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A Home of Their Own

By Jay Hughes

For 33 months, Tracey Davison and her four daughters have bounced from dwelling to dwelling to keep a roof over their heads, including an extended stint in a trailer with nowhere for the children to play outside. They're in their sixth temporary home since Hurricane Katrina took almost everything they owned, but that is changing quickly. And it left the 39-year-old assistant schoolteacher flabbergasted when a former president and first lady and county music stars Garth Brooks and Tricia Yearwood showed up to work on the home Habitat for Humanity built for her family as part of the 25th annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

"Habitat is a wonderful thing," Davison said. "I really can't fathom all this..." When volunteers showed up to work on her School Street house and she recognized the celebrities among them, Davison cried. Then she laughed, thanks to former President Carter. "His comment was that this is the reaction he always gets from women. He's so cute," she said. The Carters and the country stars pitched in with everyone else, banging in nails, helping level pre-assembled wall frames and even cleaning up construction debris.

"We're grateful to have the chance," former President Carter said during a break. He also visited Louisiana and Alabama during the week-long Carter Work Project. While noting that damage from Hurricane Katrina is readily visible in a casual walk down the street, he also saw progress. "We are grateful for all the work that's been done," Carter said. "I think the most important thing to remember is it's a long, slow, very important process."

Brooks and Yearwood first got involved with Habitat just over a year ago, and have previously worked with the charitable organization in New Orleans and Los Angeles. Brooks said he didn't intend to



disrespect the former first couple, but the most important person on the construction site was Davison, who true to Habitat guidelines was working side by side with the volunteers. He said things like that keep he and Yearwood involved with Habitat. "Halfway through your first build, you realize it's you who's getting the gift," he said.

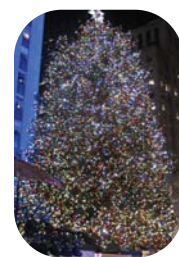
For Davison, the day was like dawn after a long, bitter winter night. She and her daughters – ages 10, 8, 7 and 4 – moved into a duplex two days before Katrina and lost almost everything. Since then, they have lived with a friend, in a brother's living room, in a cruise ship cabin and spent two years in a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer in a gravel parking lot that afforded no place for children to play. Most recently, they lived in a hotel room until being approved for FEMA assistance to rent an apartment.

"It hasn't been good. All I can say about it is you do what you have to do," Davison said. As a mother, she said, she's always hoped to own a home. And now she's on the cusp of doing so, with a mortgage in line with her pre-Katrina rent, thanks to Habitat and its volunteers, both well-



known and otherwise. "It's what's made my dream come true."

– Jay Hughes documented the Carter Work Week for Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. His blog can be found at mscoastrebuild.wordpress.com/about/.



Davison Family Tree Lit

In January 2008, the Christmas tree that stood in New York City's Rockefeller Center to commemorate the 75th annual Christmas celebration, was brought to a mill and cut into a series of 2x4s. The 2x4s were then shipped to the Gulf Coast to be used on Tracey Davison's home during the Jimmy and

Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Tracey and her four daughters were invited to attend the 2008 tree lighting in New York City. Tishman Speyer, the company that owns Rockefeller Center, intends to mill and donate this year's Christmas tree as well.

“The whole organization is really a labor of love...”

After Katrina, I was moved to a different subsidized apartment. I could only stay there for nine months because the qualifying conditions of subsidized housing changed, and I was forced to move. I lived with friends and family for several months in exchange for helping them around the house while looking for other affordable housing.

When I realized that I wouldn't be able to find affordable housing in the area, I applied for Habitat. When I found out I was approved, it was a relief to know that I would have an affordable place to live. ”

-Diana Destry



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Letter from the CEO

As we begin 2009, I write to you with a sense of pride and delight for what Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast has accomplished since it began in January 2007. The past two years presented challenges and hurdles that have been met with equal determination and success. In those two years, our partner families, volunteers, staff and donors have

worked tirelessly to complete nearly 300 homes for working families.

Often, I am asked to speak about the recovery efforts and to share success stories with groups from around the country. I am always eager to highlight the families we have served and new innovative partnerships we have formed – but I am more compelled to talk about why it remains necessary that we move forward with urgency, focus and discipline.

A few weeks ago, I met a husband and wife living in Moss Point with their three children. Their temporary home was scheduled to be reclaimed in a matter of weeks. He worked the night-shift at a shipyard so he could care for the children while his wife completed her nursing degree. Because Habitat was able to offer them the opportunity for homeownership, they will move out of their tiny, two bedroom MEMA cottage and into a new home where they can live and grow together.

This story ends happily, but for thousands more, affordable housing options are quickly fading. As we continue to address the needs in our community, it is my hope that you who have visited this region or contributed your time or money will recognize that only through strong partnerships & urgent action will we ensure all families on the Mississippi Coast have the bright, prosperous future they deserve.

In Partnership,



Chris Monforton



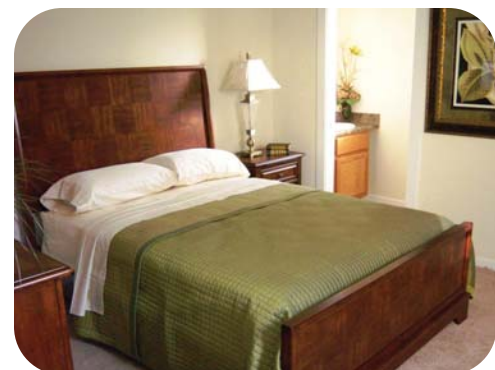
HFHMGC Reveals Converted MS Cottage

Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast held an open house in December for its renovated Mississippi Cottage. Mississippi Cottages are pre-fabricated homes created by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency that provide safe, transitional housing for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The cottages are narrow homes, easy to transport and provide occupants with 700-800 square feet of living space. HFHMGC built an additional 400 square feet of interior living space and 300 square feet of porch doubling the size of the Mississippi Cottage.

The Cottage was transported to its location in Pascagoula on a flatbed truck. Once there, the Cottage's mobile abilities were removed and the cottage was affixed onto a permanent chain wall foundation. Completed over an 11-week time period, transformation of the Cottage included adding two indoor living spaces, an

outdoor porch, Energy Star windows, an updated HVAC system throughout the home, new cabinetry, paint and ceramic tile. The exterior of the home includes Hardi-plank siding, a galvanized metal roof, a landscaped yard, and a façade consistent with existing Gulf Coast architecture. The size of the original Mississippi Cottage was 728 square feet and after renovations, the interior living space is 1,200 square feet and consists of 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, a kitchen, and a living room. The outdoor porches add 500 square feet of livable area to the home. The modified cottage was designed to withstand winds of up to 150 MPH, abiding by all local building codes.

Converting a temporary structure into a permanent, safe home is an affordable solution to housing issues on the Gulf Coast.



Employee Profile: Ken Forrester

By Doug Fowler

Born and raised in Reading, Michigan, Ken Forrester has done a little bit of everything. He has served in the Air Force, received a teaching degree, taught history in public and alternative schools, served with the Peace Corps, traveled the world, and worked and volunteered with several Habitat for Humanity affiliates. "I like to stay active," he explains. "It keeps me feeling young."

Ken arrived in Mississippi in November of 2006. At the time, Ken was teaching history at an alternative school in Reading, MI. He left his school on a four month sabbatical to volunteer with Habitat and help rebuild the Gulf Coast. Ken thrived with the local affiliate – after a month of volunteer work Ken joined the HFHMGC construction staff.

During this initial volunteer stint, Ken realized the affiliate needed help finishing houses. "When Habitat offered me a job," explains Ken, "I told them 'you need someone to concentrate on finishing houses.' I told them I'd accept the job if it was in a punch-out role."

Ken has helped build and finish countless homes along the Gulf Coast and continues to put the final touches on new Habitat homes. His days normally include painting, trim work, hanging doors, installing lights and shelving, cleaning, managing subcontractors, and whatever else needed to get homes ready for final city inspections and for partner families to move in. While "Punch Out" work may not be the most glamorous work, it is vital for Habitat.

Ken has many other stories to tell. He has a history with Habitat. While teaching in Michigan, Ken served as the Construction Manager of Habitat for Humanity of Hillsdale



House Leader Ken Forrester says working with volunteers keeps him feeling young.

County. When pushed, he'll tell stories about his time as a Missile Launch Officer with the Air Force – a job he calls his most memorable. He also has fond memories of traveling in the Ukraine while teaching post-graduate English classes with the Peace Corps. "It was absolutely beautiful," he recalls, "and being around so many young Ukrainians was incredible. Working alongside young active people – like I still do – keeps me motivated and feeling young."

But Ken admits that the daily wear and tear from working outside in the southern heat can be exhausting. "I'm turning 50 soon," he laments, "I ache a lot." Yet he still finds working with HFHMGC both rewarding and enjoyable. "I'm here for the long haul," he explains, and plans to continue working with Habitat "well beyond the hurricane relief effort."

Ken currently lives in Jackson County with his fiancée.

Habitat for Humanity MS Gulf Coast believes, 'everyone deserves a place they can call home.'

Letter from the Board



Todd Trenchard
HFHMGC Board
Member since 2007

As a member of many boards of directors and advisory councils throughout South Mississippi it is my goal and responsibility to locate and

identify the needs of our local community as well as work to find ways to help meet those needs. None has been more rewarding than Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I have been associated with Habitat for 3 years and have seen the organization blossom from two, small yet effective, affiliates located in Jackson & Harrison counties, to a successful leader that has led the coast wide recovery. Today our affiliate epitomizes both the resilient spirit of the people of South Mississippi and acts as an example of what people can do when they work together. From the local volunteers to the thousands who participated in the 2008 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, the benefit to our region has been astounding and awe inspiring to watch.

We have all been blessed here in South Mississippi with so many gifts since the catastrophe of three years ago. The success of this organization is unquestionably due to the hard work and empathy of people across the nation. It is my hope that many more will look at how they too can play a part.

Sponsor Spotlight

A Thriving Partnership

By: Lindsay Freise

After travelling to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2007 and seeing the damage that resulted from Hurricane Katrina, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 membership services not-for-profit organization that offers a broad range of financial products and services to its members, chose to partner with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast to aid in the rebuilding of the region. The partnership is one of several Thrivent Builds programs throughout the world that has resulted from a substantial donation to Habitat for Humanity.

In January 2008, the Thrivent Builds Worldwide Gulf Coast Community was officially launched. In response to the overwhelming need for housing on the Gulf Coast, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans made a commitment of \$2.5 million to the affiliate, used to sponsor up to forty homes, as well as assist Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast increase capacity and ensure sustainability.

When Thrivent volunteers are not working on site, they enjoy all of the rest and relaxation the Coast has to offer. As part of the Thrivent Builds Worldwide Gulf Coast Community volunteer package, volunteers are provided with transportation for the week, a Taste of the Town dinner at the Shed BBQ, as well as a guided tour of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Construction of the Thrivent-sponsored homes began in the winter of 2007 with five homes on Rosemont Street in Ocean Springs. In July 2008, the Anderson family and Irby families were the first families to move into homes sponsored by the program. Timothy and Annette Irby began working with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast in late 2007. Their 18-year-old



Thrivent Builds Worldwide has made a commitment to build sixty-eight new homes along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

daughter, Carol Anne, began her sophomore year at Jefferson Davis College this past fall. The Irbys had a wonderful experience building their home and are thankful to have become homeowners. When asked about what the volunteers mean to her family, Annette Irby commented, "Good people are hard to find, but the volunteers have truly been a blessing."

In addition to the homes in Ocean Springs, seven more Thrivent sponsored homes have been constructed in Pascagoula, and an astounding twenty-eight homes at the Trace project in Long Beach. Purchased as raw land, the eight acres in Long Beach has since been cleared and graded and twenty-eight homes will

be completed out there by spring.

This partnership has been an amazing opportunity for Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as it has not only brought in resources for increasing capacity, but it has introduced hundreds of people from across the country to the need that still exists along the Gulf Coast. In 2009, an additional \$1.7 million was committed to the affiliate and the Thrivent Builds Worldwide Gulf Coast Community will continue with the construction of another twenty-eight home sub-division in Gulfport. To learn more about how you can get involved with the Thrivent Builds Worldwide Gulf Coast Community, please visit <http://www.thriventbuilds.com/worldwide/gulf/index.html>.



Mark your calendar:

- February - March 2009 Collegiate Challenge Season: 411 Students from throughout the country will be coming to rebuild the Gulf this spring.
- Spring 2009: The Trace Community, the affiliate's 28-home subdivision in Long Beach, will be completed.
- Keep your eye on the website www.hfhmgc.org for information about home applications, volunteer opportunities and more!

Homes built by Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast



Third Annual Mickey Bradley Katrina Pro-Am

On November 10, 2008, Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast held the third annual Katrina Pro-Am, hosted by Mickey Bradley, a PGA tour rules official and native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

In the fall of 2006, Bradley and Corporate Communications Director for 84 Lumber, Jeff Nobers, approached Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast with the idea of sponsoring a Pro-Am to benefit the Gulf Coast rebuilding efforts. Bradley recruited touring pro Jerry Kelly who understood the need along the Coast and together they recruited other players, businesses and corporations to support the first ever event, hosted by Shell Landing Golf Club and Gulf Coast Golf Foundation.

As a result of the sponsorship support of the Beau Rivage, Mary Mahoney's, Opus Restaurant and Shell Landing Golf Club, the event was an overwhelming success. Thanks to the efforts of the 22 tour pros, the City of Biloxi, and 84 Lumber, three homes were constructed in East Biloxi.

The tradition has continued for three years now. Bradley states, "This Pro-Am has been a wonderful highlight for the Mississippi Gulf Coast and it has been

crucial in helping replace some of the 65,000 homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina." Throughout the years, the tournaments have also supported the Junior Golf program of the Gulf Coast Golf Foundation.

The 2008 Pro-Am was an overwhelming success with highlights including:

- A Habitat sponsored shrimp boil
- A special pairing party at Mary Mahoney's
- Live Auction of over 50 pieces of autographed memorabilia
- Networking opportunities with local and national executives

We extend a special Thank You to all of the pros that played in the 2008 tournament including Jerry Kelly, Joe Durant, Bob Tway, Kelly Gibson, Woody Austin, Tim Petrovic, Tim Herron, Willie Wood, Kelly Gibson, Jarred Floyd, Jason Gore, Michael Allen, Fred Hooter, Tom Pernice, Jr., and Steve Wilson.

“We owe it to each other to help when a tragic event happens...”

Welcome to your new home...

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| The Barhonovich Family | The Houston Family |
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A special thank you is due to the folks of the NHL and the NHLPA for their generous sponsorship of the Lyons' family home.



Please accept our heartfelt thanks for allowing us to be a part of your rebuilding effort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

All too often while living our busy lives we forget how fortunate we really are to have been spared the wrath of a storm such as Katrina. As human beings we owe it to each other to help when such a tragic event happens. This past week we were reminded and humbled by it all.

—Barbara and Hilary Bayliss and Holly Stovin

Did you know?

- 96% of all Habitat Partner Families are employed full time.
- All Partner Families must have permanent residence in Harrison, Jackson or Stone counties to qualify for homeownership.
- Habitat doesn't give homes away. All home owners are required to pay a mortgage and attend financial literacy classes.
- All home owners put in hundreds of hours of work into their homes and the homes of others.

Partnership with a Purpose

By Kim Houston, Homeowner

My name is Kim Houston and I am a very proud parent of three daughters, Kayla, Sara, and Alora. I believe it was fate that we became involved with Habitat for Humanity. My mother-in-law told me that a local church was holding a sign up for Habitat homes. I told her that I was sure they could not help me and I did not want to go. After much encouragement from her, I went and filled out the application. Much to my surprise, my family was approved! This was the beginning of new hope for my family's future and some of the best experiences of my life.

Meeting and working with the volunteers and staff of Habitat has been wonderful. I love going to our house site and talking with all of them. The volunteers always thank me for coming to meet them, but I try to explain to them that it is my pleasure and I am humbled by the generosity of their time and love to come help our family and other Habitat families.

When our obligations to our Habitat home are completed, by no means will we be finished with Habitat for Humanity. We will continue to volunteer to help other families reach their dream of home ownership. It will be our way of giving back to all that have unselfishly helped our family. Our involvement with Habitat has truly been one of our greatest blessings!

Mosaic Church Teams Up with HFHMGC

HFHMGC is so excited to announce a new partnership with Mosaic Church in Ocean Springs! Last fall, approximately sixty-five parishioners came to Thrivent Lane, a twenty-eight house development in Long Beach, to help with the build during its infancy. The church made their second appearance at the site earlier this year, with around fifty volunteers.

Mosaic Church is a non-denominational headed by Pastor Dustin Boles. With outreach and hands-on service as the core values of the church and its thriving attendance, it did not take long to cultivate relationships and to provide community service. Rather than focusing on trivial services and photo-ops, Boles has emphasized the importance of active duty to ensure their time and efforts were well invested.

This January, for the group's second visit to the Trace, members helped with the final steps of the neighborhood.



Unlike last time, when they engaged in beginning tasks, such as framing houses, their second round called for finishing work. The fifty or so congregation members helped with closing details, like caulking and painting.

With overlapping values and missions, it is no surprise that the partnership has been a success. Having worked with two other Habitat affiliates, New Orleans and Fort Worth, Pastor Boles already had a vested interest in the affiliate's goals and



beliefs. Upon relocating from Texas, Boles had no reservations about teaming up with HFHMGC.

After the group's first visit to Trace Lane, Pastor Boles stated that it was such a rewarding experience that he "knew it would be the beginning of a long-term relationship." Now, after two productive build opportunities, we know that the best is yet to come.

Volunteer Spotlight

By Matt Herzberg

Not quite generation X, maybe Generation Y, MTV generation: whatever you want to call them, the Gulf Coast has certainly drawn the attention of the under 30 set. Since Hurricane Katrina, they have come down with one goal in mind; to help rebuild the Gulf Coast. Some come long-term, and some a week at a time, or like Christian Desrosiers, they've given up a bulk of their summer to help build homes.

Christian recently spent six weeks working with the affiliate. With a unique laugh and a guitar in his hands, his willingness to help was greatly appreciated.

"I picked Biloxi because it had a cool name," Christian admitted. "I was pretty oblivious to the devastation of Katrina because I don't really watch TV. I knew the storm affected New Orleans, but I had no idea the need was so extensive." His initial goals for making the trip to South Mississippi were simple, "I wanted learn some sort of construction thing." And he achieved that goal, "I can now put up siding with the best of them." Christian also attributes this experience with heightening his awareness of just how desperately the Coast needs volunteers.

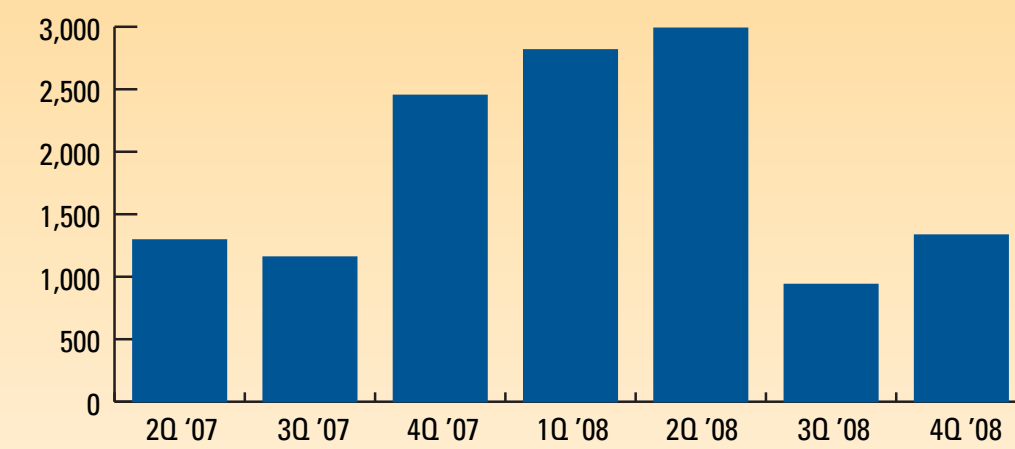
When asked why he thought there was such a strong movement of young adults assisting in recovery efforts along the coast, Christian simply said, "I don't think anyone is obligated to do anything. It's just impossible to deny the need that still exists and young people recognize that they are in a position to help." As Christian reflected on his time here, he commented, "I'm regretful that I can't do more to help in Biloxi, but I'll take what I've learned here and become involved with Habitat up North. The need is everywhere."



Christian Desrosiers is a 20 year-old student at Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

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To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected: LUKE 12:48



By Dorothy Nootbaar

In 2007, I found myself in one of the most challenging times of my life. I lost two important women; my mother in April and my aunt in September. Both women died sad, tired, lonely and disillusioned. I was pushing fifty and determined not to suffer the same fate. I was exhausted mentally, physically and spiritually.

My aunt left me a small inheritance and I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with it. I am a firm believer in tithing but I wasn't sure how to tithe on the inheritance. I struggled for many weeks, exploring different scenarios. I knew that things needed to change I just wasn't sure how to make the change happen.

I began exploring the idea of "working vacations." In theory, by shifting the focus from yourself in order to contribute to the greater good, you will lead a more successful and graceful life. I looked at many different projects. The more I looked, the more peaceful I became. I

would not simply write a check; I would give my time – equivalent to what my tithe would be.

I had known of Habitat for Humanity for a while. I volunteered for the St. Louis, Missouri, Re-Store and was familiar with the program. After taking a look at several of the Habitat programs throughout the United States, I decided to contact Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast (HFHMGC).

My email to HFHMGC was answered within a matter of hours. God placed me firmly and squarely in Biloxi, MS. The volunteer staff answered every one of my questions, sometimes many times. And the more we emailed the more I realized that my term would be a long one.

I had always suspected that I was making a more permanent move than I initially acknowledged. On the outside, I was going to go for only a week or so, but the more I thought of returning to life as it was, the more determined I became to honor my mother, my aunt and myself by stepping out of my comfort zone, changing my life and having faith in God.

My first week in Biloxi was a good

one. Although it was hot, humid and I had absolutely no idea what I was doing, I pushed through. I often wondered why in the world I had made this choice, but was determined to move forward. Three days after I arrived, I met some staff who encouraged me to apply for the AmeriCorps*VISTA program. A week and a half after I got to Biloxi, I was planning to move here for at least a year. I stepped out on faith and my life changed irrevocably.

I don't believe that everyone should quit their job, leave their families and move their lives. We are not all cut from the same cloth; but each of us has a story. Each of us is only a few steps away from needing someone else's help. I have learned that the measure of being wise is the ability to ask for help when you don't have the answer; and I believe that humanity is measured by our own willingness to help when asked. I try to remember what Gandhi said: A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.

That's what I want to do with my life.

Eye Opening Experience...

The experience was very eye-opening for me: I had heard the news stories about Katrina and seen the pictures, but none of it really hit home until I went down to Mississippi. Driving along the coast we saw driveways with no homes, houses gutted out, and debris all over. I couldn't believe that so much is left to be done after so long. I was very glad to be able to be a part of it and spend a small amount of my time helping people who need it so much.

-Rebecca Pine, Coe College



Welcome New AmeriCorps Members!

HFHMGC would like to welcome the newest members of our team. Eleven new AmeriCorps volunteers arrived in the Gulf Coast just in time to evacuate for Hurricane Gustav. Fortunately, they all returned eager to start building new homes for deserving families. The volunteers have committed 1 year of service to our affiliate. Top Row, left to right: Jenny Nieder, Steph Mitola, Jessi Degen, Kurt Morton, Joe Stowell Bottom Row, left to right: Emma Livingston, Tom White, Aaron Palmer, Vic Miller, Patrick Mulvihill Not Pictured: Miles Lang-Kennedy, Michael Carter, Zach Melvin, Shadae Norris



Kim Houston has committed to help build long after she moves into her new home.

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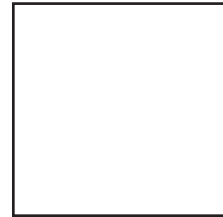
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“ This past week was one of my most memorable and amazing weeks I have ever experienced in my life.

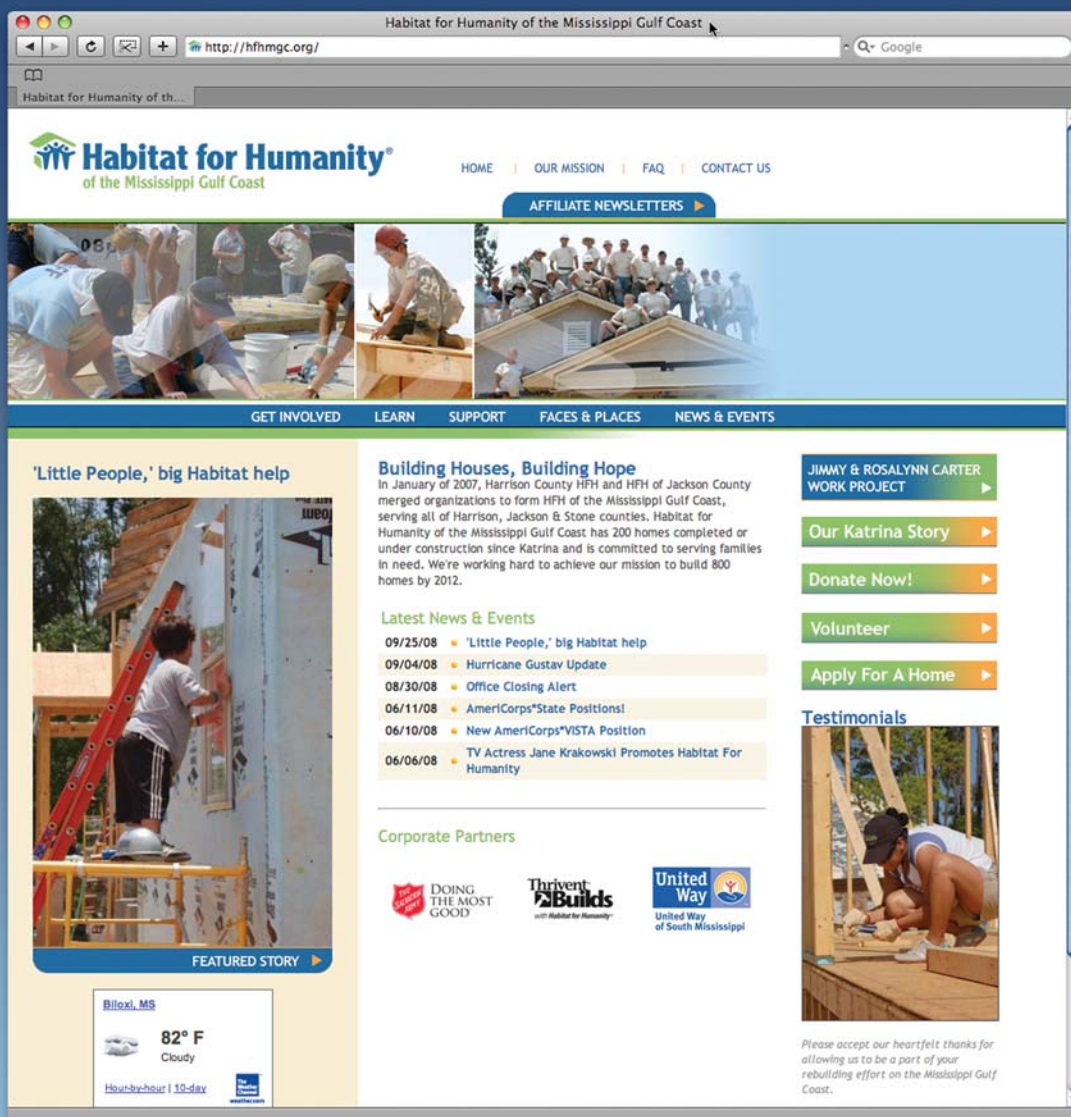
It's always so awesome to see a group of people getting together to help others and to accomplish a great thing like Habitat. Everyone from the trip was so nice, and accepting. That's what is so cool about Habitat; we all come from different backgrounds, high schools, communities, and families but we can come together to help give dreams to others. ”

–Halley Johnson, University of Whitewater



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Visit us online at www.hfhmgc.org to learn all about Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Gulf Coast.



“ Had a really great time!

Just wanted to thank everyone at Yankee Stadium. I had a REALLY GREAT time with Greg and my fabulous AmeriCorps team- Miles, Emma and Steph. Arrived home safely, nothing has changed except me. Isn't it always the way!!

Lots of good stories and some bragging rights as well - (none of my friends know how to vinyl side a house)...All the best to everyone.

Thanks again, I'll be back. ”

–Pam Mountjoy

