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We have an immediate need for people to fill and/or bring the following skills to the board of directors: secretary, PR, fundraising, real-estate, homebuilder, and social services skills or connections. Call Kim at (719) 395-0482 to join our hard-working (and fun) Board of Directors.



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HAPPY New Year!

HABITAT Happenings

Habitat for Humanity marked a worldwide milestone in December, 2010 with 400,000 Habitat Homes built or repaired and over 2 million people served.



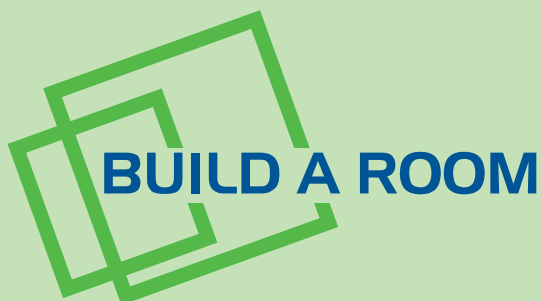
Happy New Year!

Cristyl Nuzum hosted the holidays for her whole family in her new home in Salida. "It was so amazing to have a nice house we can have our whole family to. Christmas was awesome and the kids loved finally being able to put up our big tree, which we haven't had room for in a long time. My kids and I want to thank every single one of the 350 people who helped make this dream come true. Our lives are forever changed because of what you did for us!"

T-shirts

Our 2010 Starbuck Dairy Build T-shirts are in and are \$10. If you haven't gotten yours to commemorate the 2010 home build for the Fisher and Nuzum families, stop by the Habitat office, 213 1/2 Tabor in Buena Vista or the Salida ReStore 'n More to get yours.

Our Build-a-Room Club, inspired by Skyler Nuzum, is growing -16 members pledge \$4,750 for 2011. Since Habitat homes are cheaper by the square foot thanks to generous donations of materials, time, skills, gifts-in-kind, money, and prayers, your Build-a-Room gift goes farther than ever. Join the club today by returning the enclosed pledge card and help reach the goal of \$7,500 in pledges to Build-a-Room this year. Your pledge of as little as \$10 per month or \$30 per quarter will make a meaningful difference.



From Our President

It's New Year's resolution time, and for 2011 I have decided to change the world! Perhaps that sounds overly ambitious or even obnoxious, but I think most of us err on the side of caution when it comes to dreaming dreams, and I would rather try and fail than fail by not trying at all.

*Together, we can change the world,
one home, one family at a time!*

Here at CCHfH, we believe that there are LOTS of things we can do that become world-changing when combined with the efforts of others. For instance, this year, like so many other people, I have experienced a personal budget-crunch. I wanted to be able to give generously to the affiliate, but could only afford \$50. I have also reached a stage in life where I really do not need more of the "stuff" that shows up under the Christmas tree. So, I told my friends and family that what I really wanted for Christmas was donations to Habitat. Through their generosity, my \$50 became \$500. And while \$500 won't build a new house for us, it goes a lot further toward that goal than \$50! Even better, the number of people who have a vested interest in our success has grown.

Perhaps you, too, could invite loved ones to multiply your giving. Or, instead of giving money, do you have household items, tools, or other building supplies that could be donated to our ReStore? Maybe you have more time than money--could you commit a couple hours per week to volunteer in the ReStore or office? These may all sound like small things, but collectively, they add up to a great deal. Together, we can change the world, one home, one family at a time!

Happy New Year, Margaret Gillikin

New Build in the New Year!

Our next new construction will take place this summer in nearby Johnson Village, just two miles south of Buena Vista. The build site is located along CR 314B, and plans are underway to eventually build two duplexes on the site. CCHfH is currently in the review process with the county and PUD, having successfully completed the first step toward 2011's build. In addition, concerns of neighbors located near the site are being addressed. The build site offers river access as well as open space. The construction team desires to build the first duplex this summer, depending on successful funding and locating qualifying families. To help enlarge our pool of families, CCHfH is now taking applications year-round.



Home Rehab Program

Another exciting development is the roll-out of a Home Rehab Program in the spring/summer. Qualifying families will be able to get needed repairs on their existing homes, financed with a loan, much like a second mortgage. The initial focus will be on energy-efficient upgrades to homes, such as new furnaces, window replacements, weatherization, insulation, upgraded flooring, or other fixes designed to dramatically cut energy costs. Home Rehabs are part of a larger Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative through HFHI.

Applications will be available soon at the following locations: Salida--The ReStore 'n More, Salida Community Center; Buena Vista--the ReStore and the Habitat office. If you or someone you know owns a home in need of major, energy-saving repairs, please contact the Habitat office at (719) 395-0482.

JOIN US...

Vocal Concert Gala and Fundraiser – Sunday, January 23

Salida SteamPlant Theater

Well-known local musician Jeanne Kostelic will perform in "One More Time," a benefit concert for Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity Sunday, January 23, 2:30 p.m., at the Salida SteamPlant Theater. She will be accompanied by Rod Schleicher on the piano.

Ms. Kostelic, a soprano with an outstanding vocal reputation, will sing a repertoire of songs and arias. Her music will include pieces by Richard Strauss as well as works by Puccini, Berlioz, Korngold and Respighi. Following her performance, Ms.

Kostelic will be joined on stage by several of her current music students who will sing a selection of songs.

Kostelic has performed leading roles in opera, operetta, musicals and oratorio in Denver, San Francisco, and other cities. She has been a soloist with symphony orchestras, including the Denver Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony under the baton of the



Jeanne Kostelic and Rod Schleicher

renowned Arthur Fiedler. Along with other international performances, she has appeared on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera as a winner of the Met Auditions.

In addition to an illustrious career at various institutions as a voice instructor, she has been a private voice instructor since 1965 and continues to teach in her studio in Salida. Several former Habitat board members have studied or are studying with her.

Mr. Schleicher attended the Peabody Institute of Music and the University of Denver Lamont School of Music. Rod has served as accompanist and musical director for various Denver theaters and the Evergreen Chorale. He has given a number of benefit concerts in Chaffee County.

Schleicher is well known for his piano tuning expertise and is also a reed organ enthusiast, both as a collector and performer. He prefers accompaniment and ensemble playing to solo performance, noting that the piano bench is the best seat in the house.

Ticket are \$25, available in Buena Vista at the ReStore, Collegiate Peaks Bank, and Serendipity, and in Salida at the ReStore 'n' More, Salida Café, and the Book Haven.

Donor Spotlight

During our construction this summer, Dale Shoemaker contacted sellers on Craigslist and asked for anyone willing to donate tools or equipment that did not sell in return for a tax-deduction receipt. Several sellers also reduced their prices to us on materials and tools. "I've sent hundreds of e-mails for various items over the last several months and have received several donations," says Dale. "Everything from hand tools, hammers, rakes, shovels, and ladders, up to the 20-foot trailer." (pictured right)

The trailer was donated by the Glover family, which initially used it to store furniture while they were building a home. It had been towed less than 100 miles when donated to us. "It has been outfitted with shelves to hold all of our small tools and supplies," says Dale. "This level of organization of our equipment will improve our build efficiency."

In late summer, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in Colorado Springs received a large tool donation from Home Depot during a sponsored workday when 700 employees



Trailer donated by the Glover family

volunteered one Saturday. PPHfH shared their tool windfall with other Colorado affiliates. "We received approximately \$2,000 from this event," says Dale. Overall, the CCHfH construction team received approximately \$10,000 worth of tools in 2010, including the near-new 20-foot trailer, to support our home building/repair efforts. Dale adds, "We will benefit from this generosity for many years to come."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Christmas party/meeting



Margaret Gillikin, right, plays Santa

Dale Shoemaker gets new heavy equipment

Charlie Goff goes green

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Volunteer Spotlight

Many of you who followed the exciting construction progress on JobSiteVisitor this summer may not know that it took many hours and effort from three key people: Dale Shoemaker, our Construction Committee Chair, and two others: Habitat Colorado's Ryan Economy and Brian Sweeney, one of the two site developers. After contacting Ryan Economy, Dale then sent our initial construction info to Brian, who spent some phone time explaining the features and use of Web site. Since the Web site was fairly new, Brian and Dale communicated several times over the first couple of months to provide feedback on ease of use. "I found a few problem areas," says Dale, "which he quickly rectified (for me and all of the other users)." THANK YOU, Brian and Ryan, for your assistance in getting this awesome tool up and running for us. (We've since been informed we're the only affiliate using all of the site's features-pretty cool.)

To access the site, go to www.chaffeehabitat.org and choose "Current Build," then "Click here to view plans and photos of the current build."

Want to Swing a Hammer in Los Alamos, NM?

The Arkansas Valley Volunteer Habitat trip for 2011 will be to work with the Habitat for Humanity of Espanola Valley and Los Alamos, Inc. to construct a duplex house in the town of Los Alamos New Mexico. The group will depart from Buena Vista on April 10, 2011 and will work on the project from April 11-15. For information, call either Gordon Lacy (719) 395-8652 or Joe Bohe (719) 395 4832.

CCHfH Receives Thrivent Grant

We received the happy news in December that we have been awarded an \$11,000 grant through Thrivent Financial, which will be used to fund our first home Rehab in 2011. The local Lutheran churches and Thrivent Chapter have pledged a total of \$2,000 and the Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista has pledged \$1,000. This brings the funding total to \$14,000 of the estimated \$20,000 Rehab cost. Thank you to Thrivent Financial and local churches for helping launch our new program.

COMING SOON

The Family Services Committee is continuing its now YEAR-ROUND search for new families for our 2011 new construction in Johnson Village while processing incoming home applications for qualifying families. If you or someone you know might qualify based on need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner with us, contact us NOW at the Habitat office, (719) 395-0482.

CCHfH is preparing to launch a **Family Training Program** later this year. The program will focus on home maintenance, home mortgage and finance management, and other courses designed to strengthen families who are new home owners, which strengthens the community as a whole. Two trainers are committed so far, so watch for upcoming informational flyers, articles, and other announcements later this year.