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Heart and Hammer...

In an effort to communicate our mission to community friends, we are issuing this newsletter each month to local churches to provide information on our building, sponsorship and fund-raising activity. We hope to work with you this year!

RENOVATION STATION



For those of you who may be moving out or moving up, down-sizing or upgrading, throwing out or building up; you could help the Habitat Renovation Station get up and going by making donations of your unwanted items. Renovation Station will carry appliances, building materials, furniture, and home décor at discounted rates.

Donations of these types of items will be accepted, new and used, and tax deduction certificates will be given for donated items. All money from Renovation Station will support Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. To arrange pick-up of an item you wish to donate contact Bobbi Copeland at the Habitat office at 591-7077.

In addition to items needed to sell, Renovation Station needs some equipment to help with store operations. This items include: cash register, pallet jack, shelving, dollies, counters, racks, brooms/mops, cleaning supplies, and a trailer. If you have any of these items, or have suggestions on where we might get these items please contact Bobbi Copeland at 591-7077.

Volunteer labor will be crucial for store operations. Volunteers will be needed during the week and on the weekend to help staff Renovation Station. There will be a variety of jobs available, including cashiers, accepting and pricing donations, pick-up of donated items, and working on the floor (i.e. stocking shelves and helping customers). For more information about volunteering at Renovation Station contact Melody Conkin at 591-7077 or by email at mconkin@hfhwc.org.

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the store for opening. Groups of volunteers are needed to help clean, landscape, put up shelving and walls, and stock the store in anticipation of a September 1, 2005 Grand Opening.

Renovation Station will be located at 300 Eddy Court off of Liberty Pike in Franklin. For more information about Renovation Station call the Habitat for Humanity office at 591-7077.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Anderson has been co-chair for Brentwood United Methodist Church's yearly Habitat build for three years. Introduced to Habitat five years ago by Habitat board members Susan Thornton and Chris McClure, she quickly stepped into a leadership role. "When I first took the responsibility I had no idea what I was doing or where to start. I surrounded myself with an excellent team of volunteers...We started to develop check lists of what needed to be done. Over the years we have kept 90% of our team in place, which has turned into an excellent situation of stability for the BUMC build since we all have experience now."

Jennifer's first role as a volunteer was on a build site. She quickly learned that bored volunteers = unhappy volunteers, and as co-chair of BUMC's builds makes it her mission to keep other volunteers happy. "I love working with people and making volunteering fun...Volunteers that have fun at a well-organized build site, will come back year after year." Of working with Habitat Jennifer says, "I love working with an organization that is committed in helping people by giving them the 'tools' to take a step up in the life...this being done by education, mentoring, and setting a Christ-like example. I love hard work and being out in the fresh air, but my favorite part is seeing a child of the homeowner smile with tears of joy because they finally get to live in a real home that their parents own and take pride in. Everyone should be given a chance in life!"

Born a "Navy kid" in San Diego, California Jennifer has lived in Dallas, Houston, Nashville, Jackson (MS), and Rochester (NY). Jennifer and her husband Sean attend BUMC. Jennifer was in the travel and hospitality business for 15 years, and today works part-time for Brentview Realty. She says that, "Habitat last year helped me get through the toughest year of my life! In January 2004, I suffered from a deep bout of depression after quitting my job. It took me several months to recover and then in April 2004 it was time to plan for Habitat. I could hardly motivate myself on a daily basis. Habitat helped me recover from depression by helping others—one of the best undiscovered therapies in the world! By focusing on helping others and getting involved, I truly feel that this organization helped me kick depression! I have depression, but I feel that I have control with the grace of God, to manage this illness."

Jennifer's volunteer interests extend beyond Habitat. She serves as the co-chair for BUMC's Homebound Ministry, organizing volunteers to visit church members that are shut-it or in nursing or skilled care facilities. Jennifer also volunteers on Fridays as McKendree Village Retirement Community visiting members of her church, and leading a trivia and prayer share in the afternoons.

"This year has been the best year and the best I have felt in 5-6 years! I always remember that God is good all the time and He will always be with you wherever you are!"

**Wish List: crew bosses, professional roofers, utility trailer,
pick-up truck, folding tables**

Committee Help Needed

1. Site Selection—help locate suitable and affordable property for new home construction.
2. Family Support—work hand-in-in with selected homeowners to guide them through partnership with Habitat.
3. Family Selection—processes applications, makes home visits, explains program to applicants, and makes recommendations on applicants to Board of Directors.
4. Building Committee—oversees construction of all homes to be sure that each home meets Habitat and local guidelines.
5. Fundraising—plan fundraisers and solicit donors and sponsors to raise funds for overhead costs.
6. Crew Bosses—supervise volunteers on construction site, ensure work is done properly and safely.

HABltee Rescheduled!



*Because of inclement weather
HABltee was cancelled on July
11th. The event has been re-
scheduled for July 25th at Legends in
Franklin. Contact Andy Bailey at
207-7200 or
andy.bailey@mynationlink.com
or Laurie Kush at 977-2127 or
lkush@hfhwc.org.*



*If you lend money to one of my people
among you who is needy, do not be like a
moneylender; charge him no interest.
Exodus 22:25*



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