

Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity eNews – January 2009

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Board of Directors elects new officers

Your local Habitat held elections last November to approve new officers. The new officers are as follows: President - Jared E Jones, Vice Chair - Gary Fox, Treasure - Ron Wolfe and Secretary - Karen Maas.

Jared has been volunteering with this affiliate for 18 months, and for 6 years with the Silicon Valley Habitat in California. His career was in engineering management of software and electronics products. Gary Fox brings a builders point of view to the Board and has decades of experience with many local builders including DR Horton and currently Integrity Structures. Ron is a VP with JP Morgan Chase Bank and formerly with Columbia River Bank. Karen Maas is returning as Secretary to the Board. We want to thank Claire Rolfs, Ann Leisy and Larry Rummel for their service as officers.

Also George Vigileos left the Board in December; Larry Rummel and Diane McNay left earlier in the year. We thank these people for many years of service and hope to see them out on the job site. Joining the Board in January will be Pastor Steve Estrem from the Zion Lutheran Church.

We are always searching for people who can contribute at the policy and fund raising level for our Board. We would like to see newcomers with experience in real estate, building, finance, business or people with long term experience with this Habitat.

Our board challenges in 2009 are as follows:

- Continue our Capital fundraising campaign to fully fund 2 homes and hopefully enough for a second lot.
- Launch a ReStore operation by year end.
- Get our Main St property partition, plans and permits complete so we can start building as soon as funding is available.
- Recruit members to Board & the ReStore operation.
- Build our committee structure so we can put energy into new areas such as training, advocacy, volunteerism, green technology.
- Do a better job of visibility and PR in our service area using events, the web site and local media articles.





Your board is interested in starting up a ReStore retail operation. ReStore is a Habitat concept used in many cities that take donated building materials and other goods and resell them in the community. We have a team of about 5 people that will be organizing and planning the operation soon.

The benefits are many:

- Green less material getting dumped in land fill.
- Fund raising all proceeds go to building affordable houses in the Newberg HFH service area.
- Volunteerism provides "jobs" for volunteers and families building "sweat equity" hours.

For this to be successful we need:

- Free or near free retail space of about 5,000 SF
- Enclosed box truck
- Shelving/ rack space
- Donated cash register or PC based system
- Lots of volunteers willing to make it happen
- Pallet jack or fork lift

If you have an interest in this or have some of the above material to donate please contact our office, at info@newberghabitat.org or 503-537-9938.



By clicking on the brand new 'Donate Now' button recently added to our website, Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity can now accept online contributions! Network for Good is a nonprofit that works with other charities to make their online giving affordable and easy – it enables us to track and process monthly and quarterly gifts as well as any single contribution. Be the **first** direct online contributor Newberg Habitat has ever received, and we'll send you a Habitat t-shirt!

This new contribution system will certainly aid our upcoming capital campaign, which is steadily growing momentum as we continue working in our community to raise funds for the next build. Please contact our office if you'd like to help.

Contribute part of your refund to Habitat for Humanity

On your Oregon tax form there is an easy, no hassle way to make a contribution with part of your tax refund. Contact the department of revenue if you have any further questions at 503-378-4988 or questions.dor@state.or.us.

CHARITABLE	Oregon Nongame Wildlife ● 56	.00	Child Abuse Prevention ● 57	.00
CHECKOFF	Alzheimer's Disease Research ● 58	.00	Stop Dom. & Sexual Violence ● 59	.00
DONATIONS, PAGE 17	AIDS/HIV Education & Services ● 60	.00	OR Military Financial Assist. ● 61	.00
I want to donate part of my tax refund to the	Habitat for Humanity ● 62	.00	OR Head Start Association ● 63	.00
	American Diabetes Association ● 64	.00	Oregon Coast Aquarium ● 65	.00
	SMART ● 66	.00	SOLV ● 67	.00
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Do you know someone that would like to get our email? We want to make sure we're reaching everyone in the community who is interested in from hearing from us.

Please help us expand our list by forwarding this newsletter to friends, colleagues, and family and invite them to sign up by contacting Event and Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Lodholz at amy@newberghabitat.org.

Thanks!



Have a vehicle you'd like to donate? Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program is well under way! You can donate your car, boat, RV, or even motorcycle (running or not) to help your local affiliate build safe, decent, and affordable housing in your community. For more information go to www.carsforhomes.org or contact our office at 503-537-9938.

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Bank of America offers what are called 'My Expressions' debit or credit cards free of charge. A small portion of each transaction fee is then sent to the charities of that card holder's choice. We'd like you to choose Habitat for Humanity! It's a free and easy way to promote and contribute to our organization. Call 1-800-432-1000 and tell them

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Special thanks to all the folks who responded to our letter; we couldn't do it without you! Thank you!