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## A Message from Debbie Steen, New Homeowner

"I heard about Habitat for Humanity from a coworker, Olivia. So, I went to the Homeowner Seminar in January and sent in the required paper work. The time frame was about one month when everything was due. Then I received a letter telling me I had been selected!

I lost everything in a house fire in October 2007, which was devastating for my daughter and me, but we made it and now we have a new home to start over in thanks to Habitat for Humanity. Dan and Maritza have been great to work with, along with the ReStore staff, Rhea and Rick. I would like to thank everyone who donated the time to build my home. Thank you Habitat for Humanity for giving myself and my child this great blessing.

**A dream come true - a home of our own."**

-Debbie Steen

From left to right: Dan Brizendine, Construction Director; Maritza Solis, Volunteer Coordinator; Debbie and Tanajah Steen, Homeowner; MaryRose Wallace, Executive Director stand in front of the new home during the home dedication ceremony.



## Happy Holidays!

At this time of year, we take a moment to reflect on how fortunate Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area is for having so many generous and dedicated volunteers, donors and home builders. So, from all of us at Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Get Involved!

### *Make a difference with Habitat for Humanity!*

There are many opportunities to get involved with Habitat!

**Volunteer!** Join one of our many committees, volunteer in the ReStore, or on the construction site.

**Donate** to the ReStore or make a financial gift to help build more affordable homes for families in the San Bernardino Area.

**Shop** at the ReStore and find great deals on home improvement items!

## Countdown to Construction!

**Coming soon!** Construction of new Habitat homes in the city of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino and Redlands.

Before we can break ground, we need your help! Please contact the Habitat office to donate or volunteer!

Call 909-478-1176 or visit [www.habitat4humanity.net](http://www.habitat4humanity.net)



**Lot for 2 future homes in  
Grand Terrace!**

## Welcome Home, Steen Family!

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Debbie Steen and her daughter received the keys to their Habitat for Humanity home during a special home dedication ceremony.

Debbie Steen, new homeowner, gave thanks to all those who worked so hard to help them reach this goal. "It is so amazing to see all the people who have been so gracious to give of their time to help me," says Debbie. Construction began in June 2011 on Habitat's second renovated home, & groups of volunteers were working hard on the job site every Saturday, with Debbie by their side. As one of the requirements for homeownership, Debbie had to complete 300 hours of "sweat-equity," which included working on her home and in the Habitat ReStore. Friends and family assisted Debbie in completing her 300 hours, making her homeownership possible.



"The Steen family is a perfect example of the persons we strive to serve. Debbie and her daughter lost everything in a home fire a couple of years ago. They were living in sub-standard housing in an unstable neighborhood. She's a hardworking single mother who makes every effort to provide for her daughter and meet normal living expenses. However, the likelihood of homeownership would be beyond her means without the intervention of the Habitat program," says Executive Director Mary-



Rose Wallace. "We are eternally grateful to all our donors and the volunteers who contributed to this effort to make it possible for the Steen family to move into their home just before the Holiday Season."

## Thank you to Safeway for donating their electrical services to the Yucaipa Rehab!



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## Computer Classes for Habitat Families

To receive a Red Rabbit refurbished computer from Redemtech, Habitat homeowners must take a computer training class, conducted by Habitat staff, Maritza Solis. According to Maritza, the program has been a success, with 15 computers going to homeowners. So far, 11 computer classes have been conducted with more scheduled in December.



Luna Family

This program is another way Habitat for Humanity works to help ensure Habitat homeowners have the tools they need to become successful, productive members of their community.



Cardenas Family

Thank you Redemtech!

## 9,000 Pounds of E-Waste Collected!

Nine thousand pounds of E-waste was collected on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area and All Green Electronics Recycling kicked off their new partnership by hosting an E-waste Recycling Event that allowed residents to drop off working or non-working electronics. Residents were able to drive-through the collection site and drop off their E-waste.

“Our first E-waste collection was very successful; imagine all the toxins we have kept out of our landfills. We look forward to continuing this effort in all we do,” said Rick Rodriguez, ReStore Manager. The Habitat ReStore will now be an on-going E-waste drop off center. Residents can drop off electronic waste from 9am-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday.



### Please tell your friends about the ReStore!

25948 Business Center Dr. Redlands, CA 92374

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Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm

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## Holiday Gift Catalog

### “Gift of Opportunity”

Enclosed with the newsletter, you will find the Holiday Gift Catalog. Habitat for Humanity’s Gift Catalog offers a variety of gifts to help make a difference in a family’s life. This season, holiday shoppers can give a life changing gift in honor of a friend or family member and help Habitat for Humanity build simple, decent and affordable houses. Habitat for Humanity’s Gift Catalog is offering gifts through the holiday season and year-round, ranging in price from \$10 to \$2,000. Holiday shoppers can purchase a gift from the catalog in honor of a friend or family member. A special card acknowledging that a donation was made in their name is then sent to their home.



## Donate Today Online!

Go to

[www.habitat4humanity.net](http://www.habitat4humanity.net) and click “Donation Options.” Your generosity will enable us to continue to build affordable housing for low income families in our community.

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## Thank you to our 2011 Donors!

Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area, Inc. extends its heartfelt thanks to these organizations and individuals who made donations between Sept. 2011-Nov. 2011.

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