

# COAST HABITAT NEWS

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## KICKING IT ON DANA-A TRIPLE HEADER UNDER WAY



Dozens of volunteers have logged thousands of hours with Board members and Partner families to make Dana Street a reality. After three years of delays, we are on a roll with our most ambitious build ever—three homes at once. The Fraser, Maden and Gaeta families are fired up with the progress so far. Safeway, Taqueria Ricarda and Denny's have fed the hungry Big Build crews at work the 3rd Saturday of each month. Many have returned in between for several special followup builds. John Snodgrass and Lee Lette, filling Dick Williams' large boots, have kept things moving on weekdays.

Locals Fanto & Barnet Construction and Rick McDonald Roofing have brought their crews to close in the Fraser home and Friedman's Lumber will provide kitchens and baths at 30% off their regular price.

The City has put the Improvement Plans to bid for completion by late October; we are pushing forward on that timetable to place our families in their homes before the Holidays.

We can use all the help you can offer for this effort: call 937-0962 or email [chuckg@mcn.org](mailto:chuckg@mcn.org) for 3rd Saturday builds; call Jerry Dorsey 813-7013 for other time slots.

## DONORS MAKE THE HAMMERS RING; PLEASE JOIN THEM AND SEND A CHECK TODAY TO KEEP US MOVING FORWARD

The following people and businesses have given generously to create the homes on Dana Street during our last fiscal year. Thanks to their commitment and resources, our volunteers come out each day to a build site stocked with building materials and tools. If you have not yet given and wish to, please send your check in the enclosed envelope. If we omitted you by mistake, please call Chuck at 937-2418 for a correction and apology.

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**FROM THE BOARDROOM  
GAYANNE ALEXANDER,  
PRESIDENT ELECT**

*I'm very proud as I begin to assume my new role as President of the Board. It's a joy to see how far we've come as a result of the hard work of all of the volunteers and Board members before me.*

*I'd like the Habitat community to join me in extending particular thanks to Pat Dunbar for her efforts during her 3 year term as president; efforts that are visible in all we've accomplished in the past 7 years. Pat will remain an active member of the Resource Committee, and I hope to fill her very able shoes during my term.*

*Under Pat's leadership, we've continued to improve our great events like the annual kite festival, and the Mexican dinner, as well as the starting Dana Street and completing the transfer of 4 homes on Maple St. and 3 at Oak and Dana to their happy and deserving families. I would also like to thank Marilyn LeRoy for heading up the Selection Committee this year and welcome Patti Swanson as the new Chair of the Selection Committee.*

*Chuck Greenberg, past President, is returning to the Board as my Vice President, and we plan to focus on expanding the Board and its Committees with a particular emphasis on involving the Partners in a leadership role in more phases of HFH.*

*We are very proud of our own Silver Canul taking over as part owner and Executive Chef of the Wharf Restaurant now known as Silvers at the Wharf. He will bring his distinctive flavor to a FB tradition.*

*We have a lot of work ahead of us and we are all looking forward to seeing more happy families in their new homes! Come out and help us build!*

## **DANA STREET HOMES GET A SPECIAL FUNDING BOOST**

As Habitat takes on larger projects, we must seek new sources of funding besides annual donor contributions. One, besides the City Block Grant for \$375,000 is the Federal Home Loan Bank grant of \$79,000 for the first 6 homes on Dana plus \$62,000 for the next 4. We were among several dozen winners in a field of hundreds!

Our 4th house will be fully sponsored by locals who matched the \$20,000 offered by a Ukiah donor for a total of \$53,000.

We have also applied to several foundations, Home Depot and local banks to sponsor yet another house the same way and are starting negotiations for the next land acquisition. Stay tuned...

## **LOCAL HOUSING COALITION FORMED AND ON THE MOVE**

It's no secret to residents of the Mendocino coast that real estate prices here have been sky-rocketing for the past several years, and they continue to climb. The average price of all homes sold in the first quarter of 2005 according to the Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors is \$534,626. State-wide, only 19 percent of total households can afford the median-priced home, compared to 59 percent nationally.

Prices such as these are slamming homeownership doors on many full-time employees in Mendocino County. Teachers, police officers, grocery workers, many hospital and government workers and scores of other local employees find paying such prices, along with inspections and closing costs nearly impossible. Would-be homeowners may have saved a portion of the down payment, but come up short of what is needed to seal the deal.

But help is one the way. As a result of the recent Mendocino Coast Economic Development Conference, a new fast-moving group has been formed called the Mendocino Coast Housing Coalition. They have been established for the purpose of assisting our local work force in obtaining affordable housing. The group was started by local business owners along with representatives from the City of Fort Bragg Community Development department, Councilmembers, the Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors, Habitat for Humanity, local lending institutions and others.

The Housing Coalition will be working closely with the Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors' Housing Opportunity Committee (HOC), chaired by Todd Cinnamon. This committee will be overseeing the work force down payment assistance program whose goals are to aid the local work force in obtaining home ownership, to develop a program to receive funds and grant awards for use as closing costs or down payment assistance. The HOC will also establish a housing fund to receive general donations until dispersed in accordance with program guidelines. Participant eligibility will be based on a point system and awarded as funding becomes available.

**VIRTUAL AUCTION YIELDS REAL \$:  
\$13,000 TOWARDS HOUSE NUMBER 4**



**ANOTHER GREAT DAY FOR FAMILIES  
AT THE TODD'S POINT KITE FESTIVAL**



Once again Habitat events serve up fun food and profits for affordable housing. Hundreds of kites with excited children on the other end took to the air at the 10th annual Kite Festival. This event, free to all comers, is sponsored by Harvest Market, Mendocino Cookie Co, Matson building Supplies, McDonald Roofing and Beatty Tree Service.

Once again a few dozen supporters raised their forks and their hands in our whacky Virtual Auction where bidders wildly compete to “purchase” parts of our next house that they leave for us to assemble.

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