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DELGADO AND HURTADO FAMILIES READY TO MOVE IN; VAUGHN HOME

UNDERWAY WITH MARTINEZ PLANNED FOR LATE AUGUST START



Salvador & Theresa Hurtado at their home; Mauricio & Yanelly Delgado, not shown Angie and Dale Vaughn (left) help to raise the first wall of their new home

DICK WILLIAMS WAY IN THE HOME STRETCH

We have had a very productive twelve months on the Dana/Dick Williams Way project.

We sold the first three homes in September of 2007 to the Maden, Gaeta and Fraser families and started work on the Hurtado and Delgado homes. This winter was kinder than last and, under the able guidance of Scott Anderson and David Crowningshield, we have completed two more homes for the Delgado and Hurtado families and started another for the Vaughns.

Mauricio Delgado was a fast on the job learner and he has accepted an invitation to join the Build Committee with Ron Hensell and Frank Richards. He is the first Partner to serve on a Board Committee and fluently bilingual, a special asset on the site. The entire subdivision is slated for completion by Fall of 2008.

DANA/DWW WINS MAYOR'S "WELL DONE" AWARD

by Mayor Doug Hammerstrom

Each year the Mayor of City of Fort Bragg honors special construction projects with The Mayor's Well Done Awards. Habitat received one of the Well-done Awards this year as an admirable example of an infill project which took an awkward piece of property left behind in the City's earlier development and designed it to fit into its neighborhood. The scale and style of the houses and the materials used to build them help these houses look like they have always been a part of our community. We can point to these houses as an example of what infill development should look like. The City has long appreciated Habitat's partnership in developing work-force housing. and is proud to recognize the design quality that their projects bring to our City.

NEXT 5 PARTNERS CHOSEN FOR MCPHERSON STREET

Daniel & Kristie Johnson, Macario & Alma Rocha, Ambrocio & Margarita Cazares, Maria Flores & Jose Sanchez and Luis & Lilia Bermudez were chosen after a six month sorting process from 19 finalists. Four other families, Doug & Diane Smith, Jennifer Winsor & David Marshall, Severo & Silvia Cuevas and Sean & Sarena Barrett will remain in the queue for the remaining three to four units of our first condominium project. They will be reviewed with priority status when construction is underway. If they still qualify, they will be signed on as Partners. Any work they elect to do will be logged to their credit towards that day.

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PRESENTING THE MCPHERSON FIVE

Dan & Kristie Johnson and their three daughters moved away from one set of grandparents in Sacramento 2+ years ago to be closer to another set in FB. Dan works for Harvest Market@Mendosas in Mendocino; Kristie works for TW's Grill & Bar. Amanda is 14 and starts FBHS this fall. Her unique hobby is taxidermy! Autumn is almost 12, a 6th grader at FBMS and loves to write poetry & stories. Lilly, 7, is a 2nd grader at Redwood and likes to draw & color.



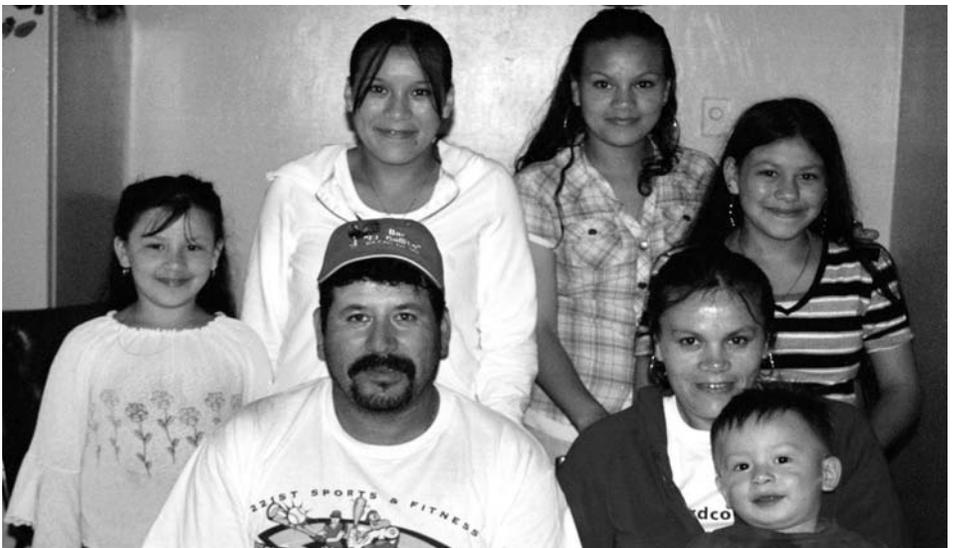
Kristy, Autumn (11) and Dan; not shown Amanda (14) and Lilly (7)

The Rocha family includes one Macario (Dad), two Almas and the one & only Antonio (7) who is in 3rd grade at Redwood, likes math and wants to be a soccer player. Alma #2 is 10 and a 5th grader at Dana Gray. She will enjoy jumping rope and spelling until she reaches her goal of being a teacher or a dentist. Macario is a landing man with Roach Bros. logging and Alma #1 works at the Packard House in Mendocino



Macario, Antonio (7) Alma and Alma (10)

Ambrocio & Margarita Cazares and their 4 girls + 2 yr. old Ambrocio, Jr have lived in FB for 5 years, although Dad has been working here in logging with Roach Bros for 11 years. Marisol, will be a 9th grader at FBHS, enjoys volleyball and wants to be a teacher. Margarita really likes science and math and will be a freshman at FBHS. Maria enjoys sports, spelling and math in 6th grade at FBMS and hopes to become a dentist. Andrea is in 2nd grade at Redwood Elementary and wants to be a teacher. Junior is spoiled by his big sisters!



Ambrocio, Margarita, Ambrocio Jr, (2) Andrea (7) Margarita (15) Marisol (16) Maria (12)



Yadara (15) Pepe, Maria, Alex (3) cousins Anahi & Maria -Juliana (17) not shown

The Sanchez family has long roots in FB through Mother Maria who stays very busy at home with 3 yr. old Alex and with help from three teenage girls. Juliana, not shown, will be a Senior at FBHS looking forward to college and her dream of being an architect. She works at Cowlicks. Yadara will be a Sophomore at FBHS where she enjoys science, tennis and soccer. Maria will start high school at FBHS where she hones her math skills. Jose, called Pepe works as a painter with Matt O' Halloran.

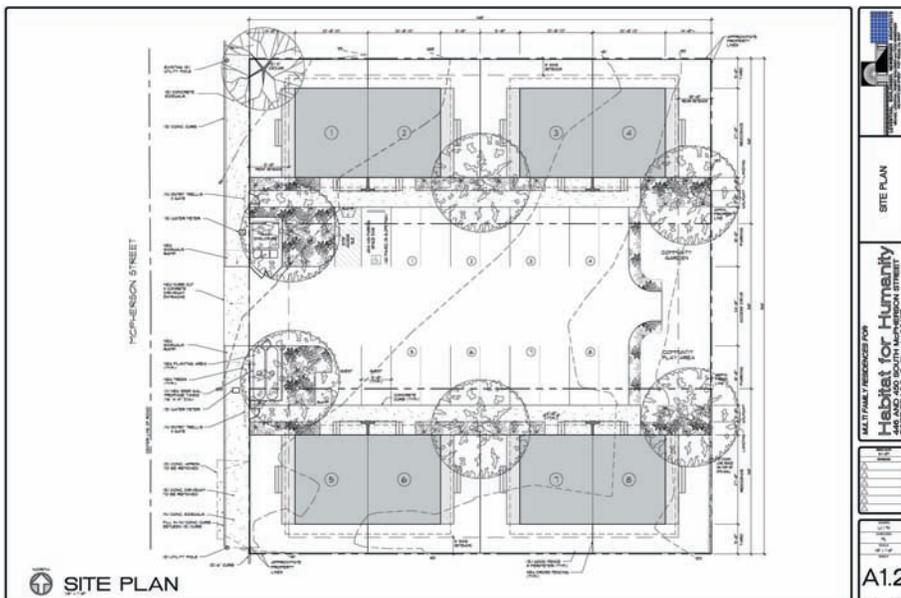


Luis, Lilia, Jasmine (2) Liliana (13) Louis (11)

The Bermudez family, including Luis & Lilia and their 3 children has lived in FB about 5 years. Luis works for H&H Logging and Lilia is busy with 2 year old Jasmine. Liliana will be in the 8th grade at FBMS where she enjoys math and playing soccer. Louis is going into 5th grade at Dana Gray. He likes art, basketball, soccer and wants to be a policeman.

COME TO THE MEXICAN DINNER AT PORTUGESE HALL- HAVE A GREAT MEAL AND MEET THEM ALL: 10/6/07 4-7PM

MCPHERSON PLANS: A PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL DRAFT



Michael Leventhal of LSA Design presented the first working draft for the Mcpherson Street project to the Board August 1. It will consist of four two storey condominium townhouses around landscaped courtyard parking. The buildings will be stepped for height and moved forward and back with offsets and various entrance and deck details to lend visual interest. They will be three-bedroom, two-bath units, each with its own rear entrance to a private yard. Units with yards to the North will be pushed back for a sunny front yard and the walkways will be interrupted or replaced with plantings.



**FROM THE BOARDROOM
CHUCK GREENBERG,
PRESIDENT**

This has been a wonderful twelve months for Habitat on the Coast. We have sold 5 homes, completed the final paperwork to transfer the Oak Street duplex (built in 1992) to the Mora and Canul families, started the Vaughn and Martinez homes, acquired, after a four year search, a new property under preliminary design by Leventhal and Schlosser, picked 5 new Partners with 4 backups, added April Lopez-Cen, Ron Hensell and Ron Eich to the Board and Mauricio Delgado, our first Partner Committee member to the Build Committee. A great year thanks to all of you!! Come and see the site.

***DONT MISS GREAT FOOD:
MEXICAN DINNER 10/6/07***



HABITAT FLIES AGAIN

by Chet Anderson
June 4th and it's been two days
Since KiteFest day started in a haze
As promised the sun did shine
If only for a very short time
And all the kids had lots of fun
(They kept us working on the run.)
We sold our food and many kites,
With lots more made by little sprites.
Now we know that April's a keeper
And our 2 Rons, each one a sleeper,
These new three improved our mix
While Norm & Richard did their tricks.
Pat provided all the kid's stuff-
The little kites that are so tough,
Jerry & Molly were helper pros
With family workers on their toes.
And Gayanne who's given up the reins
As Food Czarina -now April's "trained."

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New Orleans – First Hand, By Frank Fanto

The Mendocino High School group has recently returned from a weeks work with Habitat for Humanity in St. Bernard's Parish, Louisiana. The trip was an unqualified success in both the work accomplished and the experience gained by our kids. I am extremely proud of the way these 16 diverse kids pulled together and were able to grow beyond themselves, many for the first time.

For most, it was the first time they did physical work. For most it was the first time they ate crawfish. For some, it was the first time they could relate to people of color and people with a different level of economic existence.

Discussions abound about new and unfamiliar things seen for the first time, from the spray painted marking on the front of buildings put there by the rescue crews, to how to pronounce all the French names.

I struggle with words to describe the feelings and the experience. So much needs to be done. The level of devastation is overwhelming, especially when you consider it is 1 ½ yrs since Katrina. Most of the people we met have been living in FEMA trailers since the storm hit. The areas population is still sparse. Many houses look abandoned. Piles of debris are still everywhere. The newspapers are full of their ongoing struggle to make things normal again, a situation that is many years away.

We worked on construction of a new Habitat base camp that will be able to house 1,600 workers at one time. We also built the first prototype of 55 new homes that will be built near the town of Violet, St. Bernard's Parish. We started with rough draft plans on Monday, and attended the wall raising ceremony on Friday.

The warmth of the people we met was heartfelt. As one of the residents explained to me, it forced them to re-evaluate what was important in life: it was not their possessions; it was flesh and blood, family and friends. I was touched and will be forever changed.



SOME FINANCIAL FACTS

The Dana Street project began in 1999 with the purchase of the corner lot on Oak Street for \$110,000 followed by 1353 Oak Street for \$62,500 and the back acre, 103 N. Dana for \$125,000. Eight of its 10 promised homes are complete through your gifts and labor as well as two Federal Home Loan Bank grants for \$140,000, an anonymous gift of \$150,000 and a City Community Development Block Grant of \$500,000.

AS OF 6/30/07:

<i>cost Dana/DWW</i>	<i>\$1,246,258</i>
<i>volunteer hours:</i>	<i>13,489</i>
<i>remaining mortgage:</i>	<i>\$41,589</i>
<i>two notes paid:</i>	<i>\$172,500</i>
<i>cost to complete:</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>cash on hand:</i>	<i>\$225,880</i>
<i>estimated McPherson St. improvements:</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>McPherson mortgage:</i>	<i>\$647,400</i>
<i>at 7.5%, 3 year rollover</i>	
<i>Monthly average Pmt</i>	<i>5,000</i>

IT TAKES A VILLAGE OR TWO TO BUILD A HOUSE

The following people took a leadership role in bringing Dana Street from dirt to its present development logging hundreds of hours with our new owners every Saturday:

Jerry Dorsey, Tom Hawkins, Chuck Greenberg, Ron Hensell, Richard Green, Frank Richards, Paul Cookenboo, David Crowningshield, Scott Anderson, and Jonathan Borah with Partners Kevin Fraser, Charlie Maden, Mauricio DelGado, Salvador Hurtado, Angie Vaughn and Ignacio Martinez.
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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FIRE SPRINKLER PROGRAM

By Steve Wells, Fire Marshal, Fort Bragg Fire Department

The fire sprinkler program for Habitat began in North Carolina to increase awareness of residential fire sprinkler systems. Local fire departments, fire protection engineers and equipment manufacturers have combined efforts to donate time and materials to provide Habitat homes with fire sprinkler systems at no cost. The Fort Bragg Fire Department decided to get involved to emphasize our belief that fire sprinklers are the most effective method of saving lives and reducing property loss.

We offered to provide sprinkler systems (system design, all materials and installation) for the next seven Habitat houses on Dana and Dick Williams Way. We then contacted Tyco Fire Products and Victaulic Company of America for the components necessary to build the system. They agreed to donate all materials at no cost. Gary Stankey of S & S Fire Protection worked with our volunteers through the first three houses to insure a professional installation.

The plan came together and we have now completed five houses. We have organized an efficient system as follows to review plans, order and store parts, coordinate with Habitat plumbers and electricians and rough in the system. When the house is done, small trim heads are placed on each sprinkler and an alarm is hooked up and tested. All work is done by Fort Bragg Fire Department volunteers.

The Fort Bragg Fire Department is strongly committed to the concept that fire sprinklers save lives and appreciates the opportunity to showcase this fact through Habitat for Humanity. It is our hope that these seven houses are the start of a lasting partnership between the fire department and Habitat and that all future homes will be provided with this high level of fire protection

Editor's Note:

At 3:15 on December 21, 2006, the Chapel Hill, N.C. Fire Department responded to a fire at a Habitat Home which had sprinklers installed by the local Firefighters Associations in the program that led to ours. The fire was due to unattended cooking and the Chief noted this common cause of fires usually results in significant damage, and often in fatalities. The sprinklers put the fire out by the time the trucks arrived, limiting damage to \$3000.

Fire sprinkler facts

- ◆ Nation-wide more than 4,000 people die in home fires each year.
- ◆ Installing both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system reduces the risk of death in a home fire by 82%.
- ◆ Only sprinklers closest to the fire will activate spraying water directly on the fire. Ninety percent of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler.
- ◆ On average home fire sprinkler systems add only 1 to 1.5% of the total building cost of new construction.
- ◆ Home fire sprinkler systems use only a fraction of the water used by fire department hoses.
- ◆ The likelihood that a sprinkler head will accidentally discharge is extremely small.
- ◆ Modern residential sprinklers are inconspicuous and can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings.

(volunteers, continued)

The following volunteers pulled from our weekly sign-in sheets freely gave their time & skills to various phases of the first five homes:

Mark Mertle Robert Van Peer, Mark Jones, Chet Anderson, Auscencio Martinez, Sun Dorsey, Malcom Dunham, Richard Everett, Bob Kerstein, Bill Popov, Lee Bryant, Ruth Hensell, Scott Anderson, Sandy Tell, Faye Yee, Jerry Horsfall, Jim McDannold, Josh Stone, Scott & Gayanne Alexander, Sandra Kearney, Burley Cox, Bob Bushansky, Patty & Rick Swanson, Karen Calvert, Fernando & Nelson Gordon, Tracy & Belgica Gordon, Art Williams, Glen Rea, Jan Mantel, Steve Colombi, Bill Watson, Josemar Hernandez, Lee Welty, Maria Orozco, Claudia Demming, Carolyn King, John Snodgrass, Carol Ann Walton, Sue Boddy, Don Miterko, Jesus Gonzales, James Mahaffey, Danny Barca, Susan & John Mitchell, Charrish Starr, Mike Del Campo, Bill Loethen, Les Mann, Joshua Richardson, Ron Acree, Tom Kilgos, Jerry Weiss, Bob Zvilinski, Kevin Fraser, Jaey Mason, Daniel Corry, Paul Fraser, Sean Douglas, Don Crey, John Denver, Bob Fraser, Dennis Smurn, Dave Papke, Courtney & Lisa Wessel, Nathan Rodrigues, Randy Gibson, Juan Gaeta, David Duncan, Brian Orcholski, Dan & Lorraine Buranzon, Matt O'Halloran, Angel Garcia, Jim Halprin, Jose Vidal, Steve Morris, Lee Lette, Judy Ballenger, Anne Gary, Richard Norgard, John Wozniak, Roy Falk, Karen Calvert, Don McNeil, Dale Simpson, Rosolio Martinez, WB Foelker, Mark Mermelstein, Bill Lethvon, Charlie Dimock, Andy Van Pelt, Terry Craddock, Brad McGuire, Wilbert Escobedo, Raul Cano-Ku, David Powers, Art Rea, Jan Mantel, Paul Gibson, Ty Salmon, Dave Gibson, Josh Margeson, Nathan Rodrigues, Gordon Wardlaw, Chris Skyhawk, W.B. Zoelhen, and Barbara Niven