

## ***A Brush With Kindness Boosts Fire Safety***

Habitat's *A Brush With Kindness* (ABWK) crews have completed three projects recently, all having to do with safety. In one case a damaged deck was removed, and the other two jobs had to do with fire safety. Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County (HFH of MC) receives calls for weed-eating, but we do not have enough volunteers to meet the demand for that service.

ABWK serves seniors, the disabled, and single parent families in need of minor repairs, exterior painting, and yard cleanup. To date, through ABWK HFH of MC has served thirteen families since 2011. If folks call us for a service we do not provide, we make every effort to direct them toward another agency that does provide that service. For more information about Habitat for Humanity, call the office at 966-7444.



**Jennifer Wilson and Lori Mertens of Westamerica Bank present a check for \$500 to HFH of Mariposa County for the *A Brush With Kindness* program.**

## **Time to Get Your Raffle Tickets!**



**Marcelle Price and Phyllis Staggs, HFH volunteers, selling tickets on June 12 at Pioneer Market**

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County is actively searching for land for future Habitat homes. In the meantime its construction crew, under Louie Edwards, found the time to build two play structures: a play fort and a playhouse or potter's shed for a gardener. These items will be raffled at the Mariposa County Contractors Association's Home Show in the fall. Proceeds will go toward more safe, decent, affordable housing. The drawing will take place on October 3 at the Mariposa County Contractors Home Show. (See page 4 for more details.)

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **MISSION VISION**

*A world where everyone has a decent place to live.*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.*

### **CALENDAR**

HFH Events July—Sept. 2015

July 2 Board of Directors meeting St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Lower Hall) 6p.m.

July 11 Raffle Ticket Sales at Pioneer Market

August 6 Board of Directors meeting St. Joseph's Catholic Church 6p.m.

September 3 Board of Directors meeting St. Joseph's Catholic Church

September 4-7 Mariposa County Fair

October 1 Board of Directors meeting St. Joseph's Catholic Church 6p.m.

October 3 Mariposa County Contractors Home Show: Habitat Raffle Drawing at 11a.m.

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## An Important Step Toward Safer, Decent Places to Live

The material and the spiritual seem completely enmeshed when you consider the vision, principles, and mission of Habitat for Humanity. The fact of physically building homes with funds raised in our local community with a large amount of volunteer labor makes these abstract spiritual principles tangible. And these completed homes with families living in them accomplish the actualization of the primary intent of our mission statement.

In order to fulfill the vision we all share, "A world where everyone has a decent place to live," we need to maintain the primary focus of building homes so that when we, as an organized group of caring people, advocate in the more general context, we are credible. Our county's General Plan places a strong emphasis on home ownership. It also has a specific Housing Element. The Housing Element is mandated by state law to address adequate housing on the county level for all economic segments. This portion of the General Plan is closely looked at by the state and rewritten by the county every five years. It is about to be released in draft form for the period 2015-2019. So this is a great time for us to be working to create greater harmony between our Habitat goals and the county housing element.

HFH Executive Director Beth Tomsick and I met with the County Administrative Officer and Deputy Director of Planning in June with the purpose of seeking common

goals in regard to affordable housing. We had asked the county earlier for a clarification of zoning and land use ordinances and if they could be changed to allow for greater density by the use of multi-family dwellings or other housing options. These changes could allow for more affordable housing to be built—a goal we have in common with the Mariposa County Housing Element. In addition to more land availability for Habitat homes that serve those earning 30% to 60% of the median income, smaller lots could make small homes for the working poor a possibility. Although these homes are outside the parameters of Habitat's work, Habitat International and our local affiliate advocate for affordable housing for all.

It may seem to some that this is too political a posture for Habitat to take. My response to that feeling is: The spiritual roots of the Habitat vision lie in the beliefs expressed by Clarence Jordan, who together with his wife Florence founded Koinonia Farm. One such belief is actually doing the work to begin the establishment of the "Kingdom of God on earth." Our portion of this mighty task revolves around our advocating that everyone in our community have a safe decent home. Since we can't build all the homes we need, let's facilitate the way for others who will emerge to contribute to this ongoing vision.

*Barry*



### Meet the 2015-2016 Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County

Front row: Jovan Trujillo, Treasurer; Beth Tomsick, Executive Director; Paula Eagle, Site Selection; Clarence Tedrow, Vice President; Judy Gibbons, Family Selection. Back row: Steve Smallcombe, Resource Development; Sharon Amundson, Church Relations; Jackie McCormick, Secretary; Barry Brouillette, President; and Don Fox, Member at Large. Missing are Louie Edwards, Construction; Bob Collins, Family Support; Phyllis Becker, Assistant Secretary; newly elected Assistant Treasurer, Juanita DeLucia.

Habitat would not be where it is today without the strong support of these volunteers plus many others and its faithful community donors.

# Butterfly Festival Parade

OUR TRUSTY VOLUNTEERS



HABITAT'S PARADE FLOAT



PRESIDENT BARRY BROUILLETTE AND PHYLLIS BECKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY



PEEKING OUT THE BACK WINDOW OF THE PLAYHOUSE/POTTER'S SHED



PIONEER FORT



YOU COULD WIN OUR PIONEER FORT OR THE PLAYHOUSE/POTTER'S SHED!

SEE PAGE 4 FOR TICKET PRICES AND ENTRY INFORMATION.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW.

ENTER TO WIN  
AS OFTEN  
AS YOU LIKE

**Enter to win our pioneer play fort or playhouse/potter's shed!**

**Ticket prices: 1 for \$5    3 for \$10    7 for \$20**



Pioneer Play Fort



Playhouse/Potter's Shed



**On October 3, 2015, Barry Brouillette, Mariposa Habitat's Board of Directors President, will draw the winning tickets during the Mariposa County Contractors' Home Show at the fairgrounds. Make sure your name is in the hat! We sincerely appreciate your support.**

You need not be present to win. Questions? Just give us a call or drop by!

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# Appreciation Page

- ◆ Thanks to all who have donated to our Cars for Homes program! Since some of you donate online and some through our office, we are not listing names, but we want you to know that your donation does turn into money for safe, decent, affordable housing in our county! Local donations are close to \$30,000 over the life of this program.
  
- ◆ Thanks to the following for their kind donations to our playhouse building project.
  - \* H & L Lumber for the lumber
  - \* Foster's Ace Hardware for the LED lights in the playhouse/potter's shed
  - \* Bob Evans for the log caps for the play fort
  
- ◆ Raffle Ticket sellers at Pioneer Market: Good job with much gratitude from HFH of Mariposa County!
  
- ◆ Dave and Shelly Gerken, we appreciate your generous donation to an H & L Lumber account for Habitat's work here.
  
- ◆ Butterfly Festival Parade: To all the volunteers who participated in the parade, we say, "Bravo!" You helped us spread the word about Habitat and had a good time doing it!
  
- ◆ To those who faithfully support Habitat on a monthly or yearly basis! Your gifts keep us going!

If anyone reading our newsletter would like to pledge to Habitat on any basis, please print or copy the following form and return it to HFH of Mariposa County, P. O. Box 1420, Mariposa, CA 95338.

## **PLEDGE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MARIPOSA COUNTY (Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)**

As a supporter of Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County, I would like to help the affiliate's ministry here financially.

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to HFH of MC and want my donation to be used to serve safe, decent, affordable housing.

Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Foster's Ace Hardware: A Genuine Habitat Hero



Among the many community donors supporting Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County, Foster's Ace Hardware stands out. Troy Foster has donated to every Mariposa Habitat house. Recently, he donated six pallets of True Value paint to the Habitat Resale Store. We still have plenty on hand. Come choose

from all the great colors for your next painting project.

The public is invited to shop at the store every Saturday from 9a.m. to 1p.m. We're located at 5320 Highway 49 North.

Foster's Ace Hardware, your generosity is making a difference in our community!

**Managers Melissa Swank and Monica Evans**

## Saying Good-Bye and Reaching Out

Habitat is losing two longtime, faithful volunteers, Heidi Colliver (below left) and Pat Eby (center). We will miss them. HFH Office Manager Adrienne O'Brien is pictured at the right. If you have office skills and would enjoy working for safe, decent, affordable housing, please contact us at 209 966-7444.



## Yosemite Velo Club Aces Fundraising Ride



**Pictured in the foreground are Tom Medema and Brenda and Reed Schneider, with Victor Goldman in the back.**

Yosemite Velo Club's road ride on April 11 drew many enthusiastic riders in support of our cause. Its members raised over \$1,000 for Habitat's work under the leadership of Tom Medema, National Park Services Chief of Interpretation and Education. Thanks to all of you!

If you haven't started watching us on [Facebook](#) and sharing our news with your friends, you're missing a great opportunity to spread the word about all the good works Mariposa Habitat for Humanity is doing with support from our generous donors. Please "Like" us and "Follow" us — you can stay up-to-date on what's happening not only in our community, but with HFH affiliates throughout the world.

## News from Habitat International

Donate your car today! or call Habitat International at **1-877-277-4344**

Do you have an old or unneeded car, truck, boat or other vehicle sitting in your driveway, or taking up space in your garage? Consider donating it to Habitat for Humanity through Cars for Homes. Not only will you be helping Habitat provide decent, affordable housing, you might be helping the environment as well.



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### Why should I donate my car?

- One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will be used by your local Habitat affiliate to build and repair affordable homes.
- You may qualify for a tax deduction for donating a vehicle.
- It's fast and easy. Learn more about how vehicle donations work.
- Thirty percent of cars donated to Habitat are recycled for materials or sold for reusable parts .
- Recycling steel uses less energy and natural resources and produces less carbon pollution.

Taking an inefficient older car off the road helps save gas and improves air quality.

**Need help?** Check our frequently asked questions <http://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes/faq.aspx> or email us at [carsforhomes@habitat.org](mailto:carsforhomes@habitat.org). (Note: You may also call the HFH of Mariposa County office at 209 966-7444 for help with your donation.)

*Jonathan T.M. Reckford, HFHI President*

### “Warehouse Sales” to Become “Habitat Resale Store”

On July 1, 2015, Habitat’s store will change its name! Habitat Resale Store describes better what we do! While **Dennis Waheed**, our sign painter, is preparing the new sign, HFH of Mariposa County takes this opportunity to thank him and all of you generous donors of household materials. Just as we turn Cars into Homes, we turn your cabinets, doors, windows, and refrigerators into better housing for folks in need through our building program and our *A Brush With Kindness* projects. When we count our blessings, we are counting you, our donors. Another group of people we want to acknowledge are those who volunteer in our store: our manager, **Al Johnson** for his countless hours picking up items and working in the store; his helpers, **Bob Kinney** and **Ray Colliver** who help manage; and the staff, **Phyllis Staggs**, **Marilyn Corral**, **Patty Reed**, and **Julie Michel**. You are invaluable to us!

### Habitat Mourns Losses This Year

Since January 1, 2015, we have lost some folks we consider Charter Members of Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County. Their interest and involvement go back to our earliest days in 2008 and 2009, and we will remember them fondly. We are so grateful for their contributions to our work. Our sincere sympathies go out to their friends and families.

Mary Colliver

Mary Darcy

J. Paul Johnson of the J.  
Paul Johnson Family  
Trust

Dave Lile

Eric Oster, our CPA

