35th Anniversary Kick-Off with Harris Village Home Dedication & Key Ceremony

There was no better way to kick off the 35th Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity Sonoma County than to say Welcome Home to the Puckett, Dunn and Tiznado-Ruiz families! About 200 amazing volunteers, donors and community partners helped us celebrate these families at their Harris Village Home Dedication and Key Ceremony in March. These new homeowners worked hard to make their dream a reality. They each served over 500 volunteer hours helping build each other’s homes, saved to cover closing costs, and learned how to manage their finances to protect this major investment.

We are excited to continue celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County by building MORE homes, community and hope than ever before!

Summer Move-In at the Sonoma Wildfire Cottages

Heavy winter rains helped end the drought, but they also gave our construction crews some challenges with final installation of the nine Sonoma Wildfire Cottages we are building at Medtronic in Santa Rosa. Thanks to recent sunny days and A LOT of amazing volunteers, nine wildfire survivor families will move into the Cottages at the start of summer vacation! In addition to providing critical housing for fire survivors, these 1– and 2-bedroom Cottages are helping Habitat for Humanity pilot modern construction technologies to inform all our future home-building in Sonoma County.

We still need at least 10 volunteers every day between now and the end of June to get the Cottages move-in ready. To sign up, please visit habitatsoco.org/get-involved/volunteer/ or call Annalisa Price at (707) 578-7707 Ext 105 for more information. Invite your friends, family or coworkers to join you in volunteering! Your help will get struggling fire survivors into these homes even sooner.

Top: Harris Village Key Dedication - New Habitat homeowner families on March 23, 2019
Above: Sonoma Wildfire Cottages—Crane placing wall in one of the Cottages
Left: Sonoma Wildfire Cottages—Volunteers from SAY Construction Interns, AmeriCorps NCCC Gold 4 and Community Church of Sebastopol on April 27, 2019
Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County — Housing Initiatives Update

When the Sonoma Wildfire Cottages open, over 150 people in Sonoma County will be living in Habitat homes! That includes families whose homes we helped build from the ground up, and seniors whose homes we saved with life-changing repairs. We are now on track for 2020 to be our biggest build year ever! 38 MORE hardworking families will become homeowners at these new developments throughout Sonoma County:

- Green Valley Village (Graton) – Two 3BR homes
- Duncan Village (Windsor) – 16 homes; 2, 3 and 4 BR units
- Somerset Place (Santa Rosa) – 10 3BR homes and 10 Accessory Dwelling units

Habitat for Humanity has over 300 more new homes in pre-development across the County in Healdsburg, Sonoma, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol and Larkfield-Wikiup.

Prefab Construction Factory and Learning Center Opening Late Summer 2019!

Habitat for Humanity will open the first nonprofit Prefab Construction Factory and Learning Center in Sonoma County in mid-2019. Teams of volunteers and students from local trades programs will build wall panels at the new facility, and will help assemble the prefabricated panels at Habitat’s home-build sites across the County. The Factory will increase Habitat’s year-round build capacity and help develop the next generation of construction experts. To address the severe shortage of skilled construction labor in the North Bay, Habitat is partnering with the Santa Rosa Junior College Construction Trades program and the North Coast Builders Exchange North Bay Construction Corps to train high school and junior college trades students at the new Factory and Learning Center.

Big Healing in Little Houses — Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Program

Big thanks to Salesforce, who sponsored four Playhouse Program teams in April! The Playhouse Program allows corporate partners to sponsor a creative team-building experience while raising money to support Habitat for Humanity. Money raised helps Habitat build full-size homes for families in need and gives kids an opportunity to heal in their own little play homes. Playhouses go to kids with special needs, like dealing with serious illness or recovering from wildfire losses. To participate, email playhouse@habitatsoco.org.