



Board of Directors

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(209) 726-0850
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Come shop or volunteer at the



If you have donations for our ReStore, we can pick them up! Call (209)726-0850. We accept new or gently used building materials and furniture.



1230 Broadway Ave.
Atwater, CA

Open Wednesday, Friday,
and Saturday
10AM – 3PM



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President's Message

This year is a year of NEW BEGINNINGS for our local Habitat for Humanity!

As I look back at the Annual Planning Goals and Outcomes we as a Board put together a year ago (2018) it is heartwarming to see the accomplishments!

#1 – Continue to build and strengthen and staff our ReStore.

Volunteers and Board members have come forth to volunteer and the store is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. After opening Dec. 1 last year it was obvious after three months we needed to open more days so we added the two days and that has been a very good decision. Hats off to Lyle Allen, who is our Volunteer ReStore Manager and he has done a fantastic job!!

#2 – Place a deserving family in a home

We have all the paperwork into the City and it will go to the City Council on Monday, Feb 4th. If all goes well, we will soon take possession of the lot on the corner of Merced Ave & North Parsons to start the building process. A family has been chosen by our Family Services Committee and approved by our Board of Directors for this home.

#3 – Increase the number of board members and develop a more effective public relations program.

Yes, we have added three new members to our board who will officially take place at our January board meeting and we still look for two more who are in Finance and Public Relations.

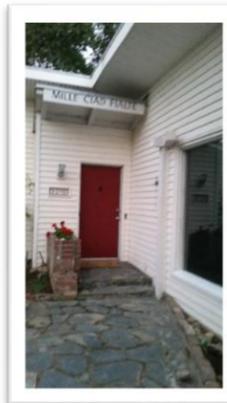
We had an excellent Annual Planning meeting January 12th and are excited about the ideas and future vision we have developed.

What we didn't expect in 2018 was to be given a home to fix up and sell – after three months of volunteers working diligently, the home is up for sale and we hope and pray that it will sell soon. This money will be used to build the next three homes which the City has three lots for us once we finish this first one! Thanks be to God for provide this very unexpected gift!

Yes, 2019 is going to be a great year! Join a Committee – share the excitement!

Jan Sorge, President

This Home Sale Will Benefit Habitat!



This house, located at 1970 E. South Bear Creek Dr. in Merced was donated to our affiliate. It was not an appropriate house for us to sell to a Habitat Partner, so we have refurbished it and it is on the market. It is listed at \$399,000. Contact Pam Spiva at (209) 761-8251 for more information.

"Unique 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a separate guest/pool room & a shop, located on an acre lot on prestigious Bear Creek Dr. Most of the home has been updated: new carpet, toilets, master bathroom vanity, interior has been freshly painted, tile floors were professionally cleaned. Some new windows. Two A/C units in home (one is brand new)! The backyard hosts a beautiful pool and waterfall with a large shop (man cave?) & tons of various fruit trees!"



Help Spread The Word!



A Brush With Kindness is a



program that serves low-income homeowners, especially the elderly and disabled. We help preserve homeownership by helping households keep their homes in a safe and livable condition. Habitat Volunteers do

the labor and the homeowner pays for the materials needed.

With the wind and rain this winter, we are waiting for some dry weather to replace a fence for a disabled mother in Atwater. We are currently in the process of painting a kitchen and some minor electrical work for another lady who is disabled. The application is on our website (www.hfhmerced.org) to print out, complete and mail to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 423, Atwater CA 95301.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County lives through the efforts of Volunteers. We are a Non-Profit organization with no paid staff. We need volunteers for:

① **Our new home builds, for deserving families**
4 hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Saturdays 8 to 12.

① **ReStore operation staff in Atwater**
Wednesdays, Fridays, and/or Saturdays 10 to 3
Manning the truck that picks up and delivers ReStore items, scheduled for picking up and delivering items during the week (We try to limit this to 2 days)

We are looking for people who can work 4 to 5 hours, once a week, OR once a month.

We can also use help from people who can work on one of our standing committees, or become a member of the Board of Directors.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON

Description: This volunteer position will manage the affiliate's fund raising activities. Responsibilities: The Chair of the fundraising committee will bring financial resources into our affiliate through multiple avenues including pledge campaigns, planned giving, annual appeals, grants, and events. Donor database management will be important. You will not be starting from scratch; lots of support and resources are available.

Expectations: To attend monthly Board of Directors meetings, to recruit and train volunteer committee members as needed, hold committee meetings, delegate responsibilities, understand and support our affiliate policies and objectives.

Desirable skills or experience: Computer proficiency (MS Office, e-mail, internet, pdf files), good oral and written communication and presentation skills, organization, integrity, patience. Ability to follow through.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Description: This volunteer position will manage the affiliate's volunteers.

Responsibilities: The Volunteer Coordinator keeps track of all affiliate volunteers and schedules individuals and groups for house building and other activities. Also matches up volunteers with other affiliate committees. Volunteer database management will be important. You will not be starting from scratch; lots of support and resources are available.

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THANK YOU to our contributors!

The following have sent contributions to our affiliate since October 1, 2018. The cut-off date for this listing is January 25, 2019. If there are any errors or omissions, please call (209) 726-0850.

Allen, Lyle
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Remember Habitat in Your Estate Planning

Leave a lasting legacy by designating a portion of your estate to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Merced County, Inc. Even a small fraction of your estate can make a big difference to many deserving families and to your community.