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Groundbreaking Celebration



Mayor Bob Andrews

We are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking event for the Hill and Porter homes went off without a hitch! Thanks to all of you who were able to attend. It was a great day!

We give special thanks to Mayor Andrews for his remarks that day! For those of you who missed it, we've included the Mayor's speech below.

Pastor Shawn McNay led our devotional, and then building committee chair Gary Fox discussed the upcoming building project in detail. Later,

building committee intern Shannon Eoff talked about the green building efforts we've made for this project.

Board Chair Jared Jones also shared about our affiliates history, past successes, and the unique ties we hold in this community.



**Building Committee
Intern Shannon Eoff**



**Family Support Chair
Barb Zahler**

Family support chair Barb Zahler then introduced the Hill and Porter families, and their family partner friends. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project so far, but it's not over yet! If you know someone that would like to help, please email Volunteer Coordinator Amy Lodholz at amy@newberghabitat.org.

Mayor Bob Andrews

Greetings to all; Habitat Board Members, community leaders, community members and

friends. This is a beautiful afternoon to gather in celebrating this groundbreaking. Thank you for the invitation and the opportunity to participate in these groundbreaking ceremonies for The Porter and Hill homes. On behalf of all I would like to welcome the Porter and Hill families to the site of their new homes.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "People acting together as a group can accomplish things which no individual acting alone could ever hope to bring about." It has also been said that "the only factor becoming scarce in a world of abundance is human attention." We are witness to the attention and culmination of the combined efforts of our citizenry. We all should take solace in humble pride as this new project begins.

Each Habitat home is a reminder of the strength of our community. Each project takes hundreds of donated volunteer hours, vast amounts of materials and substantial money to build and could not be done without the community's resources being pulled together. I am proud to share in saying, we are proud to say these are Newberg's new habitat homes.

Even during this time of economic recession, the spirit of volunteerism and good will prevails; the people of this community have proven to truly believe in affordable housing through their involvement with Habitat. The model of this self-help housing is likened unto an old fashioned barn raising. Neighbors helping neighbors...

This new Habitat project is responsive to the concept that affordable housing is vital and important in our community. The city appreciates all who have and will participate in this project; for their vision, their dedication and their contributions to its completion. The City and the overall community are also the beneficiaries of this project.



**Board Chair
Jared Jones**



**Building Committee Chair
Gary Fox**

Additional Photos from May 31st's event



Groundbreaking crowd gathers



The Hill and Porter Families

Homeowner Highlight

The Grimaldo family moved into their Newberg Habitat home in 1999. Three of their children are now all grown and attend college. We've recently heard that daughter Rose will be graduating from Western University this year with a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Spanish. Daughter Ruth also attended Western University and received an Accounting degree in 2006, and son Jr. is currently attending PCC. We are so happy for all of you! We congratulate this family on their successes and hard work!

Thank you Océ!

We wanted to warmly thank Océ for responding to our newsletter request in May and providing a copy machine for our office! How lucky we are to have such great Habitat allies. We've been conveniently making copies from our office now on a daily basis...awesome. Thank you!



New Habitat volunteer Bill Mulholland (in front) came to show his support for the project



Habitat friends Gary Fox, Eric Funasaki, and Larry Rummel (in front) listen as the presentation begins