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KELTON RECEIVES 2010 KID OF THE YEAR AWARD

At twelve years old Kelton has proven to be an inspiration to us all. When he was ten, Kelton moved into a Habitat for Humanity house with his mom and 2 brothers. His mom is Jamie Watts who helped build and then bought their three-bedroom home in Buena Vista. He is inspired by his grandpa "Pop-Pop" who is a physicist wiz and saxophone player. The Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County gave Kelton the 2010 Kid of the Year award in Buena Vista "for excellence in leadership, character and outstanding service". As Junior Staff, Kelton enjoys setting up games and cleaning up after activities. He is working on his 2nd Class Tenderfoot Badge as a Boy Scout and hopes to become an Eagle Scout



and eventually earn his Silver Palm. When asked why, Kelton responded, "because that's the highest you can go and it makes it easy to get into college". Kelton already has his sights set on MIT where he dreams of becoming a doctor or astrophysicist. Needless to say, his favorite subjects are math, science, and band (where he is learning the tenor saxophone). His middle school team earned ninth place in the state-wide Science Olympiad competition (which he points out is a huge improvement over 27th last year). Having recently joined the Civil Air Patrol, Kelton can

hardly wait to fly right seat this summer. His word of advice to other kids, "all you need to do is treat others nicely, do what smart people say, and do your homework".

GREAT JOB, KELTON!

From our President

When I learned of a 2010 study by Harvard University that estimates 52 million... that's right... FIFTY-TWO MILLION Americans currently live in substandard, poverty housing, my jaw about hit the floor. Clearly the need is enormous! All around the United States volunteers are joining with Habitat for Humanity to do more than build new homes! In Chaffee County, our first REHAB family has been selected and we will partner with this Salida family to complete repairs and upgrades to the home they already own, resulting in significant energy efficiency improvements. We estimate that this project will take approximately two weeks and will cost a fraction of building a new home. Thanks to local churches and Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, we believe that we are well-positioned to launch this program with a bang!

Won't you please join us in making this program a success? With your help, the REHAB program will help us do our part in contributing to HFHI's goal of doubling the number of families served in the U.S. by 2013. With your help, we will be able to fulfill our mission of working to develop our communities by partnering with families in need. Your financial support and volunteer help are vital to make the dream of affordable housing in Chaffee County a reality. –Margaret Gillikin.

SEE YOU ON THE BUILD SITE!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

VolunteerUp sign-up

Whether you have worked on all 8 Habitat homes, or have always wanted to give it a try, sign up today on our website: www.chaffeehabitat.org. You can sign up to work on construction projects, the ReStore operations, working directly with selecting, supporting, and training families, and many other aspects of Habitat for Humanity. We would love to have you and we have a place for everyone!



Upcoming Events – Join Us

■ Groundbreaking

Sunday, June 12 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Johnson Village Home Site, 12872 CR 314B, North of VFW Hall

■ Fathers Day Breakfast

Sunday, June 19 ~ 7:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima, 118 S. Gunnison Ave, Buena Vista

Courtesy of The Knights of Columbus

Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Cost: \$8 adult, \$4 children

Tickets available at the Salida and Buena Vista ReStores, or at the door.

Start your Fathers Day celebration off with this all-you-can-eat breakfast that includes pancakes, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast burritos, and coffee/tea/juice.

■ Spaghetti Dinner & Youth Slide Show

Thursday, June 30 ~ 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, Buena Vista,

(across from Post Office on Crossman)

Cost: Age 13 & up: \$7 / Age 6-12: \$3 / under 5: Free

There will be a guest group that builds homes with Habitat for Humanity as they travel from coast to coast. Learn more at www.bikeandbuild.org and mark your calendar to join us for this great food (by Gordon Lacy) and inspiring presentation.

■ Farmers Market

Stop by our booth at this summer's farmers market.

• **The Salida Market** will be held in Alpine Park centered on the corner of 5th and E St, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., June 18 through August 20.

• **The Buena Vista Market** will be held at McPhelemy Park, US Hwy 24 and Main St., Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., June 30, July 28, and August 18.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

How did you hear about and get drawn into volunteering for Habitat?

In the late 1970s or early 80s, my college student sons were on a weekend Habitat build in Kansas City, about 5 hours from their college, but only one hour from us. They invited us to join the crew of students who were working together. We accepted, went into the city, and spent the day with our sons and their friends working on the build. That was how I first learned of the work of Habitat.

Then later, as a widow, my colleagues learned I was retiring and asked at the lunch table, "What are you going to do?" I replied, "Go live in my cabin in the Rockies, play in the sun, and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity."

What have you learned from working with Habitat?

When a group of determined and like-minded volunteers put their shoulder to the same wheel, much of a good and positive nature can be achieved.

Why do you give your time to Habitat?

To know that those who would not likely be able to be homeowners without Habitat's assistance can now own a house of their own is a very rewarding feeling.



Volunteer: Marty Eshelman
Habitat office worker in Buena Vista for seven years

“Marty is invaluable to Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity. Her high work ethic, commitment to excellence, and willingness to help with everything raise the bar on what it means to volunteer. Thank you Marty for volunteering with passion and commitment! –Kim Brenner, Administrative Director”

ReStore RELOCATION

The Buena Vista ReStore is Relocating

Why? Because of your generous donations, we are growing and need more space to better serve the needs of the community.

When? June & July

What this means for you? More Merchandise on Display, Better Hours, & More Volunteer Opportunities.

Where? Stop by our current location to learn more.

Can You Help Relocate the Buena Vista ReStore?

- Layout of new space
- Moving
- Stocking shelves
- Planning the grand opening
- Volunteering at the new store – customer service, pricing, cash register, receiving donations, cleaning & preparing items, stocking shelves, tracking inventory, secret shoppers
- Cleaning the old facility

Whether you can help a few hours, or perhaps as much as one or two days per week, the ReStore needs your help this summer &/or year-round. By volunteering at the ReStore, you will help us build more homes by reducing costs and increasing sales. All volunteers receive rewards of store credit to help with their own projects.

OPENING THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

Sometimes opportunities present themselves in strange fashion. When Greg Specht, a local contractor and Habitat volunteer, contacted his suppliers about donating building materials to Habitat for Humanity, he was in for a shock. Opportunity presented itself in the form of over 250 high quality doors and 50 windows. Accurate Window and Door Center of Englewood, Colorado had been looking for someone to take extra doors and windows. Mr. Specht jumped at the opportunity and said he would take them all! Visit one of the Chaffee County ReStores where they are now for sale.



HOME OWNERSHIP CLASS COMING THIS SUMMER

A class to benefit prospective homeowners is being offered this summer at Sangre De Cristo Electric in Buena Vista. Colleen Rollings of Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity will be presenting topics relating to home ownership every Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in July.

The class deals with financial management, but will include everything from budgeting and credit issues to home maintenance and being a good neighbor. According to Mrs. Rollings "there is a real need for new homeowners to understand these financial issues, and many people could benefit from these services."

There is a lot that goes into owning a home and maintaining a family. Prospective homeowners are given a contact person through Habitat for Humanity to guide them through the process and give them support along the way. According to Mrs. Rollings, "Home ownership is the American dream...it's worth investing your time and energy in. Habitat for Humanity provides us the opportunity to do that."



MEET THE TRAINER:
Colleen Rollings

Reaching Beyond Chaffee County

Did you know that Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity has funded 10 homes internationally in addition to the 8 homes built here? The funds are part of a tithe program, which is an agreement with Habitat International to send 10% of undesignated donations in support of the global effort to eliminate poverty housing. Our board of directors decides how these funds are used and have chosen to build homes for teachers in Paraguay. Affiliates around Colorado joined in the commitment to build homes for teachers and sent over \$200,000 to Paraguay Habitat in 2010.

Administrative Director, Kim Brenner, was part of a 40 person team building five homes in Paraguay this February. When asked what was most memorable, she replied, "Watching one of the teachers plant trees with her son, because I suddenly realized these brick walls would be their cherished home. My personal discomfort and exhaustion became irrelevant. I would like to go back someday and sit in the shade of those trees." Her favorite saying was "Gracias por tu amabilidad" (Thank you for your kindness). Learn more about Global Village trips @ www.habitat.org/gv.



U.S. and Paraguay team for one of five homes built for teachers in February.

2011 Construction Kick-Off Party JV

Volunteers from throughout Chaffee County will swing their hammers this summer to construct the first of four homes in Johnson Village. Join us on June 12th at 12872 County Road 314B to celebrate the groundbreaking and kick-off of this year's construction. Hear the family announced, tour the site, and see the plans for our first Planned Unit Development. There is an abundance of volunteer opportunities and we invite you to visit our volunteer representatives and meet our construction leaders at the groundbreaking. This is a great opportunity to learn about this year's construction projects.

First ReHab Project Announced

This summer Habitat volunteers will coordinate energy efficiency upgrades and needed repairs to a home in Salida. Amy Potts is our proud partner family and lives in her home with her two girls. She has owned this home for over 6 years and is ready to have the 1979 furnace and windows upgraded to new energy efficiency standards. She is a perfect fit for our new program and we hope the energy-savings will pay for the repairs. The work is expected to take 2 weeks and should be completed by August to make next winter more manageable for her family. Our selection team is excited to work with Amy. Welcome to our team, Amy!

