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Thankfulness – Really? How Thankful Are You?

Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity is VERY THANKFUL! How could we not be? Our work is filled with the best of people, people like yourself who give of themselves. Our world is in a bubble at times due to the fact that although there is so much ugliness and hatred out in the world these days, we are insulated through all who come and volunteer their time with us, donate some of their treasure to us and share their talents with us.

However, on an individual level, how thankful are we really? Do you see the beauty all around you each day? Are you thankful you can even see it as so many are not able to do so. Are you thankful that you can smell the roses? Are you thankful that you have a place to call home? Are you thankful that you have a vehicle in which to travel? Are you thankful that you have the ability to serve others?

At times the above-mentioned questions and what they represent are lost in our day to day living. But, life is too short to miss these daily opportunities to be thankful for all that you have and all that you can do. The past 60 days we have been aware of or even touched by what has been happening in our country and around the world. Mass shootings, earthquakes, fires, floods and living under extreme persecution to name a few examples that should continually help us to remember to be grateful.

For me, on a personal level, some mornings in my prayer time, I am overwhelmed that I have so much. A family, friends, a job, a car, a house in which to live, all of my needs are met. I have been blessed with the ability to see the beauty all around me, to taste, to smell, to feel the wind in my hair and on my face. How much more blessed could I be? Please remember to be grateful for what you have, and if you forget, just look around you. You are sure to see in seconds what you have and others do not.

Pomona Valley Habitat has this down to a science, this being grateful. We have no words to express what our volunteers and donors mean to us. We are very much aware of the limitations of just our small staff of eight serving a 16-city area. Our volunteers are a part of our PV Habitat family and they help us every day to accomplish our mission and to keep us moving forward to serve others. We are so thankful for each and every one of them and for each and every donor. Whether you are a Silver Hammer donor or a \$25 a month donor or a \$10 a month donor, we are thankful for you. You are the wind beneath our wings and we THANK YOU!

Volunteer Appeal

Here at Pomona Valley Habitat there are so many individuals who's hard work deserves to be celebrated. Individuals who go above and beyond, those who ask "How can I help?" People like members of the Armed Forces, whom we are serving with our "Salute to Service" Campaign and our volunteers who give their time and energy to make PVHabitat everything that it is today. This month we celebrate these special people and all that they do for our mission.

Our goal, which is a labor of love that we work towards everyday, is to construct modest, economical homes that will enrich the lives of future generations and our amazing volunteers enable us to serve! Our committees are all volunteer run and work for the betterment of the community. Our ReStore volunteers battle through the splinters to provide service to all customers. The helpers in the office keep the wheels spinning smoothly and efficiently. Pomona Valley Habitat services the community everyday by providing a decent, safe and affordable place for families to live and thrive. We also renovate and repair houses through our "A Brush With Kindness" program.

Currently, Pomona Valley Habitat is beginning a new undertaking. Our office learned of a local multigenerational military family whose home had fire damage and was red tagged. A father and his daughter, both of whom served our country, are now homeless, and while not a PVHabitat project, we felt it perfectly encapsulated PVHabitat's mission of building community. Working with the city, we will volunteer our building services and experience to help this local family rebuild their home and their lives. Brick by brick and board by board, PVHabitat and the community will rebuild a home and rebuild lost hope.

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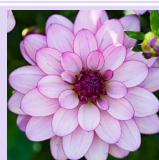
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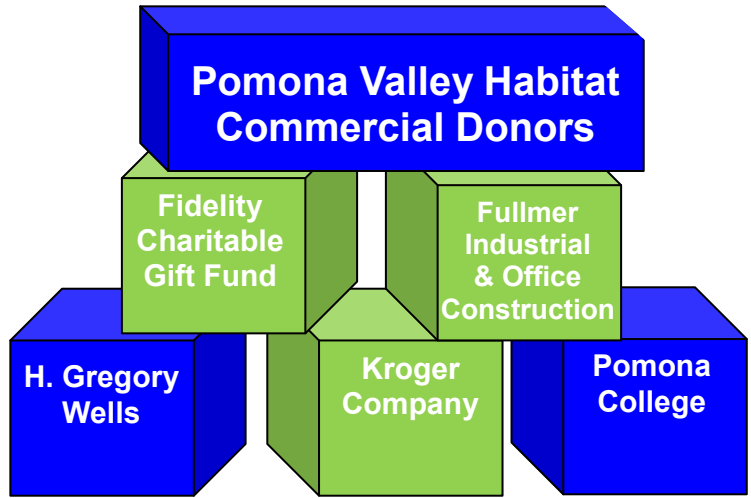
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*"I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual."*
-Henry David Thoreau

ABWK Returns

When we last joined our heroes, the ABWK Team was celebrating another victory, the completion of another home repair project. Meanwhile back at the Hall of Habitat, a new call for help had been received from Larry & Anna F, a Veteran family needed repairs to the exterior of his home. Their home was over 95 years old and had gone through many changes over the years. They had applied to their city for a grant to replace the roof and other major repairs to their home but they were denied. They didn't know where else to go for help given their limited resources. They heard that there was an organization by the name of PVHabitat for Humanity that might be able to help them. Holy Construction! The Super Signal was sent up and the ABWK bounded into action. Reggie Varra, mild-mannered Co-Chair for ABWK, met with them and informed them of the services that ABWK would be able to provide them with respect to their home. Replacing the roof wasn't one of them, but ABWK could work to improve the appearance of the outside by cleaning up the property from all the overgrown trees and brush and by painting the house. ABWK exceeded the homeowners' expectations by removing over 100 large trash bags of leaves, weeds, tree branches, and dead grass. Ultimately giving the home a complete "face lift".



This was herculean task was accomplished with the help of over 30 Super Friends, made up mainly from unshakeable US Bank employees, courageous Cal Poly Pomona crew and valiant volunteers from Walnut High School. Our Committed Committee first prepped the home for the volunteers with a powerful pressure wash, restorative repairs of small cracks in numerous areas, and super sealing larger ones by applying stucco patch where it appeared the house had shifted at one time or another. Once the prep work was completed the Super Friends took over and in ONE DAY the property was transformed to something the homeowners never thought they would see in their life time. They couldn't find the words to thank the volunteers so instead they prepared a tasty lunch for the Hungry Horde.



It was a beautiful day for all that showed up. God blessed the Larry & Anna F.'s and all the volunteers as well for giving of their time and their hearts to help those in need.

Stay tuned for more adventures of our Habitat Heroes, or call the PVHabitat office at 909.596.7098 if you would like to join this Caring Crew in changing lives.

Reverend George Nix - Volunteer of the Month

"Vive Simple. Sueña Grande. Da Gracias. Da Amor. Ríe mucho". Live Simple. Dream Big. Give Thanks. Give Love. Laugh often. This saying perfectly describes our volunteer of the month, Reverend George Nix a bilingual man of faith, who works to improve the community, is an avid Star Wars Fan, and can play almost any musical instrument.

As a pastor, George Nix and his family have lead others by example: simply, fully, and with much joy. Never one to seek praise, George was pleasantly surprised that he was selected to be PVHFH's 2016 Carol MClung Faith award recipient because as he humbly explained what he does for Pomona Valley Habitat is not so extra ordinary. But what exactly does Reverend Nix do for PVH?



While George does Dream Big, its never for himself. Its for his cherished bride, his family, his friends, his community, and Pomona Valley Habitat. His heart and dreams overflow with hopes and prayers for their continued success, George's big dream for himself is that he can continue to serve others. Whether serving the City of Covina as a chamber member, on PVH's committees, volunteering to help with build days and special events, or working to coordinate or sponsor prayer meetings; George works to make every undertaking the best it can be.



Giving thanks for all of the gifts and experiences that God has given him is a part of George's day that he happily shares with everyone. Always ready to share God's glory to the world in thought and action, George's goodness shines through his countenance. George has been a volunteer with PVHFH since 2012. In addition to his philanthropic work, Rev. Nix George is known for his sense of humor, fellow committee members are always greeted with a broad smile at the Faith Relation meetings. George consistently answered every call for help and wisdom and at Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity we are so grateful to have his assistance and guidance when we need it most. Reverend George Nix brings joy wherever he goes, and PVHabitat is no exception.



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Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity Hosted Annual Celebrating Partnership & Board Installation Gala

On Friday, November 3, 2017, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity hosted its annual Celebrating Partnership and Board Installation Gala at the Doubletree by Hilton in Claremont. State Senator Josh Newman was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. This Gala recognizes working relationships throughout the year.

The dinner was attended by Mayor Ray Marquez of Chino Hills; Mayor Gary Boyer of Glendora; Mayor Debbie Stone of Upland; Mayor Pro tem Nancy Tragarz of Walnut; Mayor Pro Tem Tim Hepburn & Charlie Rosales, Councilmember from the City of La Verne; Corey Calaycay, Claremont City Councilmember; and Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga City Council Member .

Over 100 people from Pomona Valley Habitat's area of service spanning from the West Inland Empire to the East San Gabriel Valley enjoyed the night's festivities. Donors, sponsors, cities and businesses who have assisted Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity were recognized at the event for their generous efforts in promoting Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity's mission and purpose. The evening began with a Wine and Cheese reception with musical accompaniment from the quintet "Cream Soda" from Chino Hills.

"We appreciate the amazing support that we have been given, it allowed us to further our mission and to make the dream of homeownership a reality for so many first time homeowners," stated Jody Gmeiner, Pomona Valley Habitat President/CEO.



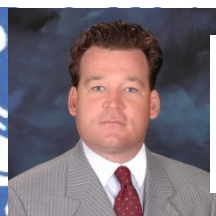
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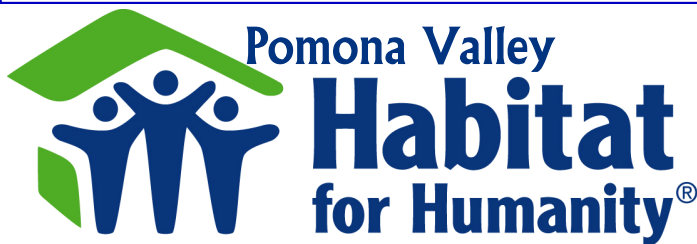
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Never shopped at the ReStore before? What is holding you back? You're not a tool guy and you may or may not have hot glued yourself to a table (no judgement, its happened to us all...probably) Well none of that matters! Whether you are a do-it-yourselfer, homeowner,

renter, landlord, contractor, interior designer, environmentalist or treasure hunter, PVHReStore has it all! Make Pomona Valley Habitat ReStore your first stop when shopping for your next home improvement, renovation or DIY project.

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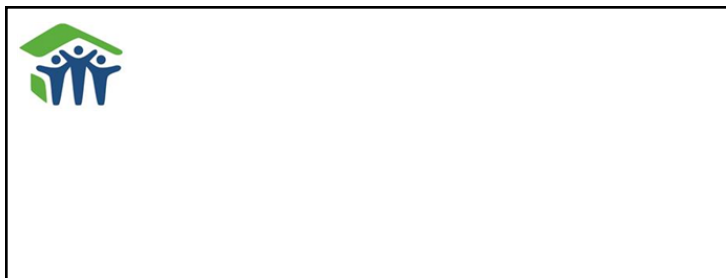
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PV Habitat Wish List

- ◆ **Commercial Vacuum Cleaner**
- ◆ **Electrical Pallet Jack**
- ◆ **Volunteers!**

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