

Habitat for Humanity Greater Garland

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MEADOWS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 LAND ACQUISITION GRANT TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER GARLAND

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. Its mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.

Since its inception, the Foundation's assets have grown to a current value in excess of \$800 million and it has dispersed over \$430 million in grants and direct charitable expenditures to over 2,000 Texas institutions and agencies.

The Meadows Foundation is among the most recognized private philanthropies in the country. It has received numerous awards for both its philanthropy and its management and was named Outstanding Foundation of the year by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

The Garland Habitat will use this money to purchase five to seven lots to build homes for qualified Habitat families.

NEEDED - LOTS TO BUILD HOMES

Our goal is to build nine homes in 2005-2006. *We need land, land and more land!* If you or someone you know, owns a piece of land they would like to donate or sell to Habitat for Humanity, please call our office, 972-279-4482, and ask for Jim Campbell or Carol.

FAMILY SELECTION PROCESS HAS BEGUN

On October 9th at New Life First Baptist Church, Habitat met with approximately 70 families to begin the family selection application process. Contrary to popular belief, **Habitat is a hands up, not hands out** program. Each of the chosen families must be able to meet several requirements: documented need: willingness to partnership (put in 300 sweat equity hours to build their home or that of someone else); and, the ability to *pay for their homes*. This is a complicated process and the family selection committee has the heart breaking job of determining who is eligible for a home. Please keep them in your prayers.

PICTURE A HOME ON THIS LOT FOR A VERY SPECIAL LITTLE GIRL



240 Casalita Garland, Texas

Doesn't look like much right now but volunteers have cleared the land, R Delta Engineering has completed surveying the land and foundation, permits have been obtained, and Lambeth Construction and Image Concrete will soon be arriving to pour the foundation. Volunteers, both groups and individuals, are signing up to make a dream come true. (see our website www.garlandhfh.org for volunteer forms.)

This story began last fall when a family of six came to us with a special need They have a nine year old daughter who suffers from grand mall seizures and is wheelchair bound. Can we help them?

Like all Habitat families they first had to go through the application process and qualify for a Habitat home. This is a difficult and heart wrenching process for everyone because there are so many families in need and we can only help a few. This family was chosen and has already put in over 50% of the sweat equity hours needed to move into their home. If all goes well, we will begin the first day of construction the first or second week of November. Our website will have this date posted

Nabila needs your help This home has been designed to fit the special needs of Nabila and we need your help, both financially and/or in kind donations to keep the price of this home at or below \$55,000. ***What do we need?*** Money is always good but donated materials, windows, doors, lumber, door handles, cabinets both for kitchen and bath, nails, screws, paint, roofing materials, floor and wall tile, smoke detectors, ceiling fans (one for each bedroom), towel bar racks, a handicap handle bar, AC units, water heater, furnace, electrical wiring, commodes, sinks, lighting fixtures ***Whatever you feel you can give - no matter how small or large - will help Nabila and her family.*** Please call the Habitat office (972-279-4482) to let us know how **YOU** or **YOUR COMPANY** can help.

HABITAT HIRES CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR



Ken Kilcoin began volunteering with Habitat six years ago working on weekends or whenever he could. When his company downsized, he began volunteering three days a week. Last March the Board of Directors decided that if we were to grow, Habitat needed a staff construction supervisor. Ken was the perfect candidate as he had experience in all phases of construction and volunteer interaction. We are truly blessed to have him with us.

HABITAT WOMEN'S BUILD

A women's build does not mean that men couldn't help It means that women were included in all phases of this construction for a family of four. Beginning in May, approximately 100 women came out to swing a hammer, climb roofs, paint and raise walls. The end result was a beautiful three bedroom, two bath, single garage home for a family of four.



THE HOUSE THE KIDS BUILT

252 Casalita is the home of the "**House the Kids Built**". The students are part of a Naaman Forest HS and Habitat program intended to teach teenagers construction skills while providing low-cost homes for Habitat families. J.L. Tucker is their instructor but credited Superintendents Drs. Curtis Culwell and Phil Gilbreath with converting an idea into reality. This home was built on school grounds and moved to its present site. Volunteers and Habitat construction crews are putting the finishing touches on the home. The students built a home they can be extremely proud of. Stop by and see what "kids" can do!!