A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR SEPTEMBER BLUEPRINTS & BOOTS “FUN-RAISER” EVENT!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR “FUN”RAISER!
DEAR FRIENDS,

There’s been a lot going on here at Habitat San Bernardino. It’s been a very busy past few months. For example, we:

- Held our Blueprints and Boots “fun-raiser” event on September 28th,
- Continued to experience record setting sales results in our ReStore throughout the Summer months,
- Received grant funding from corporate foundation partners. Thank you to Bank of America Foundation, Wells Fargo Community Development, Pacific Premier Bank, BBVA, Chase and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for your support.
- Received a special recognition award from the League of Women Voters for our contributions to local communities at an October 13th ceremony at the East Valley Water District.
- Have been engaged with the Disaster Relief efforts for the Sandalwood Fire in Calimesa, working together with the San Gorgonio Valley Habitat affiliate to assist families who have lost their homes.

The Blueprints and Boots event was a lot of fun. Thank you to all of you who supported and attended the event. A big thank you to our host Melissa Russo and her security staff at the San Bernardino County Museum. I’d also like to thank the volunteers from ESRI and Pacific Premier Bank, as well as our own Habitat Board and Staff. We enjoyed great food from Mill Creek Catering Company, wonderful old-west themed music from a cappella group Rhymes With Orange, and tales of his ancestors’ time at Tombstone and the OK Corral from special guest Don Earp. There were many winners that night who went home with great prizes, both through our drawings and live and silent auctions. Also, Johan Graham from I-15 Auctions was a lot of fun, running our Live Auction.

Our next big project, which you will be hearing and reading more about over the next year, is our 3-home build in Downtown San Bernardino. It is our “9th & H Street Project”. We have already secured sufficient funding to complete a significant amount of the build. Initial work has begun by cleaning and fencing off the property. We are currently working closely with the various departments within the City of San Bernardino to ensure we are addressing all of the pre-construction issues that need to be completed before we begin building in early Spring 2020. We have shared our vision of the project with San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia and various Councilmembers who are very supportive of the project, as it is within the Mayor’s Downtown Revitalization Zone area. Thank you to Councilmember Sandra Ibarra for her active engagement early in this process.

On November 16th and 20th, we held New Homebuyer Orientation events at Ecclesia Christian Fellowship in San Bernardino, for our upcoming 3-home build project. 126 potential applicants attended the two events. The presentations were given by Habitat board member Linda Jackson, who is also a HUD Certified Homeownership Counselor. Spanish translation was provided by board member Pete Serbantes and Ernesto Diaz. We heard from Jeanmarie Ortiz, who provided her personal story of how she became a Habitat homeowner, and we were treated to a talk from former San Bernardino Mayor and co-founder of Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area affiliate, Pat Morris. Special thank you to Judi Dennistoun, board member Barbara Keough, and the Homeowner Selection Team.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Sincerely, and in His service,

David Hahn, HFHSB Executive Director
FRIENDS OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

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Howdy!

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What a great time spent at the 2019 Blueprints and Boots Fun-Raiser held at the San Bernardino County museum. It was my first annual fun-raiser as a board member and I was quite ecstatic to see it come to life. Part of my responsibilities for the fun-raiser was selling opportunity drawing tickets. This allowed me to interact with many of the amazing guests present. All the stories and laughter shared will forever represent the success of Blueprints and Boots, and reflects the reason we conduct these events. At the end of the day all those connections made, and seeing all the smiling faces of people who understand Habitat’s mission to "... bring people together to build homes, communities and hope", is what made the event for me. Thank you to all that took their time to share with me that night.

Looking forward, I am thrilled for the new housing project on 9th and H Street in San Bernardino to begin. I have lived in the surrounding area for most of my life and I have seen San Bernardino go through many changes. While the changes to make may seem vast; I wholeheartedly believe that any positive improvement will begin the path to enlighten our communities for a brighter tomorrow. I’m already overwhelmed with joy for the future families who will create endless memories in these homes.

Thanks to all of you for your past and continued support of our efforts.

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Q. How long have you worked at HFHSB?
A. Four and a half years!
Q. Describe what you do here:
A. Wow! I wear many hats here, but my most frequently worn hat is that of Family Services and Grant Manager.
Q. Tell us about your family.
A. Bill and I have been married 35 years, we have three adult sons and three daughters-in-law! And we have the five most adorable grandchildren, EVER, three boys and two girls, the oldest will be four in March! They fill our hearts with so much joy and happiness! Spending time with our family is something we cherish and are blessed to be able to do regularly.
Q. What are your hobbies?
A. We love to travel and camp in our fifth wheel trailer. When we’re not camping, we enjoy NASCAR (we will be at the 2020 Daytona 500!), Angels baseball and football (I’m a diehard Cowboys fan, he is a Chiefs fan). Needless to say, football is very competitive in our household.
Q. What are you most excited about at HFHSB?
A. I am so excited about the future homeowners of the three homes we are building in the city of San Bernardino! Be watching for details as we break ground in January of 2020.
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