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H-E-B Partners Builds with Padilla Family



(Left to right): Gracy Salinas, H-E-B, Margaret Garza, H-E-B, Steve Ayala, Lysol, Carmen Padilla, homeowner and Stephanie Wiese, V.P. of Development and Communications, HFHSA at the November 20, 2004 House Dedication at Van De Walle Acres.

Padilla was not alone in her excitement. HFHSA was grateful that one of these special houses built

by H-E-B and its partners was built in San Antonio. They also built Habitat homes in Austin, McAllen and Houston last fall.

"I am a new homeowner and my children are happy to have a new home that we can call our own!"

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio looks forward to working with H-E-B and their community partners who plan on building another house in San Antonio this fall in celebration of H-E-B's 100th anniversary. Steve Ayala, representative from Lysol added, "There is no greater gift than the gift of giving itself and the heart warming experience it brought to all of us. Thanks again for the opportunity to allow us to work hand in hand with those who want to improve our communities. We had fun doing it and we look forward to the 2005 builds!"

Padilla excitedly anticipates what the future holds for she and her children. Padilla remarks, "I tell everyone who will listen to me that dreams come true if you take the time to help yourself. I am a new homeowner and my children are happy to have a new home that we can call our own!" Her experience with H-E-B Partners and Habitat is one that will truly be embedded in her memory forever.

September 11, 2004 marked the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Habitat homeowner, Carmen Padilla. Padilla's house was sponsored by one of San Antonio's most dedicated local corporations, H-E-B. Margaret Garza, representative from H-E-B announced, "H-E-B is proud to have partnered with Lysol, Unilever, Georgia Pacific, Campbell's Soup and Habitat for Humanity in an effort to build the Padilla family a home. Along with maintaining positive relationships of trust with our customers and communities, we celebrate H-E-B's company spirit of caring and giving. In this case, H-E-B along with our vendors are proud to have been able to build a family a home that will impact their lives as they become new homeowners."

Marriott Hotel employee and mother of two, Rene (11) and Paul (6), Padilla was excited when her 3-bedroom home was dedicated this last fall. Through hard work, dedication, and a strong partnership with Habitat, Padilla was able to achieve confidence in the skills and experience she gained through the sweat equity she invested in her home. To be able to have a home to spend holidays and family events in is something that Padilla holds dear to her heart. "To be able to cook my first turkey dinner in my own home over the Christmas holiday was wonderful!" exclaims Padilla.



Habitat Homer with friends at the November House Dedication at Van De Walle Acres. (Left to right): Missions' Ballapeno, Silver Stars' Fox, H-E-B Buddy, Habitat Homer, and Spurs' Coyote.

Lunches Needed

Habitat is in desperate need of individuals or organizations/restaurants that are willing to provide lunches to our hungry construction volunteers. This is a perfect opportunity for those that want to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity that are not able to fit an entire day of service into their busy schedule!

If you are interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio or would like more information, please contact Volunteer Services at (210) 223-5203.

Give the Perfect Gift

Do you struggle every year to find the perfect gift for that special person? This year consider giving a gift that will change someone's life. Give that special Easter or Mother's Day gift by making a donation to Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio in honor of a friend or family member and help make a dream come true for a family in need. Simply mail in your donation to the address below or in the enclosed envelope (\$10 minimum per person recognized). Please make sure to provide the address where the card(s) should be mailed along with the name of the person who the gift is in honor of and who is giving the gift. For more information please contact Shen Te Smith at (210) 223-5203 ext. 159.

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Total Lives Changed in Van De Walle Acres

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Trinity University chapter leaders (left to right): Nina Toor, Allison Hyde, Alex Peterson and Doug Coe.

Trinity University – NEW SAN ANTONIO CAMPUS CHAPTER!

Please join us in welcoming aboard our newest college campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity! Trinity University has been working hard to become chartered in 2004, and continues in 2005 to volunteer their services and fundraise to sponsor a home for a family in need.

Faith Builder's Luncheon

If you are a clergy member, mission/outreach chair, or church leader, be our guest at this complimentary one-hour event.

Tuesday, May 17th
Noon to 1 pm
First Presbyterian Church
404 N. Alamo

Discover how your congregation can build faith working together with Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio.

For more information, call Gary Mathews,
Faith Community Relations Associate at (210) 223-5203 ext. 151.

Table Captains Needed

If you would like more information about the Legacy Builder's Luncheon and how you can get involved and introduce some friends, relatives and/or co-workers to HFHSA, please contact Shen Te Smith, Development Associate, at (210) 223-5203, ext. 159.

