

Goal to complete House 4 by end of March

Construction Coordinator **Rachel Williams**, Site Supervisor **Jerry Rowe** and Construction Leaders **Bill Hullinger** and **Jack Rigger** have inspired crews to work through the cold and wind of winter, intent upon completing the fourth house of 2009, for Francisca Lanphear and her children by the end of March 2010.

"The volunteers have been incredible," Williams said. "They've stepped up to the challenge of the weather."

In January, crews set up the new work tent to paint outside trim and siding for installation. Even though the tent blew down, work continued. As of this writing, siding installation is complete and **Jerry Brunner** of Brun-



AmeriCorps members worked on House 4 in January

ner Drywall has installed and finished the sheetrock.

In February, volunteer crews will complete painting, trim and baseboard. Work days are scheduled on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. And we trust that Habitat volunteers will be up to the challenge!

If you'd like to join our hardy construction crews, click VOLUNTEER to sign up online at www.habitatejc.org or call the office.

Sign up to volunteer by February 26!

February is recruitment month at Habitat! Your service helps participants create a better life for themselves and their children. And it's fun!

We're especially in need of **skilled construction leaders** to help manage our construction sites. But every skill level is welcome. We'll help you learn.

Not interested in swinging a hammer? **Store volunteers** help the Furniture & More Store fund one entire house a year. **Office volunteers** and **committee members** provide valuable volunteer service to help build more housing with neighbors in need in East Jefferson County.

To get started, click on VOLUNTEER at www.habitatejc.org or call Volunteer Coordinator Deb Wiese, 379-2827.

Groups needed for three new Habitat homes to start in April

In April, we'll start three new foundations on 20th Street, west of Sheridan, and framing will start in May. Construction Coordinator **Rachel Williams** and returning Site Supervisors **Chuck Thrasher**, **Hugh Winn** and **Jerry Rowe** will lead volunteers to complete two homes by October and a third by early 2011.

This summer, Care-A-Vanners will again travel from out-of-state in their RVs to work for two solid weeks in May and August alongside local volunteers. Our second Women Build event is scheduled from May 2-9, where

women are especially encouraged to attend and learn building skills. Volunteer as a group this year!

This year we particularly need groups to volunteer together on Saturdays. If your church group, club, civic organization, neighborhood, family or other group would like to explore the fun of volunteering as a team, please contact Deb Wiese, 379-2827.



Church groups provided critical help on the 2009 Thrivent Build. We're seeking more group help in 2010.

Rachel Williams photo



AmeriCorps volunteers honor Dr. King

In January, local AmeriCorps members partnered with Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by building affordable housing in Port Townsend.

Extra service

AmeriCorps members currently serving with local organizations, such as Olympic Community Action Programs and the Marine Science Center, spent the January 18 holiday putting up siding on Francisca



Monday crew members pause for the camera

Photo courtesy of Peninsula Daily News

Monday : AmeriCorps members **Katie Allen, Michael Bowe, Elena Cananna, Sarah Dommel, Alex Haworth, Ryan Hoff, Heather Jones, Julia Ledbetter, Valerie Lindborg, Shannon Petitjean, Sheila Ramsey, Elivia Spitzbart, Jessica Swihart, and Anna Vendola**; Construction Leaders **Bill Hullinger, Cara Leckenby and Elizabeth Andrews**; and Site Supervisor **Rachel Williams**.

Thursday: AmeriCorps members **Katie Brink, Matthew Chandler, Sarah Doyle, Katie Gibbons, James House, and Carolyn Wilkins**; future homeowner **Ray Nila**; Construction Leader **Tom O'Meara**; and Site Supervisor **Rachel Williams**.



Thursday crew members work on siding

Darlene Keefe photo

Lanphear's house on 21st Street. On January 21, a seven-member Washington Conservation Corps team based in Port Hadlock worked on the same project as part of a week of Martin Luther King Day-related service projects scheduled nationally.

Replica Habitat house wins contest

Holly Varah, her two daughters and several friends created this replica of their Habitat house for Aldrich's Gingerbread House contest – and used the opportunity to promote Habitat. Their efforts won Third Place in the Group/Family category, but First Place in our hearts! Thank you and congratulations, Holly and crew!



Holly Varah's daughter Violet shows the delight and wonder to be found in gingerbread and houses, especially when you have a hand in the building process



Left photo Holly Varah, right photo Joan Fabian



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Volunteers make Habitat world go round

Marty Tipton

When Marty Tipton and her husband Rick retired to Sequim in 2005, Marty wanted to do something to contribute to the community. She'd been involved in the USO when they lived in San Jose, where Rick had served in law enforcement for Stanford University and Marty had worked as a legal secretary – but the nearest USO was in Seattle.

Courtesy Marty Tipton



Marty Tipton

During a shopping trip to Port Townsend, she happened upon the Furniture & More Store. Marty became an active volunteer in 2006 – primarily at the Furniture & More Store but also in the

"They're going to have entirely too much fun!"

Marty Tipton on Habitat volunteers

office and for special events.

Store Manager Vicki Lucas appreciates Marty for her willingness to help out in any way possible, including covering extra shifts, even though she works nearly full time. "She is always

sunny and bright and very helpful to our customers," said Vicki. "She is a joy to work with."

Marty works in customer service at Seven Cedars Casino, but she still makes time for the Habitat store. "I enjoy working there. It's the greatest bunch of people."

Marty started volunteering because of Habitat's mission to build houses, but has stayed on because of the people. When asked what she might say to a potential retail volunteer, Marty quipped, "They're going to have entirely too much fun!"

Ken Evans

Like many HFHEJC volunteers, Ken Evans was looking for a worthwhile project after he and his wife Kitty retired to Port Ludlow four years ago. A Boston native, he'd lived in the Seattle area for 27 years and had volunteered briefly on a Habitat project in Bellevue.

Ken has become a regular on the construction site, often volunteering once a week -- when he and Kitty aren't visiting family -- even in the January cold. He's also helped with office repair projects and special events, and serves on the Habitat Safety Committee. In addition, he contrib-

utes to the Port Ludlow Players as a set builder and plays senior league softball – he recruited Site Supervisor Chuck Thrasher for his team.

Ken credits retired professionals, including Chuck and Hugh Winn, for keeping "amateurs like myself" on the "straight path" toward quality building and fun.

"There are easy and hard ways to do things," Ken said. "I've learned quite a bit of the tricks of the trade." For instance, Chuck taught him the simple method of turning the hammer claw sideways when removing a nail, instead of pulling straight up or down.

"I get a kick out of things on the site," he said. "Every day is different. That makes it interesting."



Ken Evans smiles even with what "isn't his favorite tool" in hand

Suzanne Martin photo

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Store is open despite Sims construction!

The Furniture & More Store will open more hours starting in April!

"Adding Thursday hours helps customers and helps us build more houses," said **Store Manager Vicki Lucas**.

Don't let the Sims Way construction deter you! In general, 4th Street, which runs behind the store, is open and allows access to the Habitat parking lot.

Shop Furniture & More Store, **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10AM-5PM** for an ever-changing array of furniture, antiques, collectibles and useful items for home and office. And support Habitat's mission "to build simple, decent houses in partnership with people in need."

And this is no fooling -- **watch for THURSDAY open hours, 10AM-5PM, starting April 1!**



Furniture & More volunteers Katy Friedel, Carolyn Eagan and Diana Hughes

Your generosity will help Haiti rebuild

*To date, local community members have donated **over \$2,200** toward Habitat's rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Donate at www.habitatejc.org and note "Haiti," or mark "Haiti" in the memo line and send to HFHEJC, PO Box 658, Port Townsend, WA 98368. We will forward 100 percent of your contribution.*

Furniture & More opens Thursdays starting April 1

Join the fun at Habitat's Furniture & More Store and help fund housing for local families in need!

We especially need **retail volunteers** who can fill 2-4 shifts per month on Thursdays (9:30AM-1:30PM or 1:30-5:30PM), but we also need volunteers Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Make friends, have fun, build your resume, and give back to the community! No experience necessary. **Contact Volunteer Coordinator Deb Wiese, 379-2827, habitat2@olympus.net by February 26 for March orientations.**