

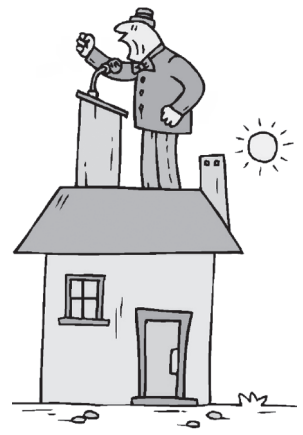


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From the rooftop

Passing of the torch



The Big Build of House #15 this past November marked the last public appearance of Brent Pulley as the President of WVHH. Habitat thanks Brent for his years of service and dedication, and is so thankful he will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. Brent passes the baton to Dave Estey who most recently served as Site Selection Chair on the BOD.

Dave Estey was born and raised in San Diego, CA. He graduated from San Diego State University with an Industrial Engineering degree and joined the Navy after graduation. He served 15 months in Vietnam training the South Vietnam Navy on the ships that the United States had donated to their Navy. Upon returning to the United States and being released from active duty, he joined the reserves and completed his 21 years and retired as a Commander. He then joined his family's insurance business and soon started his own.

After selling his business in 1984, he joined the City of San Diego real estate department as an Asset Manager and was involved in managing the golf courses, farm land, airports and other businesses doing business with the City. He retired in 2000 and worked the next two years as a consultant to the Airports Department for the County of San Diego.



Dave Estey

He and his wife visited Wimberley in 2002 on vacation and fell in love with the community.

As a result, they purchased property to soon build a house. He and his wife moved into that house in 2004 and continue enjoying living in the Hill Country to this day. He has worked with Wimberley Land Company since 2004 and enjoys being involved with the Village of Wimberley, Lions Club, Wimberley Investment Club, and of course, Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity.

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Remembering early days at the Village Store

Many people ask what they can do to support WVHH outside of working on the building site. The easy answer is: working at The Village Store. Here is a lovely and eloquent letter we received from Carol Fleming after we honored and recognized some of our founders and long-time supporters in a board meeting this past August.

Carol reminisces about the beginning days of the The Village Store and the impact it has had on the success of WVHH. It is thoughtful and thought provoking; it reminds us all that we need to continue the legacy of hard work and goodness of those that came before us and that The Village Store is a vital part of WVHH's past, present and future.



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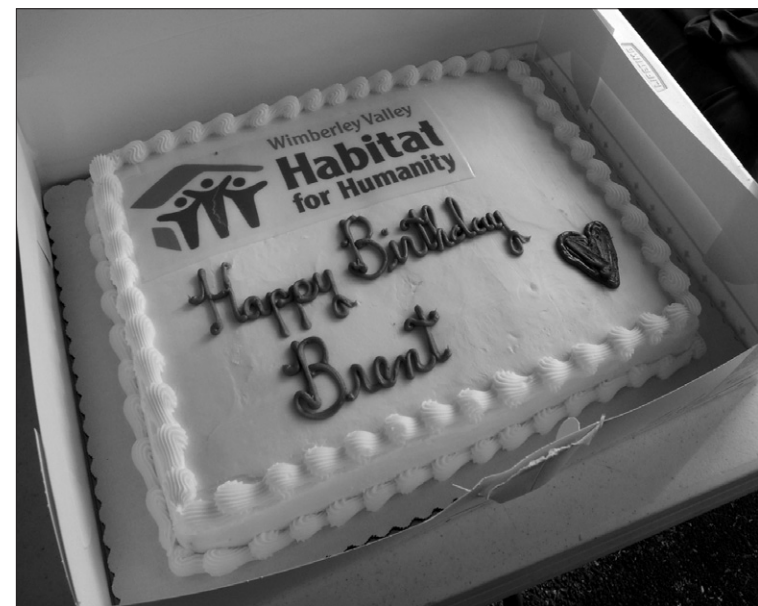
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Fun, successful Antique Car Show & Walk 4 Humanity

This past October, Wimberley United Methodist Church and Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity held its annual community Antique Car Show & Walk 4 Humanity. There were not only antique cars and hotrods, but also a Fall Festival complete with pumpkin patch and carnival.

The 2.5 mile Walk route was a natural trail walk that passed through the historic Buck Winn family ranch property. The very scenic terrain included the Buck Winn Morning Glory sculptures transported by helicopter from Aquarena Springs.

There were lots of supporters who showed up this year; we even had a few canines join the Walk, including a cutie that WAG representatives brought out for adoption; and Mayor Flocke handed out goodies after the Walk promoting his efforts to make Wimberley the "Fittest little town in Texas!" We also celebrated a special day for WVHH then President, Brent Pulley, complete with a fitting cake from his lovely wife Paula, who is also a great friend and thoughtful supporter of WVHH.



Did you know?

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A Habitat Partner is selected based on meeting three criteria: Need, Ability to pay and Willingness to partner. You see, Habitat for Humanity, it should be understood, is not a giveaway program, rather it offers a hand up to families who are qualified to become Habitat homeowners.

Each Partner Family must meet the requirements of being able to afford to pay their monthly mortgage, show the need for a Habitat home, and agree to 300 hours of sweat equity, which must be completed before the closing on their home. The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to build simple, decent, affordable homes for people in need. Habitat homes are built with the love and support of the Wimberley community, are sold at cost and financed by Habitat with a no interest loan.



Donations charged to the 6th annual Holiday Bazaar

For the first year, there was an admission fee to the Holiday Bazaar. Admission to the bazaar and a coupon for a doorprize was a donation to Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity. Madonna Kimball published and specified that no donation was too small. "People are much more willing to pay for admission to an event if they know it's going to a non-profit business in their community and not to an event producer," said Kimball.

Members of WVHH manned their table and was able to talk face-to-face with a lot of people, some who were unaware of Habitat's mission and

their contribution to our community.

By charging this donation, Habitat was able to raise a sizable amount of money, while encouraging people to become members of the organization or to come out and swing a hammer or paint brush and volunteer to help with builds.

The bazaar was a success to WVHH as well as many of the vendors and other non-profit organizations who participated and also handed out their information. Thank you to all who participated.

WVHH 15th Home is Underway; September 23rd Groundbreaking

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Donna Gary and her family for the groundbreaking ceremony of their new home, WVHH house #15. Among the attendees were family and friends, as well as community representatives from not just Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity, but also the Rotary Club of Wimberley and the Dripping Springs High School Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

Donna Gary is a valued Wimberley High School

teacher in the Art Department. She has taught in Wimberley for the past 12 years. Donna is, herself, a compassionate volunteer, serving the needs of others in our community. She wrote her very compelling, personal story and appeal for a Habitat home that was included with her application. She was selected as a Habitat Partner based on meeting the three criteria that are considered for selection of all partners: Need, Ability to pay and Willingness to partner.

Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity is delighted to be in partnership with the Donna Gary Family in helping make it possible for them to come home to the safety and security of a home they can know as their own.



November 10th Big Build house #15

This was the first Big Build for new Building Committee Chair, Richard Severance. "There were many volunteers with us that day, swinging hammers and putting up walls. We had a wide variety of hammers in use that day, everything from small hammers used for hanging pictures, to the big "riggin' axes" which can pretty much drive a nail with one strike," commented Severance. The volunteers completed their work that day with all walls erected, braced and ready for the roof trusses.

A special "Thank you" goes out to a few groups...Church of Christ-lunch was delicious (especially those homemade Butterfinger bars) and Ozona National Bank thank you for your service, the water and all the volunteers who helped with the pre-build-thank you for making it easy for the rest of us. Thank you Dripping Springs High School Habitat for Humanity for all your hard work, And thank you to ALL the volunteers who came together to make this day a great success,



Volunteers from Dripping Springs High School

Newsletter photos: Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity appreciates photos from builds and events. If you're taking photos of WVHH builds or events, to be used in the newsletter, please be sure your camera is set at the highest resolution possible.

Photos need to be at least 4 inches at 300dpi or 16" at 72dpi to reproduce well.

E-mail photos to wimberleyhabitat@gmail.com

Calling All Volunteers

By Liz Wayland, WVHH Volunteer Coordinator

I wanted to get involved in Wimberley, with volunteer work that really “made a difference.” I cannot think of anything more important than helping a family realize their dream of a home. Working in this community, meeting so many wonderful people, and helping with God’s work, has enriched my life in ways I never imagined.

It has been so exciting seeing churches, groups, and businesses work together for one day with Donate a Day. This allows people an opportunity to really help in the community, and not take too much time from busy schedules and lives.

Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity truly appreciates all volunteers, and has meaningful work for them to perform. There are so many different ways to volunteer with Habitat; we need people with all sorts of skills. The Village Store on River Road is a great way to help. Sign in under Habitat and money is earned for building projects. Volunteers really appreciate being fed by other volunteers, so providing food and drinks at the build site is another wonderful way to give. And at the build site, there are nails to pick up, windows to clean, yards to plant, walls to paint...so much to do!

This is a New Year and a great way to get involved with the community is to join the Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity in helping provide affordable homes for our hardworking and deserving partner families. Please contact me at ewayland.wvhh@gmail.com if you are interested in one of our many volunteer opportunities.

Where We Are Now...

The hard working volunteers who join us on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays have made fabulous progress on Donna’s house. While we cannot promise a completion date, the progress so far has been excellent. Drive by and check it out for yourself at 23 Lone Star Street, or better yet, stop by on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday and we just might put you to work,



Early days of the Village Store

by Carol Fleming

“...I recall vividly the Habitat Board meeting when the idea of another thrift store in Wimberley was presented to us. The idea was a surprise and we were skeptical. After all, Wimberley is a small town; can it really support 2 thrift stores? We agreed to pursue the idea and before long, the grand opening was being planned. We were in the little house that is part of the existing building.

It didn’t take long for us to realize our skepticism was unfounded. Customers came, donations arrived, volunteers worked hard, and we filled the little house to overflowing and planned an addition. We thought it was surely large enough to serve our purposes. Wrong again. Wednesday was Habitat’s day.

My job as Wednesday Manager was a rewarding one. For nine years there was never a dull day. The variety of customers who shop in the store offered an unending parade of interesting stories and characters. Many of our volunteers were there for all or most of those years. Friendships flourished and we all felt we were giving something good back to Wimberley. Most of us were WVHH board members in the beginning, so we had meetings, plans, recruited volunteers, and the store.

And then, the wonderful day came when we realized we could actually plan to build a house. We had made enough money in the store to do what Habitat does. It had been a long time. Our lives became much busier, as you can imagine.

It is astonishing to hear Hugh report that over a million dollars has been given back to Wimberley. Incredible. The best part is that Habitat hasn’t stopped yet. You are still building houses and giving back to Wimberley. After seven years of the Habitat Board, I am aware of the feelings one gets from house dedications and seeing the looks on the faces of homeowner partners. There is nothing quite like it.

It would be great if Habitat were the primary recipient of the Village Store funds once again. It is interesting that the group getting the most money now is not even in Wimberley. Think about it...”



photos by Madonna Kimball



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