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Almost Here: Hoedown for Habitat Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Habitat for Humanity Calaveras will be celebrating its 10th annual "Hoedown for Habitat" in Murphys Park on Saturday, September 13th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM. This popular event includes a BBQ dinner with great condiments, plus an array of delicious desserts, a no-host wine and beer bar, live dance music by Crystal Image, the strolling Fiddle Gang, a raffle, and a silent auction.



As an added attraction this year, Crystal Image will feature special guest star Maria Behm who will be performing hits from the "Great Ladies of Song" made famous during the 40's, 50's, and 60's by artists such as Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, Connie Francis and many more.

Hoedown was attended by over 250 people last year, and was sold out. So purchase tickets in advance from any Board member listed on page 2 of this Newsletter, at the ReStore, or by calling Frank at the Habitat office at 754-5331. Advance ticket prices are \$25 adults, \$7 for kids (6-12); at the event they will be \$35 adults, \$15 for kids. Admission for kids 5 years and younger is free.

Use the enclosed flyer as a reminder to come and enjoy the camaraderie, dancing the night away, eating 'till you can't eat another bite', while participating in a great fund raiser!



The Fiddle Gang entertaining Hoedowners (they're pretty darn good!)

Habitat Bridge Tournament Set to Go

The annual Swiss Teams Contract Bridge Tournament and Habitat fundraiser will be held on the 13th of September, at the Lions Hut in Murphys. The occasion starts off with donuts and pastries accompanied with coffee, tea and assorted juices at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$30.00 and includes bridge, Continental Breakfast and Lunch. If you are not entering through the weekly bridge games or need help in getting a team together, contact Noel Helmbrecht at 736-4467.

Bridge playing starts at 10:00, with three flights of bridge experience allowed for, so all skill levels are welcome to play and occasional players are encouraged to support this fun event. For placing in the tournament, Master points will be awarded for ACBL members. Our highly qualified tournament director, Duane Oneto, will handle all the movements and scoring. Winners of the A, B, and C flights will be presented with a bottle of fine Calaveras County wine for their efforts.

At approximately 12:30 PM, a delicious gourmet luncheon will provided by our own Lucy Thein and crew. Lucy has, to great acclaim, been popularly requested by the many players of previous tournaments...you will enjoy her epicurean delights.

Most major food markets in the county support this endeavor and their help, in making the raising of funds for the important work of Habitat, is really appreciated.

We encourage you to **make September 13 your Habitat for Humanity Day!** After the bridge tournament finishes at about 3:30 there is just enough time to sample the wines of the tasting rooms in downtown Murphys before the start of Habitat Hoedown at Murphys Park starting at 5:00 PM. This makes for a total commitment to good fun with great people for a great cause!!

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Two Families Join Habitat

Habitat for Humanity of Calaveras welcomes two new families who have been selected for two town houses to be built in Copperopolis this year. Jessica Richardson and her 4 year old son Ryan will own a two-bedroom house, and Jay and Sandy Abel and their two young children will own a three-bedroom house.



Jessica reading her official acceptance as a Habitat partner

Jessica Richardson was born in Sonora and raised in Copperopolis, and her new Habitat home will be near her extended family. She graduated from Bret Harte High School in 2003. She enjoys Yoga, music, Karaoke and dancing. She took acting classes and dance when she was younger, and she also enjoys relaxing watching movies.

Jessica is looking forward to living in her own home and she plans to make a garden and growing vegetables and flowers. In a few years, when Ryan is in school full time, Jessica hopes to enroll in Cosmetology Classes to prepare her for her future work.

Sandra and Justin Abel are from Angels Camp. They have family in the local area as well as in Sacramento. Sandra loves to cook and try new recipes and bake for family and friends. Jay is a movie buff, video gamer and comic book fan.

They both love spending time with their kids, "being parents is our favorite part of life." As a family, they like to go on picnics at the park and swimming in the creek.

Justin works at CVS Pharmacy in Angels Camp, and Sandra is attending Columbia College to get a degree in Human Services. She currently is working as a Family Advocate for the Head Start Program at The Resource Connection in San Andreas.



Justin and Sandra, holding Andres and Elisa, in front of their current home in Angels Camp

We are so glad to welcome these two new families to our Habitat family of families!

*Pat LaMont, Chair
Family Selection Committee*

Community Foundation Grant Helps Senior Homeowners

The Calaveras Community Foundation, through its Aging in Place Seniors Initiative, has awarded Habitat for Humanity Calaveras a grant for \$6000, to aid senior homeowners with critical health and safety home repairs. The funding will be used for the costs of materials and professional subcontractors.

Many seniors do not have the financial resources or the physical ability to tackle home repairs. Habitat will oversee each project and provide volunteer labor where possible. It's a win-win for the community.

Typical projects will involve interior and exterior work such as window replacement, siding and trim repair or replacement, roof repair or replacement, porch or wheelchair ramp construction, limited repair or improvement of house systems (heating, electrical, plumbing, etc.), floor and wall repair/replacement and minor foundation repair.

To be eligible for Habitat's Home Repair Program applicants must be Calaveras County residents, own and reside in the home to be repaired, have a genuine need for the repairs, have an annual income not currently exceeding \$39,200 for a single person and \$44,800 for a family of 2, and be willing to partner with Habitat to get the project completed in a timely manner. The latter is measured by the timeliness of eligibility responses and paperwork, and - if physically feasible - 2 hours of sweat equity per each work day.

For more information or to receive an application, call

Frank Meyer,
Administrative Manager
754-5331

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10th Annual HOEDOWN for Habitat

Saturday, September 13th 5–9 PM
Murphys Park

JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING

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NO HOST BAR—OPENS AT 5PM

BBQ DINNER - SERVED FROM 6–7:00PM

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give a hand up not a hand out**



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The other side is the important one!!
Be sure to use this poster as a reminder

News from the ReStore

As soon as you walk in the store you can see things have changed. The layout is a lot more shopper-friendly that should make it much easier to find what you need from the increased selection of items. Also, our Restore truck is now emblazoned with identifying graphics! We also have new volunteers and a paid position granted through the SER Senior Employment Program.

To improve the layout of the store we have added an entire new row and end caps of merchandise for sale. To top it off, it's all professional shelving donated by True Value of Lockeford. They donated not just shelving but valuable merchandise to fill those shelves as well. Ace Hardware of Angels Camp, Arnold, Mountain Ranch, and Valley Springs have all made major contributions. Tractor Supply Co. of Jackson also contributed. To top the list off, Home Depot has donated several thousands of dollars in materials for us to sell and is continuing monthly donations. Thank you donors for keeping us interesting and fun to visit.



Merzlake Signs of Jackson made it possible for us to roll out in style. We now have a rolling advertising campaign driving all around the area to pick items up. It's a tremendous help in getting the word out that we are here and growing. Hearing the positive public opinion makes it all worthwhile!

Our goals for the future include increasing donations both private and business partners, keeping our prices affordable, and procuring donations along with excellent customer service. And perhaps someday we can even open more days a week!

We have a couple of new faces you'll see regularly at the ReStore: Chris Lang from SER and volunteer Brandon Fisher.

On a sad note, we're sorry to report that Richard Browning (ReStore Assistant) lost his daughter after 4 short months of life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

*Garrett Browning
ReStore Manager*

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