In early October, Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County will be holding its annual Dining-Out event in conjunction with World Habitat Day and Habitat Awareness Week. Across the nation and around the world, Habitat affiliates will be celebrating their successes at providing safe, decent, affordable housing through a variety of programs. Locally, eleven restaurants have kindly offered support of Habitat’s Dining-Out Event. Each establishment is donating 10% of its proceeds on one or two days during the week between Saturday, October 3, and Saturday, October 10.

The funds raised from this year’s event will go toward Habitat’s A Brush With Kindness program (ABWK). Already this year, ABWK has served several households in a number of ways: replacing an entry door, cleaning up a yard to improve fire safety, and working on a deck to address safety issues. More projects are planned.

The public is invited to support the following restaurants and Habitat by dining out on the following days.

Sat., Oct. 3: Charles Street Dinner House Dinner
Miner’s Roadhouse 140
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Sun., Oct. 4
Miner’s Roadhouse 140
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Steve’s Sportsman Cafe
Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Mon., Oct. 5
Castillo’s Mexican Restaurant
Lunch & Dinner
River Rock Inn
Lunch

Tue., Oct. 6
1850
Lunch & Dinner
Sugar Pine Restaurant
7am to 3pm

Wed., Oct. 7
High Country Health Foods and Cafe
8 am – 6 pm

Thu., Oct. 8
Pizza Factory
4 – 9 pm

Fri., Oct. 9
Castillo’s Mexican Restaurant
Lunch & Dinner
Savoury’s Restaurant
Dinner

Sat., Oct. 10
Bett’s Gold Coin
Lunch & Dinner
Steve’s Sportsman Cafe
Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County is grateful to these generous restaurant owners and the community for their support of safe, decent, affordable housing in our county.

The Ehlers, with friends at Pizza Factory during Habitat's 2014 Dining-Out Event

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An Important Step Toward Safer, Decent Places to Live

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County is walking the dream path of building a better world. It builds homes with partner families who pay back a no-interest mortgage loan to Habitat over twenty years, and, so far, it has built three homes in Mariposa County.

Since its third partner home was dedicated in January 2015, Habitat has been recovering resources for the next build. Of course, Habitat could do little without its volunteers and the rest of you, the greater community.

We appreciate those of you who have supported our Play Fort and Playhouse/Potter’s Shed raffle over the past several months. Many of you stopped by our booth at the Fair to buy tickets, encourage us with kind words, or leave a dollar in our donation jar. The drawing for both play structures will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, during the Mariposa County Contractors Association Home Show. Feel free to join us at the Fairgrounds for this event and the drawing.

Next up is the local Dining-Out Event. Eleven local restaurants will donate 10% of their proceeds to HFH of Mariposa County, according to the schedule in this newsletter. Please support them as they help us go forward with our A Brush With Kindness program.

Another big “thank you” goes to our vehicle donors and our Habitat Resale donors and customers! Every generous gesture by the community helps us on our path and makes Mariposa a better, healthier place.

Barry

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Mariposa Habitat for Humanity

For the past several years the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has made a resolution recognizing the work of HFH of Mariposa County on the occasion of World Habitat Day. This year World Habitat Day falls on Monday, October 5.

Representatives of Habitat will be attending the regular Tuesday board meeting on October 6 to receive a resolution for 2015 with much gratitude to the board for its support. Thank you, Board Chair Merlin Jones, and Supervisors Kevin Cann, John Carrier, Marshall Long, and Rosemarie Smallcombe! Habitat supporters are invited to attend this meeting.

Pictured at a Board of Supervisors meeting in 2014 are District IV Supervisor Kevin Cann with Alan Johnson and Beth Tomsick of HFH of Mariposa County. Supervisor Merlin Jones is in the background.

A Brush With Kindness Crew Keeps Busy

While Mariposa Habitat searches for land for a fourth partner family home, we are focused on A Brush With Kindness. This program serves seniors, the disabled, and single-parent homeowners in need of minor repairs such as exterior painting and yard cleanup. Most of our work is done on home exteriors, but occasionally, minor repairs can be done on interiors. We don’t replace roofs or floors, which we consider major repairs; however, Habitat does build ramps and install safety rails. Our goal is to help folks in need stay in their own homes.

HFH of Mariposa County has scheduled the first of four approved projects, the painting of a home exterior. It will take place on Saturday, October 10, under the supervision of the ABWK program manager, Bruce Pickard.

Churches, civic organizations, realtors, and individuals may enjoy volunteering for these short-term projects. Please call Habitat at (209) 966-7444 for more information about this upcoming project, and let us know if you would like to volunteer on October 10 or on a future ABWK project.
CostaLivos Celebrates Habitat Mariposa

CostaLivos, maker of the delicious local Mountain Gold Olive Oil, is inviting the public to a day of olive oil tasting that will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County. Don and Kim Costa, owners of CostaLivos, have generously offered to donate 20% of their proceeds to the affiliate on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

A representative from Habitat will be at the Costas’ store (5029 Highway 140 in downtown Mariposa) during the event to talk about Habitat’s work in our county. The public is invited to come between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the 21st. We hope to see you there. You will enjoy the wonderful olive oils and balsamics! Bon appétit to all and many thanks to Kim and Don Costa!

Mariposa Soroptimists Back Habitat Again!

Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County appreciates the faithful support of Soroptimist International of Mariposa. Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls. The Mariposa Club has a strong philanthropic program that benefits women internationally and here at home.

Soroptimist Debbie Lester (r) is shown presenting a $500 check to HFH of MC’s treasurer, Jackie McCormick. These funds will go toward Habitat’s next partner family home in the county.

New Way to Support Mariposa County Habitat for Humanity

There’s something new in California! You may now check box #428 on your state income tax return, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Mariposa County. The more local residents who check that box, the more funds we will receive to build safe, decent, affordable housing here. Thank you in advance for lending your support!

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.
HFH at Mariposa County Fair

Two of our valued volunteers

HFH Booth decorating team

The Ehlers, our third partner family

HFH Booth and raffle prizes

Staffing the Habitat booth

Will this be a winning ticket?

Kids enjoying juggler on stilts
On Oct. 5, Habitat for Humanity will join the United Nations General Assembly in observing the 30th anniversary of World Habitat Day. World Habitat Day is set aside to recognize the basic right of all humanity to adequate shelter, and to encourage grassroots action toward ending poverty housing.

Below are some quotes from Habitat workers and families from the www.habitat.org website.

As a homeowner going to the build day after day, I worked side by side with a diverse group of neighbors, each with their own experiences and points of view. In spite of our differences, or maybe because of them, bridges were built. A space is created that wasn’t there before. What binds us are not the superficial labels that we often use to define ourselves, but something deeper and universal: our humanity.

— Habitat homeowner Karolyn McClelland

After working side by side with future Habitat homeowners — seeing the sweat on their brows, the hope in their eyes and the gratitude in their souls — I’ve learned that I’m the one who is on the receiving end of things more than anyone else.

— Habitat volunteer Rolf Waller

With Habitat, right away, they ask you a lot of questions of where you are at that moment. The whole process is making sure that you’re ready for homeownership. I was really grateful that they were able to help me understand the whole process.

What is a credit score? What can you do to save money? Where can you cut back? What are the necessities? I felt like it went from the unknown to the known. The wisdom of, “I get it, I know exactly what it’s going to take to be a homeowner.”

— Habitat homeowner Angel Meza

Jonathan T.M. Reckford, HFHI President

Note from Beth Tomsick of HFH of Mariposa County: A former Mariposa County High School student and athlete, Cameron Red Botkin, and her family were selected by HFH of Jefferson County, Port Townsend, WA, to be a Habitat for Humanity partner family! HFH of Mariposa County wishes the Botkins well in their new home!

Habitat Resale Store Offers This and So Much More!

Mariposa’s Habitat Resale Store is open between 9 am and 1 pm every Saturday. We welcome donations of household items such as doors, windows, window screens, and cabinets. In addition to those items, customers can find plumbing supplies, True Value base paint that was donated by Ace Hardware, and some furniture and appliances. Come to 5320 Highway 49 North and follow the signs to our store!
Mariposa Habitat really needs you!

Volunteers needed
sign up today!

Help with painting

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Habitat resale store items