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## NOTES FROM THE ROOFTOP

by Jim McMeans, President

December is a joyous time for most of us here in the Wimberley Valley. It is a time of gathering together with family and friends to share in the joy of the Christmas season and to celebrate its true meaning. December is also the time of the year when Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity is building a new home for a family to enjoy for years to come.

The home that is currently under construction is the result of the efforts of many people within our community - the volunteers who build the home, the local businesses that provide materials and services, the local churches that include us in their Mission giving, the volunteers who work for WVHH at the Village Store, and the many individual donors who help provide the front-end funding for the home. The partner family that is selected for the home also contributes to the construction by putting in 300 hours of "sweat equity". When the home is completed in early spring, the family will sign an interest free mortgage with Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity for the actual cost of the home. The time when we pass the key to the new homeowner is a joyous and unforgettable experience for the family and for the volunteers who helped to build the home.

Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity depends on the community at large for the success of its program. Our goal is to eliminate substandard housing in the Wimberley Valley one home at a time. Not only do we need your support as volunteers for the construction of the homes, but also we need your financial support. Your donation, whether large or small, will go directly into the building of a Habitat home in the Wimberley Valley. For each home we build, we must raise over \$40,000 to pay the front-end cost of the home. Over time the mortgages will provide a revolving fund to help pay those costs, but at this stage of our mission, we must have your help.

We invite you to work with Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity and experience the joy of building and contributing to helping a family who needs and deserves our support. We have an active website which gives up-to-date information about WVHH and our volunteer opportunities. I encourage you to check it out regularly at [www.wimberleyhabitat.org](http://www.wimberleyhabitat.org). In this special season, we hope you and yours are truly blessed.

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## COMINGS & GOINGS

President Janette Barlow, Dick Jackson, and Mary Northern have retired from the WVHH Board; we thank them for their years of service to WVHH and the Wimberley Valley community. Rick Graves has joined the WVHH Board. For our 2006 slate of officers and present Board membership, please see the sidebar.

### OUR NEW BUILDING PARTNER

WVHH has chosen the Kristin Todd family as our building partner for our ninth Habitat home in the Wimberley Valley. Kristin's family includes sons Adam (14) and Austin (10), and daughter Autumn (4). Their new home will be located at 43 El Camino Real in the Eagle Rock section of Woodcreek. Come help us work with the Todd family in the construction of their new home.

### CONSTRUCTION STARTS

by Jim McMeans

What an amazing week we had to start construction on our ninth home!!! On Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> we started with only the concrete slab. One week later we had a house. The pictures tell the story, but don't show the hard work of the MANY volunteers who came each work day to build the Todd home. Thanks to you all for the great progress to date. A special thanks to Bass Construction Co. who volunteered a crew of professional framers on Monday to set the main house trusses and deck the roof.

We took Thanksgiving week off to enjoy the holiday with family and friends. Work resumed on Wednesday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will resume our normal work schedule during December, working each week on Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30 am until about 3:30 pm. As we get closer to Christmas, we will plan our work days to fit everyone's schedule.

For those of you who have not yet been to the site, the home is located at 43 El Camino Real. Come west on RR 2325 to Woodcreek Drive, turn right onto Woodcreek, turn right onto the first street, El Camino Real, and you are there.

Remember to check out the WVHH web site at [www.wimberleyhabitat.org](http://www.wimberleyhabitat.org) for the latest information. Persons wishing to volunteer can easily register and send their information via the web site. Also, since we contact our active volunteers primarily by email, please let me know if there is a change to your email address.

### SHOPPING SPREE FEATURED AT BROOKSHIRE BROS.

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 am, featured a three-minute shopping spree at Brookshire Brothers in Wimberley. Jacob Bittle, an area athlete, was commissioned by shopping spree winner John Carnes to stand in as a designated speed shopper. Carnes donated the shopping spree groceries to Marci Anderson and her six children. Anderson, recovering from thyroid cancer, was identified as a worthy recipient by a prayer circle that Carnes attends. It is estimated that over \$650 of groceries (lots of meat, cereal, sodas, and ice cream) were corralled in the shopping basket in three minutes.

The shopping spree was organized by Jan Plum of WVHH. Proceeds beyond the cost of the shopping spree will be used to help build houses in the Wimberley Valley area. WVHH thanks Brookshire Brothers manager Kent Pursley for helping to organize the event, and allowing us to sell raffle tickets outside the store Saturday mornings and afternoons. And we thank all the area residents who generously supported the event.



**MALLORY BRODRICK HONORED\***

by Deborah Davenport

Mallory Brodrick was selected by Sam Houston State University to attend the Sigma Xi Annual Student Research Conference in Seattle, Washington November 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. While there, she presented her summer SHSU internship research results in the field of biology in a competitive setting among other college students throughout the nation.

Mallory participated in a summer internship at SHSU researching "The Parental Feeding Rates in a Texas Population of Carolina Wrens". She then received a scholarship to compete in Washington at the prestigious Science and Engineering Conference. Mallory came home with an Excellent score and a Gold Ribbon for her presentation. She will continue her research with birds and hopes to be published by next year.

Mallory is a junior at SHSU majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. Not only does she attend classes full time, she also is employed by the SHSU Biology Department as a Research Assistant and is active in community service organizations.

We are all very proud of Mallory's accomplishments. And although I know she is successful because of her determination and hard work, I also know that owning a Habitat for Humanity home has made a big difference by providing us with the ability to help with the financial costs of her college education.



Mallory with her research project at Sigma Xi Annual Student Research Conference

\*editor's note: Mallory is the daughter of Deborah Davenport. Deborah and her family (daughter Mallory and son Ian) were WVHH building partners in 2002, and since then Deborah has worked on WVHH committees and kept us up-to-date on what a Habitat house has meant to her and her family.

<p><b>YES,</b> I want to invest in the future of Wimberley Valley</p>	<p>Name _____</p>
<p>I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of (your gifts are tax deductible):</p>	<p>Address _____</p>
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The Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity has set up a brokerage account to receive donations of corporate stocks. Please remember these donations are tax-deductible. Contact Michael Murphy at Edward Jones in Wimberley. The phone number is 847-2998.

WVHH needs land for our next build. If you have a suitable lot to donate or for sale, please contact Jim Henderson at 847-3960.

***Equal Housing Opportunity Statement:***

WVHH is pledged to the letter and spirit of U. S. Policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

***Our Wish List\****

- Tools (new and good-condition used)*
- Construction materials (new and good-condition used)*
- Fiberglass and steel ladders*
- Scaffolding*
- Portable hi-intensity lights*
- Contributions to WVHH*
- Donations (time and /or materials) to the Village Store*
- Notebook computer*
- Land to build homes (call Jim Henderson at 847-3960)*

*\*all donations are tax deductible and support Habitat's mission to eliminate poverty housing and build hope!*

***How Can your Church Help Habitat?***

1. Prayer--your church can lead organized prayer for Habitat.
2. Volunteers--Habitat always needs help building houses.
3. Financially--your church can sponsor or co-sponsor a new home.
4. Your church can provide meals for Saturday work crews.
5. Your church can dedicate a special offering or collection to Habitat.

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