

## First Habitat Family Shows the Way for Others



*Hard-working Morales Family: (left to right) Angie, Graciela (mother), Lisbet, Joel, Sr.; and Joel Jr. in the kitchen of their*

Nine years ago, Coast Habitat selected a family of five for it's first-ever Habitat home in Fort Bragg: the Morales family. Joel, the head of the family, had a job at the Georgia-Pacific lumber mill, but he put in his five hundred hours of Sweat Equity for Habitat, helping to complete his house. His wife, Graciela worked beside him, as did his three young daughters. Now he is offering his hand to the newest family, the Escobedos, selected by Habitat for the 2nd home to be completed (hopefully next spring!)

Joel and Graciela Morales will assist Wilbur and Maria Escobedo in learning the lore of home-ownership, complying with Habitat regulations and joining the Family Partnering organization.

"We've been there," says Joel with a smile. "Now we can pass along our experience to this new family."

Joel and Graciela and their kids have paid off their Habitat mortgage — and also become entrepreneurs: they opened a small café — *La Playa* — in the village of Caspar. Delicious food... come down and try it!

## Habitat to Develop Next 7 Houses

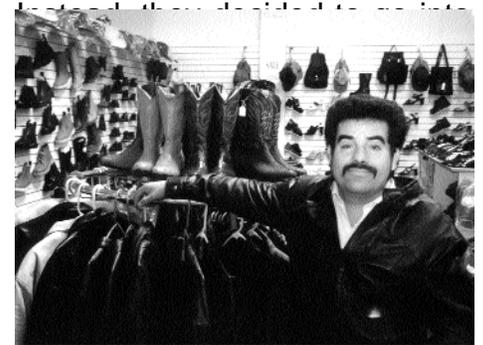
Luz Harvey of Fort Bragg; Landscaper James Benedetto; Ed McKinley, Expediter; Leonardo Bowers, Engineer-Surveyor; Robert Van Peer, Board Member and Contractor; Sandra Maclver, Funder; plus Auscenscio Martinez, Carol Chilton and Kevin Fraser from the Family Partners Association.

This team, including (ex officio) Habitat President Chuck Greenberg, is working on the entire plan for seven additional homes — with style variety and attractive landscaping— to present to the City Planning Commission.

# H a b i t a t F a m i l y O p e n s L e a t h e r G o o d s S h o p

Ten years ago, Antonio Mora worked in the woods for Philbrick Logging. He was struggling to provide for his family when he applied to Habitat for a chance to help build and own his home. In 1991, he became one of the first Habitat homeowners in Fort Bragg.

But, a few years later, an accident in the woods caused permanent injury to his back. His days as a logger were over. But Antonio and his wife, Rosa, and the children never gave up.



*Antonio Mora at his Zapateria*

Antonio arranged to rent shop space at The Depot, a busy commercial center in Fort Bragg. Here, he and Rosa and Jamie (16) Isabelle (15) and Marco Antonio (3), have an exciting stake in the future, selling shoes, sandals, boots, belts, purses wallets and other fine

## 'Golden Hammer' Team to Finish HfH House NO. 9

In an effort to speed up completion of current builds, Coast Habitat is seeking to form a small core group of volunteer builders who will pair up with members of the Partner Families and contractors to work most of the 15 weekend days required to complete the work. Such a group — with occasional public volunteer help — could finish the job in record time. If you'd be interested,

### CORRECTION

In the Summer Newsletter it was incorrectly reported that the Morales family had paid off their Habitat mortgage. They have paid almost half of it.

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## Coast Habitat Wins Kudos in 'Standard' Review

Every three years, HfH International sends an official from regional headquarters in Denver CO, to examine the activities, plans and records of each affiliate such as Coast Habitat. This year, Dr. Sibylle Scholz conducted the review, introducing its new *Standard of Excellence* criteria to help local affiliates identify their strengths and weaknesses.

### 'Innovative Skills'

Dr. Scholz sent a letter praising President Chuck Greenberg and the Board of Directors for "superior management and innovative skills." She was particularly impressed with the "Virtual Auction" fundraising concept, and is recommending it as a regional fundraising strategy for next year.

She judged Coast Habitat to be "easily the best organized and developed affiliate in Northern California."

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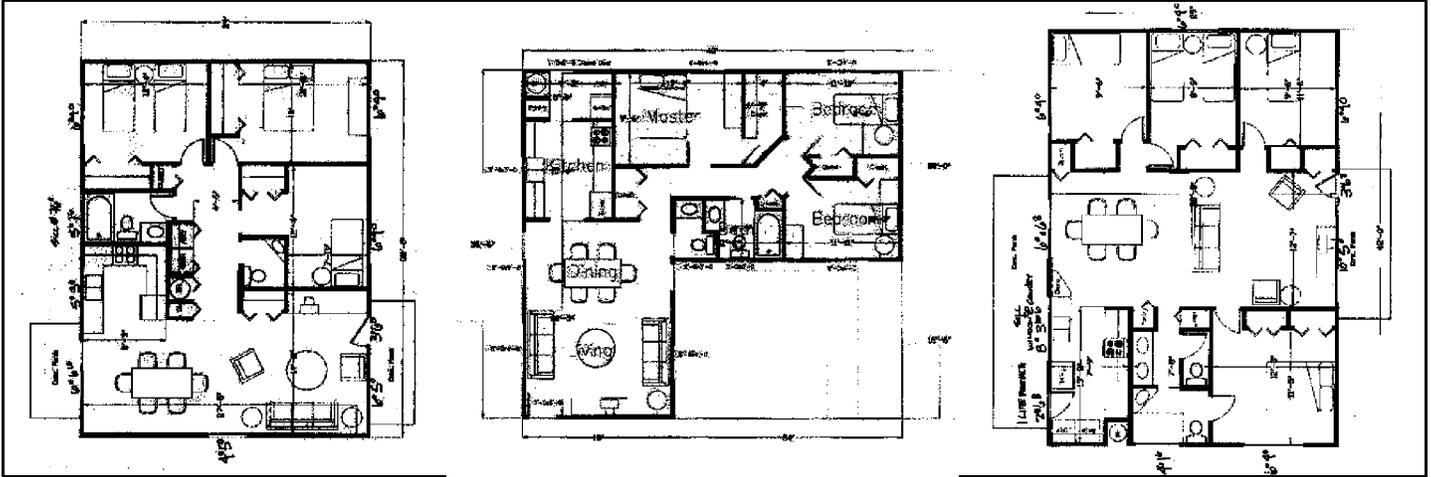


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## Variations on Two Themes: Functionality, Affordability



The architect's challenge is to design Habitat homes that are (1) functional for the needs of a family of up to 5 or 6 people; (2) economical to build; and (3) have some variety in appearance so there's not a monotonous appearance of the same "look" in a neighborhood of eight to ten homes. Not an easy task!

But thanks to the work of architects Paul Tay and Karl Roth, along with input from the Coast Habitat Design Committee, and redrawn by Luz Harvey, plans are ready for approval by Habitat's Board.

### Planning a Neighborhood

Floor plans for each of three variations are shown above. Each has three to four bedrooms, bath-and-a-half, living and dining areas, kitchen and laundry facilities, along with fairly generous closet/storage areas. Each has a different roof-line and exterior finish.

All three versions will be used in the site development plans for ten houses now being prepared by Welty Engineering for submittal to the City of Fort Bragg in December.

### 'Millenium House' No. 2 Nearing



Photo by Tony Valentine

Satisfied builders last October prepare to raise final wall on #9

## Escobedo House Now Getting Closed-in for Winter Finishing

Just a few months ago the walls were going up on the ninth Habitat House in Fort Bragg — this one destined for the family of Wilbur and Maria Escobedo and their four children. Now the roof is solidly on, and the house will be weather-proofed enough so that interior finishing work can go on through the winter. Plumbing and electrical work, installing insulation, hanging sheetrock, flooring — all the myriad tasks of completing a house once it's framed up — can go on through the rainy season. Lead carpenter Scott Anderson (kneeling above in white shirt, ) thinks they'll finish up by April 2001!