



# COAST || HABITAT NEWS



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## MADEN, FRASER AND GAETA FAMILIES MOVED IN; DELGADO AND HURTADO HOMES ARE UNDERWAY



### LOCAL CONTRACTORS PITCH IN TO BEAT THE RAIN

We have been racing ahead of the inevitable raindrops that foil efforts to plan a Coastal build. Despite the July late start from last year's incessant rains, we got the Delgado home sheathed Oct 8 and Barnett and Fanto jumped on it, installing the windows and siding for us. Stark/Thornton Construction will be doing the same for the Hurtado home by the time you read this if the weather holds off long enough. Their work saves a month of Saturday builds for each house. When thanked, Roff Barnett said, "We know how to do this and we like to do it for Habitat." Rick McDonald Roofing will once again shingle both homes for us insuring a leak free job worth another pair of build weeks. North Coast Plumbing has again cut their cost to keep us going on schedule. Taqueria Riccarda feeds the crew each week with awesome burritos and Benedetto Landscaping graded and laid the lawn for the three finished homes using materials donated from Heartwood, Albion Ridge, Dirt Cheap and North Star Nurseries. Thompson PortaPotty continues to donate their septic service.



## NEW PROPERTY CLOSES AT 446/450 MCPHERSON STREET

Habitat has forged a partnership with Rob Borcich of MendoPacific Realty and Tom Becker of the Savings Bank to enable it to purchase our first high density parcel for \$675,000. Former Habitat President Gayanne Alexander found the listing by the Juntz family and Borcich waived his entire \$27,000 commission Becker's fast action with the Banks Loan Board created a no fee 3 year renewable interest only loan at 1% below prime enabling us to negotiate successfully before the opportunity was lost.



Richard Green, Treas; Rob Borcich & Marilyn LeRoy, Secty (l to r)

City Planner Sean O' Rourke and City Manager Linda Ruffing worked swiftly to review several preliminary plans for 9-11 two storey townhouses in time to meet the conditions for closing. With another year to go on Dana/Dick Williams Way, we will soon be hard at work to plan this new project and pay down this loan.

### FAMILY PARTNER NEWS

The Gordon Family got a wonderful house purchase offer from a former employer and have withdrawn from our program. They wished everyone the best and will continue to help when needed. The Martinez family, who have been working on every build and were a reserve selection for such a situation will take their place.

( See p2 photo and article.)

## IGNACIO & ANGELINA MARTINEZ TO GET LAST HOME ON DICK WMS. WAY

The Martinez family has deep roots in Fort Bragg. Stay-at-home Mom, Angelina, was born at the Mendocino Coast District Hospital and has lived here her whole life. Ignacio came to FB 16 years ago and works two fulltime cooking jobs at Mendocino Hotel and Chapter & Moon. Ignacio Jr. is an active 11-year-old sixth grader at FB Middle School who loves math and playing soccer. Brianna Marie, in the first grade at Redwood Elementary, loves school, reading and riding her bike. Currently, she is waiting anxiously as “All she wants for Christmas is her two front teeth” to go with her sensational, dimpled smile. Curly-headed Eddie is two and full of energy. You can see the love between the siblings as Eddie reaches up to put his arm around the necks of Brianna and Ignacio, Jr.



### ***A SPECIAL ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL FOR 2006-2007:***

*Those of you listed below have already done much to accomplish the wonderful things reported in this newsletter; quite literally impossible without your continuing loyalty. The price of land has more than tripled in Fort Bragg since we bought the Dana parcels. It will take nearly all of our mortgage income to pay down the McPherson loan in 12-15 years which means we are more than ever dependent on your reliable stream of contributions to continue housing families every year. Thirteen are already housed ; two more are on the way. The completion of McPherson St. will raise this to 26 families by 2015, an amazing achievement for a small rural affiliate! Please consider making extra contributions for the next few years to help us accelerate the pay down of our new \$675,000 loan and thus save on the carrying cost of interest to the bank; these savings now will free funds later to speed new construction.*

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### Habitat Homeowners Attend Fund-raiser Dinner

By FRANK HARTZELL, edited reprint by permission of the Advocate News

Irene Gaeta had to search for just the right word in English to describe the thrill of getting a Habitat for Humanity home. "I feel very good about Habitat. It is too much. I like it too much. Muy Bueno," she said as she labored over a hot stove at the Oct. 7 Habitat for Humanity dinner.

Habitat just finished three homes off Dana Street on Dick Williams Way in Fort Bragg, including that of Gaeta, and is working to get two more homes in that area closed in before winter with completion planned by next summer. The families have already been chosen for the Dana Street area homes.

Teresa Hurtado, who has lived in Fort Bragg for 23 years and works as a housekeeper, will get her first home ever, along with her family, which includes two children. Hurtado helped her future neighbor Gaeta build her home and Gaeta and her family will do the same, in old-fashioned barn raising style. "It is always worth it. You come home tired and work on the house and it is worth every bit of the effort," Hurtado said. "Without Habitat I would never have had a house."

Mendocino Coast Habitat for Humanity is currently in negotiations for a project on South McPherson in Fort Bragg that could have 11 condominiums, according to Gayanne Alexander, president of the Habitat board. Habitat plans to launch an application drive, with applicants chosen by need, income, credit and family size. Applicants must meet low income guidelines set by the federal Housing and Urban Development agency, she said.

The Mexican dinner fund-raiser offered mountains of freshly made enchiladas, pork and chicken tamales, chips and salsa, a special cactus salsa recipe that was a crowd favorite and, of course, lots of rice and beans.

"You come to support Habitat but you stay for the food," said Jim Jackson of Mendocino. "The chili verde, tamales and enchiladas all are excellent. I see a lot of my friends here each year and it's a great organization," he said. "It's a great way to create ownership, the people building their own project right from the beginning," said Yarrow Summers. "This is a very important organization for people who might not have otherwise ever been able to purchase a home."

### Kites Were Flying Everywhere!

by Chet Anderson

With beautiful blue skies, fluffy white clouds and a gentle wind blowing off the ocean, Habitat's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Festival delivered another fun-filled event for the community on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hundreds of kite-fliers, mostly kids with their families in tow, got their faces painted, ate good food from Silvers-At-The Wharf, Harvest Market, Mendocino Cookie Company and Cowlicks Ice Cream. Then they made their colorful kites and bright spirits soar.

These small kites, handmade and decorated under the expert tutelage of Pat Dunbar and her "kite mothers," were among the highest flying kites in the sky. They were joined by dozens of free kites donated by The Village Toy Store and others sold to benefit Habitat. Some folks just came to eat and enjoy the fun and the beautiful day, watching the kites from the comfort of the truckload of haybales provided by FB Feed & Pet.

It takes dozens of Habitat Family Partners and other volunteers to prepare the site for the Kitefest including mowing the field by Jerry Beatty Tree Service, taping off restricted areas, taking tickets, serving food, hauling and setting up booths and then clearing it all back into storage or WMI's donated dumpster, leaving host, Bill Patton's, land in pristine condition.

The generosity of all, especially the \$500 sponsorships of Matson Building Materials, McDonald Roofing, Harvest Market and Mendocino Cookie Company, make the KiteFest a great community event that helps Habitat fulfil our mission: ***Building Homes! Building Lives!***





FROM THE BOARDROOM :  
CHUCK GREENBERG, PRESIDENT

**A VERY SPECIAL TRIBUTE:**

Dick Williams ( photo-right) showed up on site one day in 1999 to ask if he could help out. He stayed until he died in 2002 as lead builder. He loved the Partner Families and courteously helped whoever came to lend a hand, working all week to prepare for each build. Dick Williams Way West off of Dana Street is named for him in tribute for this gift. We are out of streets to name, but his successors, Jerry Dors-ey, David Crowningshield and Scott Anderson are no less worthy of such honors. Without their leadership and steady hands, we could not have completed such an ambitious and elegant and affordable project.



Most folks who stop to think about it are amazed at what we have accom- plished here on the Coast with volun- teer labor and the simple generosity of neighbors who know in their bones that we stand or fail together in this beautiful place we call home.

I am pleased to serve again as Presi- dent of this wonderful mission at such an exciting period of accomplishment and need. All our old title problems are behind us and we are looking for- ward to our new joint venture with the City: Habitat's first ever condominium cluster on McPherson Street. We will soon be chosing our next Family Part- ners so help us spread the word to call 964-0942 to request an application.

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*Bart Grimes has completed his 6 year term; Ron Eich will now bring us Bart's many business and Realty skills; Scott Anderson, a Habitat Founder, is back on the Board, replacing Jerry Dorsey as Build Chair to complete Dick Williams Way.*



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