People of all ages who feel a sense of belonging lead happier and healthier lives. Strong communities create a more stable and supportive society. We all need a sense of belonging, and that sense of belonging is what connects us. As you read these pages please know that we thank you for stepping into the Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity community.
President’s Message
Bob Arguelles, President, Board of Directors

Over the course of the past year, I have had the opportunity to be associated with some of the most extraordinary individuals that make up the Habitat For Humanity “community” from volunteers who work tirelessly in their effort on the build sites, at ReStore, and other functions; to our donors and sponsors who have financially supported the Habitat mission; to the exceptional administrators, staff, and board members of Habitat and ReStore who dedicate themselves to providing safe and decent homes for our deserving, hard-working partner families; there is no greater embodiment of the term “Community.”

I recently read an article by M. Scott Peck, MD, titled “The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace,” in which he noted “Community is something more than the sum of its parts, its individual members.” He goes on to analogize that “…seeds of community reside in humanity — a social species — just as a gem originally resides in the earth. So it is that geologists refer to a gem in the rough simply as a stone. A group becomes a community in somewhat the same way that a stone becomes a gem — through a process of cutting and polishing. Once cut and polished, it is something beautiful. But to describe its beauty, the best we can do is to describe its facets. Community, like a gem, is multifaceted, each facet a mere aspect of a whole that describes efficient homes for our low-income “community.” With 175 homes complete and two more underway — we can multiply several times over the number of lives we have touched and who have benefitted by achieving stability for themselves and their families, and who now are immersed in community.

Many of us grew up at a time when the dinner table was your community. By sharing the things in our daily lives, we learned from one another, challenged one another, and encouraged one another. Simpler times? Yes, of course. But the underlying feeling of belonging and supporting one another continues to make us crave it even more. As our world progresses at break-neck speed, larger and more global issues heave their burdens on our communities. We have drifted away from the table and our view of community takes on new meaning. No matter what technology exists to make life faster, better, easier, the human touch, the smile, the knowing that someone cares and is willing to give of themselves in order to create a community where everyone shares responsibility for our earth, educating our youth, taking care of our less fortunate — these are the things that will create, build, and enrich our communities everywhere. It is one step at a time, but they are critically important steps.

The lifeblood of an community is that sense of belonging. By helping ourselves we build self-esteem. By helping others we learn new things and acquire knowledge. We become the power that drives change, involvement, and the ability to make each piece of our community better. Our community at GAHH is proud of our achievements and ever more committed to continueing to find ways to effect positive changes in our greater Albuquerque community. Step by step, making a difference is what really matters. Community matters.
Building Community

Bill Reilly, Construction Manager

In 1965, Millard Fuller and his wife Linda first met Clarence Jordan, a farmer and Biblical scholar at Koinonia Farm outside of Americus, Georgia. From that moment, they were joined together by a vision to build community based on eliminating poverty housing. Three years later, their vision to build community became a reality when they began to build homes on Koinonia Farm for those in need of adequate shelter. The concepts of partnership housing and the

fund for humanity were born, laying the foundation for what would later become Habitat for Humanity International in 1976. A small step, at that point in time, for what would later become Habitat for Humanity was born, laying the foundation for what would later become Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat has emphasized “building community.” Today, Habitat has the distinction of truly “building community.” Today, Habitat has the distinction of truly “building community.”

There is no denying that Habitat has the potential to build communities. It is an organization that can string a few homes in a row, but only Habitat can bring people devoted to coming together and building for a neighborhood and eventually become shareholders of homeownership. As we build homes, we build and support our partner families to be investors in their new Habitat homes, and have been educated on the history of Habitat and affordable housing in our country.

Habitat is also a sub-grantee working with the YDI YouthBuild. The group focus is having youth work towards their general equivalency diploma, but also gain valuable work experience from educational and territorial classes on the Habitat job site. Students are educated on the entire construction process from lot selection through a home’s finishing touches. More importantly, they learn responsibility, accountability, and build the confidence they need to advance in a difficult job market.

Youth is a small component in the overall Habitat project but to neglect the youth of today would starve Habitat of the energy needed for growth and dampen the impulse for active participation. Youth participation should always be encouraged, developed, and nurtured. The youth of today will be Habitat’s donors, staff, and volunteers for tomorrow.

In a few months, we will be near completion of another Habitat project on Townsend Ave. As we look down the street, we will be reminded that Habitat’s focus on “building community” goes far beyond helping individual homeowners. Building community involves thousands of hours from our SWAT and general volunteer laborers; the financial generosity from donors, sponsors and suppliers; and our board of directors and staff that work so hard to help families realize their dream of homeownership. As we build homes, we build and support our partner families to be investors in their new neighborhoods and eventually become shareholders with the most valuable dividend of all – a brighter future for their children. From its inception on Koinonia Farm, Habitat has emphasized “building community.” Today that foundation is unchanged and the efforts of so many people devoted to coming together and building for a common cause is stronger than ever. There are many builders that can string a few homes in a row, but only Habitat has the distinction of truly “building community.”

As this issue goes to print, the dedication of GAHH’s 175th home, 908 Townsend (Interfaith House), is just days away. This is the 38th Habitat home sponsored by Albuquerque’s faith-based community! The Interfaith House was built with extraordinary financial support and volunteers from Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, and other Christian churches. Thanks to Susan Shipley’s enthusiasm, the Unitarians also turned out in full force and our interfaith outreach efforts brought youth from the Islamic Center of NM and Congregation B’nai Israel together for a special Sunday workday. Before summer ends, 904 Townsend (Banker’s Build) and 900 Townsend (Sandia House) will be dedicated, completing the seven-home Townsend Project. This project required unanticipated special permitting making it a bit of a challenge, but it was well worth the ride. The seven beautiful pueblo-style homes on Townsend and our fantastic Partner Families are a very worthy addition to the Alamosa neighborhood. A special thanks goes out to SWAT; it wouldn’t have happened without them.

GAHH has been fortunate to purchase 10 lots on Mesa del Rio, near West Mesa High School. To maximize efficiency and optimize costs, our Building Committee has decided to postpone construction on High Street and begin building on Mesa del Rio as soon as Townsend is completed. The Mesa del Rio project will take us into 2017 and will begin with the Pope Francis House (#178). I hope to see you at the Pope Francis House groundbreaking on June 23rd (see page 12).

Construction Update

Bill Reilly, Construction Manager

Mesa del Rio

Pope Francis House #178

GAHH was chosen by a very generous out-of-state donor as the location for one of several Habitat homes being built across the country in honor of Pope Francis. The anonymous donor has challenged Albuquerque to match his (her) $60,000 contribution and raise a total of $120,000 to build the Pope Francis House. The purpose of this house is threefold:

• To honor Pope Francis for his commitment to social justice and reinvigorating the Catholic Church,

• To provide a unifying celebratory opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work together towards a common goal, and

• To further Habitat’s mission of building and preserving homes.

A group of GAHH volunteers and staff have come together to publicize this project within the Catholic parishes and schools of Albuquerque as well as with the public. To participate, donate, or involve your church go to www.habitatabq.org.

Unity House #179

Unity House will be supported and funded by an all-inclusive outreach to the Albuquerque faith community, much like the Interfaith House on Townsend. With Unity House, we are introducing an option to join this build as part of cooperative Sponsorship Teams, welcoming faith groups of all sizes and beliefs to participate equally and work in community with one another to achieve our common goal. Unity House will also emphasize involvement by each group’s youth who will meet together and coordinate all-faith youth build days and lunches. Youth may also be active within their own faith center. Youth will be exposed to the energy needed for growth and dampen the impulse for active participation.

For more information, contact Susan Shipley at shipleys67@gmail.com.
The Manning Family received a $15,000 downpayment grant from Homestart.

Homeownership gives families a purpose and fosters a sense of hope, rather than “hopelessness.”

Leaving a Legacy
Beth Goldman

Legacy giving, often known as planned giving, is a creative way of ensuring the sustainability of non-profits and charitable organizations that enables philanthropic donors to contribute without writing a check! In the last issue, I introduced the vehicle of Gift Annuity for Real Estate and Susan Shipley explained her decision to make a bequest to GAHH. Another form of legacy giving is a life insurance policy. Here are several ways that can be done:

- Contribute a fully-paid-up policy or transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to a non-profit.
- Claim a charitable deduction for the value of the donated policy and the organization can “cash in” the policy in advance of the donor’s death.
- Receive a gift credit and an immediate income tax deduction for the cash surrender value of the policy.
- Name an organization as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy while you continue to own and maintain. This is revocable.
- Name the organization the owner and beneficiary of a new life insurance policy and make ongoing gifts that offset the premiums the non-profit will pay to maintain the policy. There is no charitable deduction available for taking out a new life insurance policy, even if you make the non-profit the irrevocable owner.

Speak to your estate planner or financial advisor about the benefits available to you from a well-designed legacy gift plan. If you have questions about including Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity in your legacy giving plan contact Beth Goldman (beth@habitatabq.org).

Leaving a Legacy

so that no one in the Greater Albuquerque area will live in substandard housing.

The Irving J. & Lois Hall Legacy Society

I’m in the final chapters of my book of life and I think about what might be written on my tombstone. Both my wife and I would like it to say that we did make a difference. Working with Habitat has made it possible for us, hopefully, to make a difference in the lives of others. We know that it has certainly made a difference in ours.

— Irving J. Hall, PhD, Home Sponsor and Volunteer

Forms of Planned Giving
• Bequest in a Will
• Gift of Real Estate
• Life Insurance
• Life Income Gifts
• Retirement Plans
• Beneficiary of an IRA
• Permanent Endowment

For more information contact Beth Goldman, Director of Resource Development
505-265-0057 beth@habitatabq.org

POPE FRANCIS HOUSE
10 EASY WAYS TO LEND A HAND
1. Pray for the success of the project
2. Attend the Ground Breaking Celebration on 6/23, 10:30am, 812 Mesa del Rio St NW, 87121
3. Give thanks for the construction volunteers
4. Volunteer to help build the Pope Francis House
5. Provide lunches for construction volunteers
6. Attend the home dedication in the fall
7. Tweet #popefrancishouse
8. Donate furniture, building supplies, etc to Habitat’s ReStore
9. Pray for Renee’s and Adelina’s prosperous and healthy future in their new home
10. Make a financial contribution

Planned Giving

An anonymous challenge grant of $50,000 has made this house possible.

To complete the home Habitat must raise the same amount, $50,000.

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Volunteer 6-812 Mesa www.habitatabq.org 505-265-0057

A thank you note on the Pope Francis House door. The note is to also have blessed on it.

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Building Community

For generations, an individual's community served a vital role in terms of offering camaraderie and acting as a support system. With society now moving at a faster pace and in a more detached manner due to technology; so many choices leading to hectic schedules; and the frequency at which we change jobs, homes, and locations; that sense of community as place is often absent. Instead, community is often characterized by common concern, values, economics, or activity in which we interact positively to share a similar interest. Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity is blessed with a community made up of thousands of individuals who interact positively and share the vision that no one in Greater Albuquerque will live in sub-standard housing! Thank you!

A man is called selfish not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's. – Richard Whately
Delving into Development
Beth Goldman

Fore our Homes 3rd Annual Golf Classic, International District Health Fair, Interfaith House promotions, Fall Upcycle Fair, Raising the Roof Breakfast, and the Peace Francis House outreach. What do they all have in common? True, they are all things that the Director of Resource Development organizes or takes part in throughout the year and most of them are evaluated by the net profit. But actually, if it is only about the money, let’s just say my job would be very unfulfilling. The connections with others, my Habitat community, that is what makes it all meaningful.

With over 12,000 families on our Habitat mailing list, about 6,000 people receiving our email blasts, 175 Partner Families, more than 50,000 ReStore customers, and 1,150 volunteers a year, the GAHH community has the potential to be mighty big. Community, however, is built person to person, smile to smile, hand-shake to hand-shake. It’s a tears at a home dedication on a volunteer’s cheek, the heartfelt thank you a client extended to a house sponsor by a Partner Family member, the concern expressed by a SWAT team member when he inquires about another SWATH member’s health, and the great lunch spread donated by a local church group that creates those community connections. The people in my Habitat community are of all ages, many faiths and no faiths, assorted ethnicities, employed, unemployed, retired, of varied economic backgrounds, and differing physical and mental abilities. It’s a rich community; come take part.

Each of us must rededicate ourselves to serving the common good. We are a community. Our individual faiths are linked, our futures intertwined, and if we act in that spirit together, as the Bible says, “We are a community. We are a community.”

Volunteers
Nancy Gabaldon, Volunteer Manager

Many thanks to all the volunteers groups that helped to make the job site and in the ReStore January through April 2015. You make a difference in our community! A special shout out to the 7 members of CenturyLink’s Avila family, the biggest group of immediate family members that have volunteered together to build a home. YOU ROCK!

Individuals
$5,000 and Over
Anonymous
$500 - $4,999.99
Anonymous
Charles and Josephine Abell
Christine & Adolph Johnstone
Carolyn & John Headley
James Eell
Irving & Lois Hall
Dale & Darlene Leonard
Stan & Gertrude Linberg
& Susan Burgie
Brian & Brenda Solan

Up to $499.99
Anonymous
Kathryn Anderson
Tille Apodaca
Jose Guadalupe Arguello Jr.
Cheryl Atkins
Charlene Baker
Janisse Baldo-Pulaski
Dale & Bonnie Barns
Ray Barretta
James & Janice Berry Jr.
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Eric Bickert
David Bissett
Pete & Marjorie Bloodworth
Lynne Bombach
Robert & Marlene Bryan
Haywood & Margaret Burnett
Danielle Cavallito
Antonia Cavallito
Douglas Cardwell
Mike Carrizzo
Sarah Chavez
Mary Ann Cinquatt
& Mr. John Cinquatt
Gilbert Clarke
Bill Comer
Dianne Cress
& Jan Cress
Crawford Cropsey
James Culpepper
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Janice Daughn
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Alan & Kathy Fredley
Caillen Friedman
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Donovan Gerty
Lois Gilliland
Ruby Gonzales
David Goy
Sean Green
Tracy Greenbank
Louis Griso
George Gross
M. Guettler
Barbara Ann Free
& Jay Johnson
Pablo & Tereza Garcia
Alexander & Debbie Gonzales
Charles Gregory
John P. Haaland
Ronald & Marilyn Halverson
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Gerard & Sarah Hammonds
Joan Harris & John Alden
Melissa Helfer
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Heywood & Sylia Hensley
Rea Hopkins
John & Marlene Horton
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Gregory & Alberta Hunt
Peter Ivan
Connie Jackson
Dan Jameson
Robert Jardine
Gary Jantz
Joseph Jackson
& Richard Jerez
Carol Johnson
Curtis Johnson
Robert & Patricia Johnson
Harrison Jones
Robert Jurgenesen
Carol Karlin
Betty Kaneko
James & Mary Ellen Kindley
Bernadette Koh
Neal Komadina
Joanne P. Labatamb
Thomas Lasche
Kevin Ledwith
Steven Lee
Valerie Lotz
A. Michael Loughin
& Nuevo Lopez
RJ Marmey
Michael & Barbara Maurer
Thomas May
Michael McCaff
Pam & Marcus McCaskill
Michael McClure
John W. McKinnon
& Ms. Kathy Hamilton
James McClaughin
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Denise & Christopher Miyake
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Brian Morris
Ronald & Mary Moya
Charles Munoz
John & Sherie Nebelbo
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Erha Nomrops
Mary Noyce
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Richard Ormsil
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Randy Oratan
& Martin Arrambide
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Cordova de Ortega
Dennis Otero
Mary Othmer
Mary Peterson
& Josephine Petrakis
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Sharon Zimmerman
Jacob Volf (In-kind)
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Jennifer & Zeigler
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Mathew Waterman
Hence Williams, Jr. (In-kind)
Michaela Cash
Xavier & Mary Zubieta

Businesses
$5,000 & Over
First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque
Knopp Lockhead Martin/Sandra National Laboratories
Corporation Foundation
Lowe’s 8756
Positive Energy Solar
State Farm Mutual
Managing Companies
Wells Fargo Foundation

$500 - $4,999.99
Albuquerque the Magazine (In-kind)
Archdiocese of Santa Fe – The Catholic Center
BBVA Compass Foundation
Cash Store
CenturyLink
Desert Southwest
Combined Federal Campaign
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Insurance Services
La Montana Company–Co-Op
New Mexico Orthopedics
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Towa Golf Club (In-kind)
Barcelona Suites
Turf Golf Center

Up to $499.99
Adventive Church
Anunciation Church
Arco
Barcelona Suites
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Belleview Baptist Church
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Best Western
Bunton Construction
Butler High School
Campana Interests
Captains Club
Charles Munoz
Covenant Presbyterian Church
FastSigns (In-kind)
Gonzales
Thrivent Financial for
Albuquerque Community Foundation
Knopp Lockhead Martin/Sandra National Laboratories
Corporation Foundation
Lowe’s 8756
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If we inadvertently left you off this list, please contact us.
Thank you.

Donor Honor Roll

Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity appreciates and is grateful for the many individuals, foundations, companies, churches, and organizations that have made donations from January 2015 through mid-May 2015. Your generosity supports the construction of affordable, safe, and decent low-income homes in Albuquerque. Thank you for being a part of our community.

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First Unitarian Church
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Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church
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APS Students
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The Reader’s Corner
Help build it!
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- To provide a unifying celebratory opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work together towards a common goal
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Thank you to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for supporting the construction of this home