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#### Newsletter

August 2009

Dear **Friend,**

*Think Green, Live Green, Go Green!* As we continue to improve the lives of hard working families throughout Los Angeles, we are making their lives more affordable by incorporating sustainable Green building technology in the homes we build and rehabilitate. In this issue you will meet our valued volunteers, our wonderful partners and discover how we help to build affordable green homes throughout Los Angeles.

#### Happy 5th Anniversary Home Improvement Store

Five years ago, we opened our Home Improvement Store in Gardena as a means of generating revenue for the construction of Habitat homes. We never thought the home store would be as successful as it is now. Through generous donations from families and corporations, the home store has thrived and continues to offer environmentally-friendly products at a fraction of retail prices to our consumers. 100% of the proceeds from the home store are channeled towards building more homes for low-income families. Come shop at the home store or donate today!

Today's economy has made home store an even more popular place for consumers to find what they need at an affordable cost. We are open Tuesday through Saturday. The home store is always looking for new and gently-used items, if you have items to donate, just call Nicki Cordero at ext. 127 and she will arrange for a pickup. Visit our home store website at [www.shophabitat.org](http://www.shophabitat.org) today for more exciting information.

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COMING SOON...Watch for details on the opening of our second Home Improvement Store. **SAVE TODAY!** Cut the coupon below to save \$4.00 off your next home store purchase of \$20 or more. 17700 S. Figueroa St. in Gardena.

Limit one coupon per customer



### Hawaii for just \$25

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles has a wonderful opportunity for our donors in the month of August. From now to the end of the month when you make a **\$25 donation** to HFH GLA you will be entered for a chance to win a **Hawaiian vacation** at Prince Hawaii Resorts!

### Thank you to our Donors

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The drawing will be held on September 4, 2009. HFH GLA and the So. California Habitat Affiliates are selling opportunity drawing tickets as part of the SCAA Golf Classic. Tickets must be purchased by August 30, 2009. Thank you for supporting HFH GLA and local families in need of decent affordable housing!



Call Jo-An Turman today at 310-323-4663, ext. 121 or email [jturman@habitatla.org](mailto:jturman@habitatla.org) for your chance to win.

### Exciting New Construction News

**This September we will Raise the Walls on our newest GREEN construction site on Imperial Highway in the City of Lynwood.** We will be building 10 new affordable

Hollywood United  
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Thrivent Financial  
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Green homes for our partner families. If you are interested in one of these homeownership opportunities call Magna Viteri-Bahm in our Family Services Department at (310) 323-4663 ext. 114 today to find out more information.



## Our Mission

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles builds and renovates homes in partnership with God and people everywhere with a goal of eliminating substandard housing by making decent, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action in our communities.

**Our Downey site** is being built at a record pace thanks to our hard working staff, led by John Jasso and the leadership of Crew Leader, Bob Anderson, our sponsors, volunteers in partnership with Lutherans of Southern California and the Thrivent Financial group. Fantastic work construction crew!

**Are you interested in working on a build site or volunteering?** Please visit our website at [www.habitatla.org/volunteer.asp](http://www.habitatla.org/volunteer.asp). There are daily opportunities to help on our construction build sites and in the Home Improvement Store. Sign up online today and make a difference.



Ability Builds Build Day. Be inspired, volunteer! Thank you to the wonderful Ability Builds volunteers for showing that it just takes will and determination to build a Habitat house regardless of your physical limitations.

## Donate Today

**DONATE** your **VEHICLE**  
to help build homes.



Call 1-877-277-4344  
or visit  
[www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)

## 2009 Volunteer Appreciation Day

The annual Habitat for Humanity GLA Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held on June 6th at the Torrance Cultural Center. The event honored our volunteers who devoted time from their busy lives to help HFH GLA. The volunteers worked hard at the build sites and the office because they were dedicated to making a difference. Many of the volunteers gave 300 or more hours of their precious time to HFH GLA last year alone. Notable volunteers were honored with departmental recognition awards during the dinner. The honorees were:

**Leigh Urbaniak** -  
Hollywood for Habitat for  
Humanity

**Lulu Reyes** - Family  
Services

**Kate Sim** - Youth  
Apprentice Builder

**Gyu-Ho Lee** - Home  
Improvement Store

**John Sullivan** -  
Administration

**David Gardner** - Construction

**Pam Gomez** - Programs and Volunteer Services

**Mary Anne Doane** - Development and Marketing



The President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold: 500+ hours) was given to: **Lee Bogner, David Gardner, Robert Johnson and Kathy Sasaki**. Several other volunteers received President's Service awards of Bronze and Silver.

Congratulations to our valued volunteers and thank you for helping us build hope, lives and communities.

## Your Donations Change Lives

- Mail in a gift today to help eliminate poverty housing. HFH GLA - 17700 S. Figueroa St., Gardena, CA 90248
- Donate on-line via our web site [www.habitatla.org/donate.asp](http://www.habitatla.org/donate.asp)
- Set up automatic monthly donations via credit card. Contact Tami Phillips, V.P. of Development at (310) 323-4663 ext. 103 to set up.
- Designate HFH GLA as your preferred charity through your employee giving campaign.
- Remember Habitat for Humanity of Greater LA in your will.
- Donate land, cars, materials or services.

Be part of the solution. Every family deserves a decent place to live. Thank you for your consideration.

## Legends of La Cienega

La Cienega Design Quarter (LCDQ) presented the first design event of its kind in Los Angeles on May 7th-9th, benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. "Legends of La



"Cienega" was a 3-day affair honoring the legendary designers who frequented the distinguished business of the La Cienega design district during the last 60 years. The weekend was a collaborative effort between Elle DÉCOR, LCDQ and HFH GLA. Legends of La Cienega paid tributes to the legends of

yesterday with window displays and vignettes in the LCDQ member showrooms, evoking their historic legends.

Legends of La Cienega's 3-day celebration commenced with a gala, cocktail reception and a silent auction on May 7th. The cocktail reception was hosted by Editor-in Chief of Elle DÉCOR, **Margaret Russell**, (pictured left with Erin Rank - President & CEO of HFH GLA). The invitation only guest list was comprised of influential designers, celebrity clients of the La Cienega Design Quarter, among other notable people. On May 8th and 9th, the event continued with a line-up of exciting and distinctive programs for designers and the general public at LCDQ showrooms. HFH GLA's Home Improvement Store was highlighted in a display at LCDQ's own Hollywood Sierra Kitchens and was the Habitat headquarters for the weekends festivities.

The event has raised over \$20,000 to date for HFH GLA. Thank you LCDQ for choosing Habitat for Humanity GLA as your beneficiary!

## Thank You's & Congratulations

Thank You to **Peter and Merle Mullin** for celebrating Merle's Birthday with a Birthday Build on our Fernwood build site.



Congratulations to our Fernwood Partner Families, the **Briggs, Martinez and Osborne families**, who recently moved into their new homes.

