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Building Dreams...

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity and Yavapai College Build "Green" Together on House #37

by Donna-Marie Terranova

On any given day, two local community organizations are, literally, building dreams in the Prescott area. Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (P.A.H.H.) is building affordable homes in partnership with families in need, in the Tri-city area of Yavapai County. Yavapai College, through the Residential Building Technology program, is building environmentally-responsive homes, also known as "green" homes, in the Prescott area. As collaborative teamwork is the key to any success, especially within the nonprofit sector, the two organizations have found a meeting of their respective passions and are building dreams while building green!

Tony Grahame, Director of the Residential Building Technology program, prepares students to enter the home building work force, with an emphasis on sustainable, green building. Mr. Grahame directed the project for Yavapai College which won the college an award from the National Association of Home Builders (N.A.H.B.) in 2004, in the affordable housing category. This was a first for any community college in the country to win a N.A.H.B. award. With the program's focus on environmentally-responsive homes, meaning healthy, comfortable, durable, low-maintenance and affordable, Grahame shares his incredible wealth of

knowledge about green building, not only with his students, but with our community, as well.

According to Grahame, "Habitat for Humanity is the most progressive and unique building organization in the world because it understands the need for affordable housing, but also the challenges in global building technology." He recognizes that Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity, a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is truly addressing affordable housing. Under his direction

and in partnership with P.A.H.H., the first green build took place in Prescott Valley in 2001. This was a partial-green build, and Grahame's students worked alongside P.A.H.H. volunteers. The second green build is now underway. This Habitat house, #37, is presently being built in Diamond Valley at 5275 E. Diamond Drive and is going to the Roach Family (look for an article about this family and their new home in the spring issue of *The Builder*). This will be a 100% environmentally-responsive home, totally "green," and will serve multi-purposes for both organizations.

Habitat for Humanity International is encouraging its affiliates, worldwide, to adapt

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Tina Roach (center) with Tony Grahame (to her left with shovel) surrounded by family members with shovels and Yavapai College Students.

Photo by Miriam Haubrich

NEW HOME RAFFLE WINNER

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A Note From The Executive Director, Miriam Haubrich

As 2005 comes to an end, I would like to reflect on some of the blessings of this past year – the generosity of Townsend Homes for donating the house for the "New Home Raffle," the Habitat HOME Supply Store continues to thrive both with donations, as well as with eager customers; an increase in dedicated volunteers at the Store, Office, Construction sites, on Committees, and our Board of Directors; an acceleration in building homes for working, low-income families, increased visibility in our service area through the media and public-speaking opportunities, and the generosity of our donors which has allowed PAHH to move toward the achievement of building five houses by the end of June 2006.

The year is ending with another blessing – the Arizona tax credit. Please take a moment and read the details of the tax letter enclosed. This may be your vehicle for a year-end gift to PAHH to help us build homes for working, low-income families. Thank you for a year of many blessings – and Happy Holidays to all.

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"green" technology into their standard house-building process. Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity's Executive Director, Miriam Haubrich, sees the relationship with Yavapai College and Tony Grahame as a "natural partnership," in order to accomplish this goal. According to Ms. Haubrich, "green-builds will not only reduce waste by extending resources which already exist, but will help families extend their money throughout the years of living in their home."

Another mutual goal for this partnership is educational through the interaction between students and volunteers. Not only will the Yavapai College students have a construction opportunity to apply their skills, but P.A.H.H. volunteers will also have access to learning new building techniques. As well, the students will experience, first hand, the value of volunteering in the community, as they work side-by-side with P.A.H.H. volunteers.

Dreams come and dreams go, but there's something to be said about the tangible satisfaction of building a home – and the increased joy and gratitude which is generated when it is a Habitat home. Now Habitat can build "green" through Grahame's good work and the environment can be conserved, as well!

The future awaits Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity and Yavapai College's Residential Building Technology program. What's next on the dream list for these two partners, you might wonder? How about sharing Tony Grahame's wealth of information with Habitat for Humanity International and taking his "program" on the road to assist developing, as well as crisis-ravaged, countries? It's only a dream away.

