenges and change for HFHEKC. After completing the last six townhomes at the 24 unit Patterson Park community in Redmond, HFHEKC will be moving on to our first new site in nearly a decade. Land for 10 homes in 5 duplexes in the Issaquah Highlands was purchased in December 2008; playing side by side with staff, AmeriCorps and our volunteers. The progress at Koinonia Ridge in Snoqualmie also continues as we approach the completion of the 50 homes to be built there. Koinonia Ridge will be the site where we will start this affiliate's 100th home this spring. Construction in Snoqualmie will wrap up in 2010 and we will look

to move on to new sites in Carnation or Renton or both.

When the economy takes a turn for the worst, the hardest hit are the low income families who don't have a safety net on which to rely. The work of Habitat for Humanity in East King County is needed now more than ever. After the recent Family Orientation for the six new families selected for the Koinonia Community in Snoqualmie, one new partner family wrote, "THANK you, thank you, thank you for this opportunity. I appreciate it more than words could say and love how it all works. I enjoy working for something. This will be a life-long relationship for us!"

Thank you for taking the time to read our Spring Newsletter and for your interest in Habitat for Humanity and the work of our Affiliate. I look forward to seeing you at our 2009 Growing with Habitat Annual Fundraising Breakfast on April 28 at the Meydenbauer Center.

On Millard's passing, Clive Rainey, Habitat's first volunteer wrote, "How do we remember Millard? We raise our hammers a little higher; we bring them down a little harder and a little faster – we build more houses. And we do what Millard always called us to do. We raise our voices on behalf of the poor...

We Build Louder!"

Sincerely,



*Tom Granger,
Executive Director,
Habitat for Humanity, East King County*





“The greatest joy is the day you get to knock on some one’s door and say, ‘Hey you get to work on your new home.’”

Gailyn Gluth,
former Family Selection
Committee Member

Work Continues | **REDMOND AND SNOQUALMIE**

By Lee Brannam, Construction Manager

Construction at Patterson Park in Redmond will soon be coming to an end as the last of four buildings progress steadily towards completion. All six furnaces are up and running and drywall has officially begun. The three-story building houses six units and mirrors the style of the other three buildings in the community.

Patterson Park is an award winning collaboration between community service providers (Springboard Alliance), market rate developers (Taluswood), Habitat for Humanity of EKC, the City of Redmond and King County. This final building was made possible largely through grants and donations from churches and private individuals, as well as the generous support of Microsoft Financial Services who sponsored one of the units.

Construction is in full swing at Koinonia Ridge in Snoqualmie as we continue to work towards our goal of building fifty homes by 2010 in this scenic planned community. In September we moved even closer to achieving our goal with the dedication of two new homes made possible through the generous support of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. With the hard work of many Lutheran Churches along with other volunteers, they were completed in only four months.

The work is not over, however, as we still have six houses currently in progress at Koinonia Ridge which are nearing completion. Plans are already underway to start the construction of our last five houses in Snoqualmie this summer, with Thrivent Financial once again blessing us with their support by sponsoring two more homes. Keep reading for breaking news about our newest development in Issaquah! For more information about the construction projects at Habitat EKC go to www.habitatekc.org/construction/current-projects.html.

“Jonathan and I know what a huge chance this is to make something for our family and we will never forget it!”

MEET THE MILLER FAMILY

By Emily Fortman, Family Services Manager

Jonathan and Mary Miller, along with their two children, Draeden, 4, and Adwynn, 1, were selected as a Partner Family in January 2009. The family will work with Habitat staff, volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and other Partner Families to build a three-bedroom home in our Koinonia Ridge development, and finally realize their dream of home ownership. The Millers currently share a small house in North Bend with an extended family member. Jonathan and Mary struggle with their small living space (all four family members sleep in one bedroom) and structural deficiencies throughout their rental home. As son Draeden and daughter Adwynn grow older, the Miller's home seems smaller and less adequate. Jonathan and Mary are optimistic about their future as homeowners and see their relationship with Habitat for Humanity as "lifelong." In a recent e-mail correspondence,

Mary said, "Jonathan and I KNOW what a huge chance this is to make something for our family and we will never forget it!!!" Jonathan and Mary are natives of Snoqualmie Valley and have extended family residing nearby. Jonathan has been employed by Nintendo of America for nearly eight years and is in line for a promotion within the company. Family time is of utmost importance to Jonathan and Mary. They enjoy playing with their children, hiking, art projects, and baking. Mary is very involved in the community and volunteers her time at the local co-op preschool. The Miller family is working hard to complete their 500 hours of sweat equity by spending time on the construction site and attending home buyer education classes. Jonathan and Mary look forward to moving into their new home in Snoqualmie and are excited to live in a diverse community. When asked what Habitat can do to help them become great homeowners, Mary and Jonathan simply stated, "just the opportunity to have a house will allow us to start 'living.'"

Volunteer Profile

RICK HULS

By Ben Robinson, AmeriCorps Member

The navy blue Seahawks hardhat is distinctive, but the perpetual smile better epitomizes volunteer Rick Huls. Rick has been a figure at the Patterson Park site in Redmond since 2007, when he and his wife of over 25 years, Paula first came out to help the Berrios family (fellow members of Creekside Covenant Church) complete their sweat equity hours. Rick started during the summer with the volunteer lead program that runs from July to September. Now Rick devotes three days a week to the site and has completed a full 272 volunteer hours. When Rick retired from being a software engineer and manager for 35 years at Boeing, he knew he wanted to stay active and continue to challenge himself. He had no prior construction experience, so he saw Habitat as an opportunity to learn new skills. In addition to the innumerable other tasks he's carried out on site, Rick has perfected his skills at siding, wiring and framing (he can lay out a wall like nobody's business.) He has also learned a lot from working with the younger generations on site, who provide a fresh perspective and help him "think young." Rick plans to continue volunteering for two more years, when he'll move to Sequim and apply these skills to remodeling his own house. Rick derives pleasure from teaching other volunteers how to carry out tasks on site and seeing the end results. He is a joy to work with. Special thanks to Rick and all the volunteers that make the success of Habitat EKC possible. If you are interested in becoming a team construction leader this summer like Rick, please contact us at elise@habitatekc.org. There is no construction experience necessary. There is a minimum 2 days a week commitment for 1 month, with some flexibility. Join the build!



Habitat's | GREEN THUMB

By Tom Wood, Vista Member

With the start of our newest project in the Issaquah Highlands, Habitat for Humanity of East King County will be participating at a new level of environmental stewardship by constructing our first four star Built Green homes. As environmental awareness becomes an ever increasing aspect of daily life in the Great Northwest, efforts to minimize our impact on the environment are increasingly becoming the concern of both home builders and home owners. We at Habitat hope to address these concerns by participating in the ground-breaking program. Built Green is an environmentally friendly, nonprofit residential building program of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish counties. Built Green was designed to help home buyers find quality, affordable homes that offer opportunities to protect the health of their families and the Northwest environment.¹ By addressing issues such as indoor air quality, water and energy efficiency, and low impact development, Habitat will be providing home owners with healthier, more cost efficient and environmentally friendly houses. For more information go to: www.habitatekc.org/construction/green-building.html.

¹ <http://www.builtgreen.net/faqs.htm#>

Global Village Trip | ROMANIA

Many Habitat EKC staff members and supporters participate in Global Village service trips. These trips are planned in cooperation with other Habitat affiliates in the United States and all over the world and are open to anyone to apply. Emily Fortman, Habitat EKC's Family Services Manager tells about her experiences on one such trip to Romania.

Habitat—You participated in a Habitat for Humanity Global Village trip last October. Where did you go?

EMILY— I flew into Bucharest, Romania, and met the other volunteers. After a short stay in Bucharest, we drove two hours to Pitesti. Our build was in the small, rural village of Oarja, which is about 20 miles from Pitsti.

Habitat—Did you know any of the other Habitat volunteers? What inspired them to join the Global Village trip?

EMILY— I did not know anyone going on the trip but our team leader sent out short bios about each of us before we met in Bucharest, so I had a bit of information about where folks lived and how old they were. Most of my teammates came from around the United States; one came from Canada, and two other duos came from Sweden and Belgium (all American expats.) Some people had volunteered with their local HFH affiliates but most were new to the organization. Everyone had a great sense of service and wanted to make a difference in the community where we worked.

Habitat— Describe a typical day in Romania.

EMILY— The group met for breakfast around 7:30 a.m. Breakfast fare included yogurt, pastries, cold cuts, small sausages and cappuccino. After we ate, we carpoled in minivans to the work site. On the construction site, the Pitesti Habitat affiliate Construction Manager would give us an overview of the day's tasks (via an interpreter.) The concrete apartment building we worked on was completed in various stages so some units were occupied while others needed sheetrock and insulation. I found myself mixing a lot of cement and "mudding and taping." A sewer line needed to be installed so a 100-yard trench was dug by our group. Lunch, which consisted of bread, meat, cheese, fruit and cookies, was eaten on-site with Partner Families and Habitat Pitesti staff. Sometimes we played with the neighborhood kids or watched the local shepherd move the neighborhood livestock from pasture to village. After work, the group had time to shower and get ready for dinner at a local restaurant.

Habitat— What was the food like?

EMILY—We ate a lot of Romanian and Hungarian food. Meat and potatoes were very typical dinner fare. Polenta was served with heaping mounds of sour cream and a bit of cheese. Our group ate Italian food twice while we were in Romania. Our farewell dinner included cabbage rolls; they were delicious! The dining experience was different from what we expect in America. Dining at a Romanian restaurant is perceived as a social, relaxing, lengthy event. If we sat down to eat at 7 p.m., we usually didn't leave until 10:30 or 11 p.m.

Habitat— What was the most memorable moment from the trip?

EMILY—There were so many great moments. The site-seeing tours of King Vlad's castle and Transylvania were spectacular. Interacting with the Partner Families was wonderful; I learned a lot about them and their lives. Ironically, most of the Partner Families spoke Spanish so those of us who could speak rudimentary level Spanish were able to communicate without an English interpreter. The one experience that stands out in my mind was when our group rescued a puppy from an old, unused well. All of us worked together to save the little dog. It was the most extraordinary display of teamwork and collaboration I have ever seen. After a couple hours of trial and error, we were able to pull the dog up by lining a bucket with dog food and lowering it on an orange extension cord. Miraculously, the puppy was not injured from his fall. We cried and smiled and hugged the dog until he was sick of us. We built a cover for the dry well and put our handprints and the date of our trip in the wet cement. It was truly an amazing experience.



“The experience was unbelievable.
My trip to Romania was life-changing”

Emily Fortman,
Habitat EKC's
Family Services
Manager



Faith Relations | **UPDATE**

By Mary Martin, Resource Development Director

Congregations from various faith groups have helped us build homes in partnership with low-income families. Many of these congregations have long standing relationships with Habitat for Humanity. They like to focus on a local mission in their own backyards where their members can serve without traveling to another region or country. Others are new to us and are just learning about how easy it is to put their faith into action by building homes for our neighbors in need of a safe and decent place to live.

C2BUILD

Faith United Methodist, Pine Lake Covenant, Sammamish Presbyterian, Sammamish Hills Lutheran and Timberlake Church. These churches are supporting the Fowler family at Patterson Park in Redmond.

For more information:
www.habitatkc.org/support/faith.html

TOGETHER WE BUILD

Aldersgate United Methodist, Bellevue Christian, Eastgate Congregational, I.M.A.N., St Joseph Catholic, St Thomas Episcopal and Temple B'nai Torah have been building with Habitat EKC since 2002. They have been building at Snoqualmie Ridge in the fall with a goal of two weeks of building, sharing meals and focused spiritual dialogue with the objective a building a better world community. They are also looking to enlarge their membership.

COALITION FOR HOPE

Bear Creek United Methodist, St. Jude Parish, Woodinville Alliance, and Woodinville Community United Methodist. These churches are supporting the Ly/Pham family at Patterson Park in Redmond.

Board Member Profile | **SALLY GREGG**

By Mia Walterson, Finance Director

Sally's commitment to volunteerism started in high school as a 'candy striper' at the hospital where her father practiced medicine. Since that time, her commitment to serving others remains a constant value in her life. Sally Gregg's current role as Vice Chair of the East King County Board of Directors highlights her extensive background in construction, real estate and housing. After serving on Hopelink's Board of Directors, Sally joined Habitat in the spring of 2006 to continue her commitment to break the cycle of poverty by providing affordable housing. Sally's 26 years as a real estate broker provides the necessary experience and

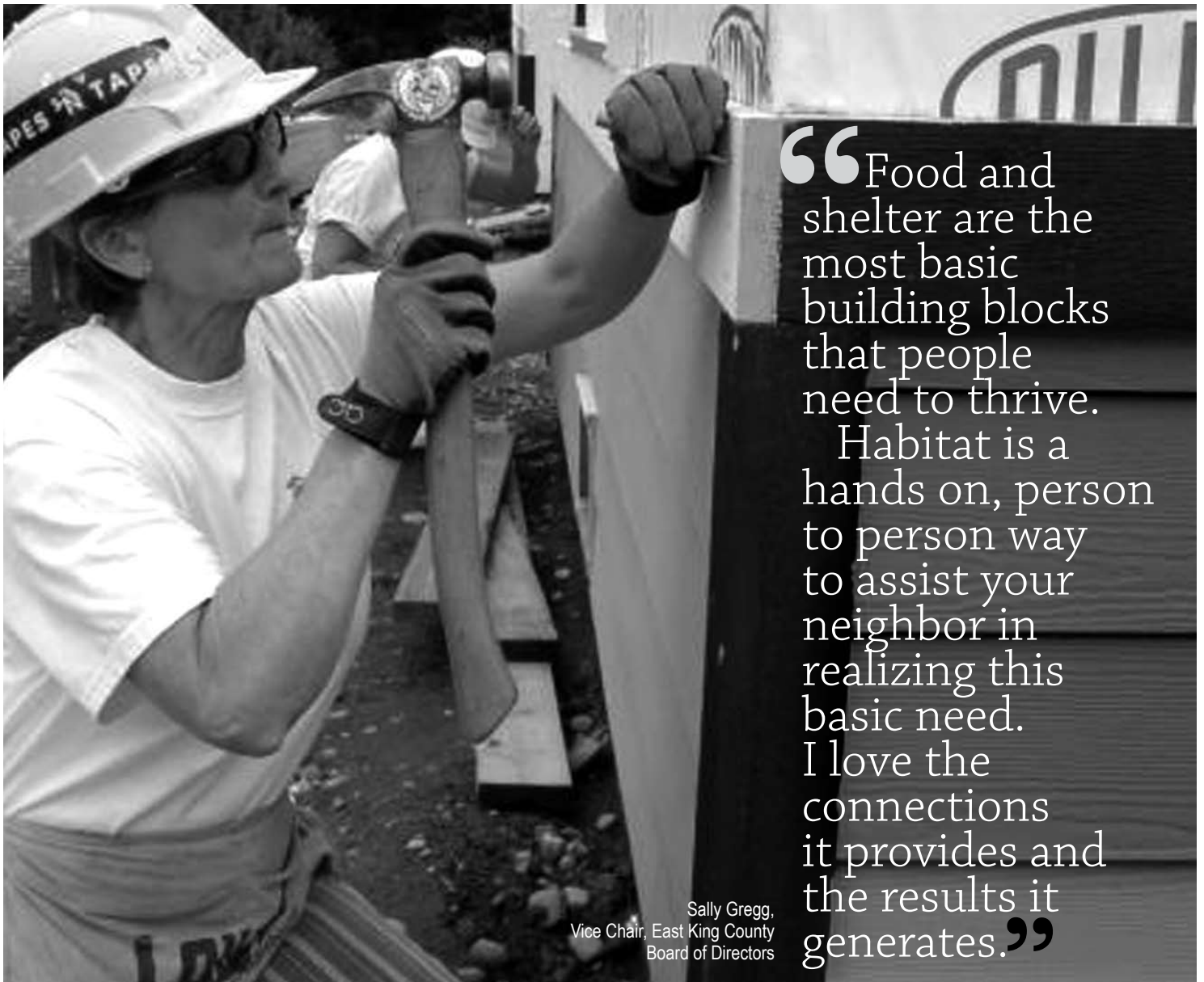
knowledge to support the affiliate in her vision of "building more houses for more families". Sally also serves as the Chair of the Growing with Habitat Breakfast Committee and as a member of the Resource Development Committee.

Sally was recently honored for her contributions to the community with the REALTOR® Community Service award by the Seattle King County Association of Realtors. This award is based on the outstanding contributions of a REALTOR® to the local community, as well as being an active professional member of the local Association.

Sally is much more than just Habitat: People who know her are aware of her passion for horses. A horse owner since she was young, she serves on

the Board of Directors of Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center. Her time on horseback, riding in the woods around her home, allows her to energize. It is, she says, "like prayer to me". Except for a brief two year hiatus in Oregon, Sally has lived on the Eastside for the past 35 years. She shares her home with her husband Jerry, her daughter Caitlin and son Graham. Jerry is a professional chef, working for Lisa Dupar Catering and, as Sally confesses, "spoils her rotten".

We would like to give a huge thank you to Sally Gregg for her commitment to our mission of providing affordable housing to all qualifying Eastside families.



“Food and shelter are the most basic building blocks that people need to thrive. Habitat is a hands on, person to person way to assist your neighbor in realizing this basic need. I love the connections it provides and the results it generates.”

Sally Gregg,
Vice Chair, East King County
Board of Directors



Golf Tournament and Auction | **4TH ANNUAL** Habitat for Humanity East King County Golf Tournament and Auction to help fund two Thrivent Builds Homes in 2009

BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB IN WOODINVILLE MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

Details coming soon! Go to www.habitatekc.org/golf for more information and please check back often.



Milestones | **100TH HABITAT HOME TO BE BUILT IN EAST KING COUNTY IN 2009**

By Jodi Bridges, Special Events and Communications Officer

The small group of concerned citizens wasn't thinking about building 100 homes when they gathered together in Carnation around Bob Patterson's kitchen table in 1988 to discuss starting their own Habitat for Humanity affiliate and building their first house.

As Mia Walterson, Habitat EKC Director of Finance explains, "At that time the Board meetings took place in the Patterson home, donations were recorded in three column ledger books and all of the work was done by volunteers."

Jump ahead 21 years to 2009 when Habitat EKC will celebrate building its 100th home! Three column ledger books have gone the way of the rotary phone. With Microsoft Corporation in our back yard and the world growing and changing every minute, Habitat EKC has grown and changed right along with it while remaining committed to our mission of serving Eastside families. From the first home built in Carnation, Habitat EKC has created communities all over East King County in Redmond, Snoqualmie, Issaquah and Bellevue.

Mia adds, "That's pretty incredible. It really was because of the dedication of that small group of people that we have been able to serve 100 families."

In the next few years, Habitat will return to Carnation, where it all began, and start a fifteen home project. In addition, for the first time, a partnership has been formed between Habitat EKC and the Seattle Habitat affiliate to begin a 41 home project in Renton in the near future.

Tom Granger, Habitat EKC Executive Director says, "I am so proud of the achievements of the East King County affiliate – and grateful for all the support and dedication of our hard working staff, amazing partner families and tireless volunteers, board members and donors. It is an incredible feeling to be part of an organization that has helped so many!"



Cars | **FOR HOMES**

In these times, everyone is looking for creative ways to give. One way is to donate your used car to the Habitat program "Cars for Homes." Proceeds from your contribution will go directly to Habitat EKC. Last year Habitat EKC raised \$20,474 through Cars for Home alone! For more information about this unique program please call 1-877-277-4344 or go to www.carsforhomes.org.

Champion Metal of Washington | INC

By Frank Doria, Major Gifts Director

For most of us, a roof over our head signifies living in a house that protects us from the elements, keeping us warm, dry, and cozy. Unfortunately, not everyone is as lucky as you and I. There are many families struggling right here in East King County and do not have shelter to keep them comfortable and safe.

Thanks to our friends at Champion Metal of Washington, Inc with their generosity and skilled labor, over 45 Habitat homeowners literally have a roof over their heads. Champion Metal has donated the supplies for metal roofing for each home built at Koinonia Ridge.

Champion Metal has been supplying metal roofing and siding material for the Pacific Northwest since 1978. Their commitment has always been to provide the best products with the best service in the industry. Quality products and “on-time” delivery is their motto.

Thank you to Champion Metal for their generous support of Habitat EKC through the years. For more information habitatekc.org/donate/building-materials.html.

QUIZ!

Test your roofing knowledge-match the terms to their correct description! Answers at www.habitatekc.org.

a. UNDERLAYMENT

b. FLASHING

c. SHINGLES OR TILE

d. TRIM

e. RIDGE

f. HIP

g. VALLEY

h. PITCH

i. EAVES

j. GABLES

k. DORMER

1. The slope or steepness of the roof.

2. The outer-most part of the roof. Sitting atop the underlayment, they form a barrier against the elements. Shingles and tiles are just two among many types of materials you can use to cover the roof. Others include concrete, wood shingles or metal.

3. The triangular portions of the ends of your home, which extend from the eaves to the peak of the roof.

4. When two sections of the roof slope downward and meet.

5. The black paper laid over the plywood sheeting in order to seal the roof from damaging elements (snow, rain, ice, etc.)

6. The part of the roof that hangs over the rest of the home

7. Protects the seams anywhere there is a roof, such as a hip or a ridge.

8. Refers to the metal pieces that are used to divert water from places where it might collect, such as hips and valleys.

9. The sections of the home that extrude from the roof.

10. The highest point or peak of the roof.

11. The high point where two adjoining roof sections meet.



“Spend a few minutes appreciating your roof and home today, along with the many things you have.”

Second Use

RECYCLES YOUR BUILDING MATERIALS AND HELPS HABITAT EKC IN THE PROCESS

By Frank Doria, Major Gifts Director

Are you running out of space at home for storing the vast quantities of reusable construction and demolitions items? Or are you doing your annual spring cleaning and found that sink from grandma's house and thinking "what can I do with all this STUFF!" Don't feel bad, you are facing the same dilemma that contractor and environmental activist Roy Hunter experienced back in 1994 when he started Second Use. Roy strived to divert reusable building materials from the landfills, preserving Washington's resources and providing cost-effective remodeling supplies to the Puget Sound community.

Did you know 43% of building-related construction and demolition (C & D) excess is generated from residential sources¹. C & D excess includes glass, lumber, bricks, concrete, plastics, steel, drywall, and plumbing fixtures. Since 1998, Second Use has accepted donations of usable building materials, which are sold to raise money for five local Habitat of Humanity affiliates.



We at Habitat East King County have benefited by receiving over \$330,000 from individuals like you, who have worked with Second Use to reduce-reuse-recycle building materials and supplies which have resulted in helping to build approximately 3 homes for 3 families.

For more information about the partnership between Second Use and Habitat EKC go to www.habitatekc.org/donate/index.html.



1. Building and Environment: A Statistical Summary compiled by EPA Green Building workgroup, December 2004

New Development | ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS

By Jodi Bridges, Special Events and Communications Officer

So begins a new chapter in the history of Habitat EKC: as the Patterson Park project in Redmond enters its final phase — the last 6 homes of a 24 home, 6 year project will be completed in 2009 — a new development will break ground in the Issaquah Highlands. The project will consist of five duplexes, ten homes total, each with their own garage-under parking.

Issaquah Highlands is a new model of how to live in the Northwest, combining access to woods, trails, open space and parks with an urban village lifestyle of convenience. It is pedestrian friendly with a network of sidewalks and trails, making it easy to walk or bike from place to place. Architecture and streetscapes are scaled for walking, with something interesting to look at and experience each step of the way. Many neighborhoods have front porches and homes close to the sidewalk to encourage social interaction. In the Issaquah Highlands there are 650 developed acres of land, 1400 open acres of open space with an additional 100 acres of parks area (accounting for 15 individual parks.)

The Habitat EKC project will be built according to the Built Green standards by the Master Builders Association and the Evergreen Sustainable Development Standard. A special Ground "Blessing" will be held at Issaquah in July of 2009, to which the entire Habitat EKC family will be invited.

“We are so excited to not only be building in Issaquah for the first time in many years, but to also be completing our first 4 star rated Built Green and Energy Star Project.”

Lee Brannam
Construction Manager





“I want to work outdoors and contribute to the community.”

“I want to experience the North West.”

“I want to give back to the community.”

AmeriCorps | AN INVALUABLE PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT EKC

By Elise Cope, AmeriCorps and Volunteer Manager

Brian Allen is an artist, born and raised in Illinois and a recent graduate of Illinois State. Melissa Salini is a proud mother of Isabelle and a social activist from California. Jayme Aumann is a WA native, has traveled to over 11 countries and is a long-time fan of Habitat for Humanity. These are just 3 of our current 13 AmeriCorps members from all over the country who have decided to uproot and commit 10 ½ months to our affiliate.

Volunteering with AmeriCorps not only involves moving to another state, but also figuring out a way to live on a \$945 a month stipend, all the while consciously setting yourself up for physical and social challenges that will make a lifelong impression.

“I just really enjoy what I do: helping people and swinging a hammer.” Said MJ, one of the 2nd year AmeriCorps working at Patterson Park this year.

This July, when the AmeriCorps members term ends, some will move onto various professions, some within the nonprofit field, some to college or graduate school and some will stay for a 2nd term of AmeriCorps with us or another organization.

Here at Habitat EKC, we not only encourage AmeriCorps members to make a difference in the lives of others, but also a difference in their own lives. As they move on, we hope our AmeriCorps alumni continue as stewards of affordable housing.

We have had over 60 AmeriCorps members partner with us since 1999. As we prepare for National AmeriCorps week, May 9th-16th, we wish to recognize all of our previous members and the contributions they have made and highlight the amazing things that they have accomplished.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in our AmeriCorps opportunities, please contact Elise Cope, AmeriCorps and Volunteer Manager, 425.869.6007, elise@habitatekc.org.

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