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2018



THE TOOLBOX

## Shine Your Light For Others

*"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark;  
the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."*

*Plato*



This month children across the USA celebrate one more hour of daylight. They play with abandon in the sunlight and rediscover the joys of spring. While their parents mourn the loss of one more hour of sleep (a painful lesson indeed), children frolic in the sunshine for one more hour. It's awe-inspiring to see the most innocent revelers jubilantly greeting the arrival of the sun.

As Christians, we are called to rejoice the coming of the light as well. This month we rejoice in the arrival of Jesus, the Son, on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Historically palm branches have been symbolic of triumph and eternal life and as Jesus proceeded into Jerusalem his followers laid these iconic branches to pave his path. They were jubilant as the King of Kings, The Light of the World had arrived and he would conquer the darkness. Much like Daylight Saving Time, Jesus' arrival signified a rebirth of spirit and of hope. And like children, we bask in the rich promise of God's Love.

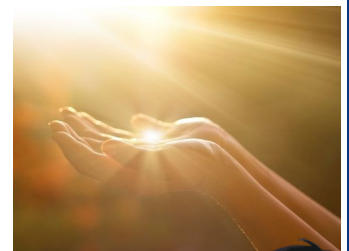
*<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

*Matthew 5.14-16*

Jesus calls us to let our light shine to the world. While that may seem like a tremendous and formidable task, do not be afraid; do not hide your talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Work with PVH to share your light with those in the community whose own light is at risk of dimming, and create a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Daily we call to you, our patrons, to help us share God's love and support our mission to providing simple decent and affordable housing to those in need. Be that city on a hill and lead by example, give generously of your time and of your prosperity to ensure that no child of God is lost to the darkness. Illuminate their lives, share your hope and affluence and enable PV Habitat to continue our mission. Share your light with children who live in single room converted garages, with seniors who are trapped in their homes for want of a ramp, with people who are struggling to abate the encroaching darkness. Protect these fragile lights, let the power of your light guide them to God's promise.

Share your light with others and let that light spread and shine forth to guide others still lost in darkness.

Contact Pomona Valley Habitat at 909.596.7098 and illuminate the path to God's love for a hard working family of low income.



## 2018 Wine Extravaganza

The annual Wine Extravaganza and Award Showcase and Auction benefitting Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity will be held on April 8 at the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center, 700 N. Haven Ave., Ontario.

The event, from 4 to 7 p.m. is presented by Jerry D. Mead's New World International Wine Competition and is the only regional event exclusively serving award-winning wines. It includes gourmet foods from more than 50 wineries and local restaurants.

Tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door, with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity's home-building projects for low-income families.

Tickets are available at [909-596-7098](tel:909-596-7098) or at the Habitat office at 2111 Bonita Ave., La Verne.



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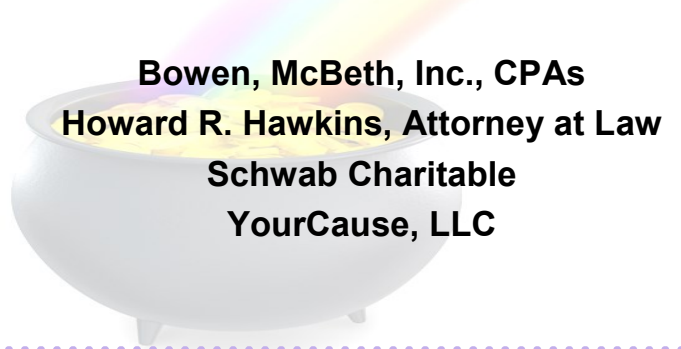
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## **Its That Time of Year Again...**

It's tax season and we can't help but feel hopeful.

Why you ask?

With as a little as \$1, California tax filers - you, your friends, & family - have the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the **Habitat for Humanity Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** on your 2017 California tax return and maximize our efforts to help children, families and veterans have a decent home.

Imagine how many homes we could build if every California tax filer donated just \$1 from his or her return. And as a dedicated volunteer and supporter, you've seen the difference a stable home makes in the lives of local families.

Here's how you can help build homes and hope with your state tax return today:

### **Share a portion of your tax return.**

The Habitat for Humanity Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund is line 437 on the California Resident Income Tax Return Form 540. Detailed steps on how to contribute – whether you file taxes on your own or receive assistance from a tax preparer – as well a donation reminder form can be found at [www.habitatca.org/taxfund](http://www.habitatca.org/taxfund).

### **Tell friends & family!**

Share and encourage friends to become virtual builders today with their tax returns. Together, we can continue to build homes, just as we did last year thanks to the funds we received through tax return donations.

Thank you for joining Habitat for Humanity to build homes and hope this tax season!

## **Jerry D. Mead New World International Wine Competition Presents**

The Annual Wine Extravaganza  
and Award Showcase and Auction

Benefiting:

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*The ONLY Wine event in Southern California  
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Sunday, April 8, 2018

Ontario Airport Hotel

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700 N Haven Ave, Ontario

4:00 pm—7:00 pm



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**\$65 advance/\$75 at the door**

100% of tickets purchased will benefit

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Enjoy an evening of Award Winning wines and gourmet foods featuring renowned wineries and local restaurants.

Together we can promote access to safe, affordable housing options, promote financial stability, cultivate and preserve healthy vibrant communities.

Tickets available at Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity

2111 Bonita Avenue, La Verne, CA 91750

909.596.7098

## OPERATION: SAVE OUR SAILORS

On a cold night in February 2014 two U.S. Navy Veterans were awoken by a terrifying sight: an electrical fire was burning around them. The grandfather and his daughter then woke her child and escaped from the shell which hours before was their home. The Fire Department was able to douse the flames and the family was safe, but their home was in shambles. While there was some structural harm done to the building, the structure had been fully consumed by smoke damage and was red tagged, thereby making it unlivable. Between that night in 2014 until recently the remains of the building had deteriorated and this multi-generational military family was at a loss of what to do. Losing a lifetime of memories in a single moment was difficult enough; the prospect of losing what remaining home they had left was too much to bear. Their navy training helped save their lives and the life of the child that night but they needed help to reconstruct their home.



The City of Rancho Cucamonga reached out to Pomona Valley Habitat and together they are working with the family to rebuild what was lost. Upon his initial inspection, PVH Construction Manager, Luis Jimenez found much work needed to be done. The vegetation around the house was overgrown, there was a dilapidated shed on the property, various systems needed to be fixed, the smoke damage was extensive, and the interior was cluttered with miscellaneous items. With much help from The Grey Brigade and the ABWK team, Habitat was able to eliminate all overgrown vegetation and remove the rundown shed and various other pieces of debris. They then proceeded with a more delicate task.

If your life was changed in an instant and items that you had treasured disappeared forever, it would be completely understandable that parting with other items, even items that seem like trash to other people, could be painful. It was clear that there would need to be a definite purging of various items that had been collected over four years and the Habitat volunteers helped in the most courteous and effective way possible. The crew helped the veteran daughter sort damaged from salvageable items and then staged the items on tables outside the home so that the family could evaluate and decide to pack or purge. They then carefully packed selected items into keep pods or carefully placed other items into large trash bins. This helped alleviate stress from the family as they were reluctant to part with more than they had already been forced to lose.



The family's financial hardships and the cooperation between the city and PVH have jump started other organizations to help as well. The Home Depot Foundation has committed to giving a grant of materials to help with the reconstruction. Due



to the age of the building it needed to be tested for toxic material and thankfully Patriot Environmental Laboratory Services Inc. tested the structure at no cost and completed a AQMD report at a discount. The residence test positive for both lead and asbestos which has created the need for an abatement contractor. Elite Customs Disaster Response, owned by fellow veteran Knicko Askari, will be working at a discounted price on the abatement to keep costs at a minimum. After the abatement is completed we will begin the reconstruction project with volunteers. While this is not a Habitat house it is a partnership with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, to give back to our community and repay a well deserving veteran family.

The need does not end with this family. There are numerous veterans still living in substandard housing which is completely unacceptable. Please donate to our Salute to Service Veteran Build so that we may continue to serve those who have sacrificed for our country. No United States of America Veteran should be forced to sleep in substandard conditions. Because the Rancho Cucamonga project is NOT a Habitat project, monetary donations will not be applied to this project; however if you would like to donate to our future Veteran Pomona Valley Habitat Builds contact the La Verne office at 909.596.7098.

# ABWK: The Dark Brush

When we last joined our valorous volunteers, the *A Brush With Kindness* Team had just completed their portion of an intensive project in the City of Ontario when a new call for help was received at the Hall of Habitat (located in La Verne at the corner of Bonita and "D"). The Brush Signal lit up the sky (and then was promptly turned off because it's too expensive and we're a non-profit) and the calls and emails for Volunteers began. Morgan Sternquist, the Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator, was looking for particular people: Volunteers of Steel - Helpers who could

paint tall buildings, who could lift small bricks, who could climb standard sized ladders, and most of all who had spare time on Saturdays.

With the Altruistic Alliance assembled, the immense enterprise ensued. The intrepid individuals pressure washed the home and back patio covering, freeing them from the plague of peeling paint. They then went about repairing stucco and replacing damaged fascia boards where consuming corrosion had struck.

The ABWK team then repaired rain gutters as well as the wrought iron gates & reattached mesh screens that had broken free. Misaligned bricks on the fence wall were realigned thwarting the ravages of time once again. The plucky platoon of patrons painted the home, the fence, bricks, and mail box too!



Disrepair was defeated once again by the daring delegation of determined do-gooders!

Stay tuned for more adventures of our Habitat Heroes, or call the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity office at 909.596.7098 if you would like to join this Lively League and change lives.

*ABWK: The Heroes we deserve and need right now!*



## VETERANS DISCOUNT

Every Wednesday

25% off

for Veterans & Active Military  
(with I.D. or discharge papers)



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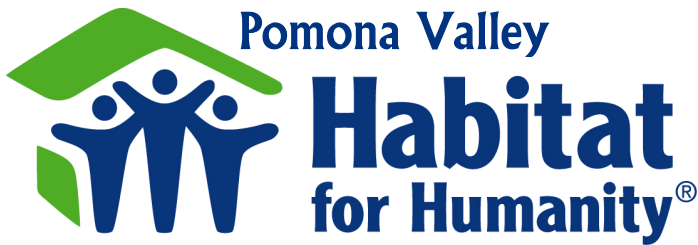
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**Pay It Forward**

Looking for a way to reduce your tax bill? Consider making a tax-deductible donation of saleable goods to the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

The ReStore, at 4609 Holt Blvd., Montclair, accepts donations of gently used furniture and other items. Sales at the store raise money for Habitat's home-building program, assisting low-income families in the area. Donations can be dropped off at the store or for larger items, a pickup can be scheduled at 909-399-0202. Store is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Visit the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity website for a list of items needed.



<http://habitatpv.org/restore/restore-donation-list/>

## A New Face at the PVHReStore

Crystal De La Torre is our new Lead Sales Associate. She came from a program called Union Station. She is a very hard worker, very outgoing, and she has a great sense of humor. Crystal is great with customers and coworkers. We are very pleased to have her on our team. "Welcome Crystal to PVHabitat for Humanity!"



### 15% Off Your Purchase!

Receive 15% off of your entire purchase only at the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
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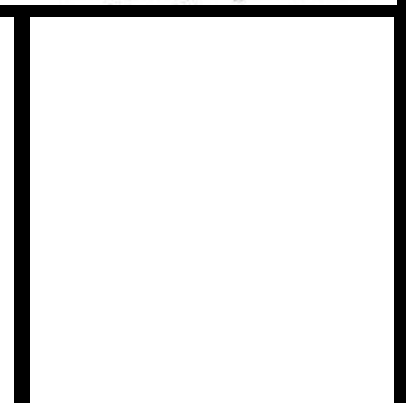
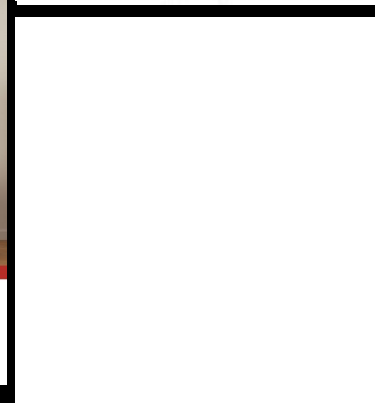
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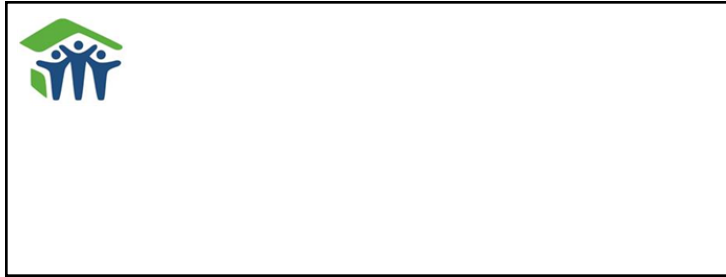
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**Our "Salute to Service"** campaign will construct two more houses for US Veterans. These homes are reserved for US Veterans with the outcome of providing an opportunity for stability for themselves and their families. Your donation to this campaign will support our efforts to serve those who have served us and this nation. Thank you for your support!



## IMPORTANT

**Pomona Valley Habitat  
 NOTICE**

**PLEASE READ**



As a recipient of our newsletter you know that we mail hard copies of our monthly TOOLBOX 6 times a year. It's a remarkable newsletter, a keepsake really. However, if you are moving and forget to give us your new address, not only do we have to pay for postage twice - once to send it to your old address and again when it's returned to us, but you will be robbing yourself of the privilege of reading the TOOLBOX! It is a truly incredible newsletter, an astounding...wait where was I going with this?...oh mailing!...This happens even if you have an order with the post office to forward all your mail. Please help us help you, receive the latest Pomona Valley Habitat news to the correct address by letting us know when (and where) you move. **SHOW US THE ADDRESS!**

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