

# Habitat Herald

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# Coos County Women Build!

It was a beautiful morning on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> as more than 50 volunteers showed up for Coos County Habitat for Humanity's fourth Women Build! The group, comprised mostly of women who were new to construction, received training on basic framing techniques and then everyone set off to begin framing our 25<sup>th</sup> home in the Empire District of Coos Bay.



Since 1991, National Women Build Week, an initiative created by Habitat for Humanity International and Lowe's, has brought together more than 117,000 volunteers to build or repair more than 4,500 homes and create stronger, safer communities. This year's National Women Build Week took place in 300 communities nationwide. Here in Coos County, local individuals joined the Dresser family and groups from Southwestern Oregon Community College and Bay Area Hospital to pound nails, raise walls, and have fun!

## Thank you, amazing volunteers, Lowe's, and our 25<sup>th</sup> Home sponsors:

- Banner Bank
- Bay Area Hospital
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Umpqua Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank

Coos County Habitat for Humanity is a locally-run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization.

**<u>Our Mission</u>**: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

**Our Vision:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

# Kicking "Home" Runs for Habitat!

Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> was a battle to the finish for America's Mattress, Bay Area First Step, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and Coos County Habitat for Humanity, whose teams faced off in Coos County Habitat's third annual Kickball Tournament! The four teams played each other over two innings, and the third and final match saw



America's Mattress (2016's champions) pitted against the Coquille Indian Tribe. The windy day on Sunset School's field proved no challenge for the Coquille Indian Tribe who claimed their first championship victory in three years!



This is our biggest fundraising event each year and we couldn't do it without generous support from our local community sponsors, volunteers, and silent auction donors and bidders. Our friends from Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity even stopped by with a few donations! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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## ~ LUNCH SPONSOR ~ **Bay Area Kiwanis**

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# Critical Home Repair Update!

For the past several weeks, a group of dedicated volunteers in Powers has helped paint the home of a low-income elderly homeowner. This project, part of our Critical Home Repair program, will help to prevent wood rot and preserve much-needed rural housing stock while also sprucing up the neighborhood.





On days when the team painted, neighbors stopped by to pay their complements. Upon completion the homeowner happily exclaimed, "I love this little house! You made it look so beautiful, thank you!"

Coos County Habitat's Critical Home Repair program addresses interior and exterior health and safety issues. Other projects this year have included ADA ramp and safety handrail installations, door and window repairs, floor repairs, and roof patches and repairs. "People need the work we're doing - PLUS," says Dale Stewart, who manages the home repair projects. "We're only able to do what's critical, but they really appreciate it".

Since 2015, generous grants have provided the majority of funding for this program and program recipients pay back material costs through an affordable loan, which also gets funneled back into the program. Dale, who started as a volunteer last year, says that this painting job has been one of his favorites to date. Due to the presence of lead paint at this residence, he completed training and is now a certified lead abatement contractor. Learning new skills wasn't the only perk of this project, though. "The homeowner has really been fun to work with, and the volunteers are local, so they know her personally - it's really great to see the community helping out."

Past Critical Home Repair projects have included...



Roof panel replacement over children's play area



Ramp installation for homeowner with mobility issues



Linoleum replacement for wheelchair-bound homeowner

Thank you to our Critical Home Repair program sponsors and supporters, present and past:
The Eugene and Marlaina Johnston Foundation, Coquille Indian Tribe,
Jordan Cove-Pacific Connector, Oregon Coast Community Action, Umpqua Bank, U.S. Bank

To learn more about our Critical Home Repair program, visit http://www.cooscountyhabitat.org/criticalhomerepairs/







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Never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help."

- Pablo