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# Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity® Newsletter

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#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



This year's build has been a challenge! Rock, blasting, severity of the slope, redrafting of plans all slowed the pace we have found typical for the past three years. As challenges go, our affiliate adapts quickly and has grown stronger as a result.

Last spring, Jefferson county officials identified Blue Spruce as the only current developer of affordable housing in the mountain region of the county. They also demonstrated a minimum need of 20 homes a year in this area; they would like to have 200. We have been building two. A few years ago, we received a tremendous donation of land and so, realizing the challenge, have begun planning to build homes at an accelerated rate.

We are finalizing a five year plan, have hired more staff and increased our focus on fund raising and PR. We are developing a construction supervising position and will staff this in the near future. Several organizations and businesses have expressed a desire to sponsor a home at various levels. Other firms are "adopting" lots to help defray holding costs. Groups from businesses are lending their expertise and donating their time to help make affordable housing a reality in our area. A land planner has created a workable plan for the donated land, minimizing ground disturbance while enabling 16 more families to have affordable housing.

All these plans and dreams are achievable with the increased support of the community. We will need more regular volunteers and our need for funding will parallel our increased construction pace.

Please keep Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity in mind as we work to make our community balanced, healthy and thriving. It is rewarding and increasingly important to focus on those needing a hand up, enabling them to fully participate in the community as homeowners.

Art Robbins  
President - Board of Directors

#### HABITAT INTERNATIONAL NAMES NEW CEO

(source: [www.habitat.org/newceo](http://www.habitat.org/newceo))



Habitat for Humanity International's Board of Directors named Jonathan T.M. Reckford to serve as the ministry's chief executive officer.

Reckford, 42, takes the helm at Habitat after a corporate career and his most recent position as executive pastor of the 4,300-member Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis.

Before joining Christ Presbyterian, Reckford was president of stores for the Musicland division of Best Buy; senior vice president of corporate planning and communications for Circuit City; and director of strategic planning for Disney Design and Development. Earlier, he had held positions at the Marriott Corp., Bain and Co. and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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## POWERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

As we move into fall, we are already in the process of planning the build for next summer. We have already purchased the land, selected the two families that will live in the homes, and are currently designing the homes which will be a side-by-side duplex.

Of course, along with planning and designing, comes raising the money to build the homes. This year we have implemented a new house sponsorship system with three levels: A Duplex Sponsor at \$150,000; a House Sponsor at \$75,000 and a Supporting Sponsor at \$35,000.

A sponsorship of \$150,000, or a Duplex Sponsor, covers materials and tap fees for an entire duplex. You would be providing simple, decent housing for two local families in need.

A sponsorship of \$75,000, or a House Sponsor, covers materials and tap fees in one unit of a duplex, providing a simple, decent home for a local family in need.

A sponsorship of \$35,000, or a Supporting Sponsor, covers the materials for a unit in a duplex, contributing to a simple, decent home for one local family.

By becoming a sponsor, you or your organization would be making a positive, sustainable change in our mountain community while also providing a satisfying volunteer opportunity for your members or clients. To learn more about becoming a sponsor, please contact the Blue Spruce HFH office at (303) 674-1127.

- Kathleen O'Leary  
Executive Director

## COME SEE THE CHANGES AT THE RESALE EMPORIUM

The Resale Emporium has a new look, a new feel, and a new "Back Porch". Please come see the high quality merchandise, some new and some used. We have beautiful clothing, antiques, books and collectibles.

We are always looking for additional volunteers at the store. If you have a few hours every week or so, please come join in the fun! Stop by Wed. 10 -2, or Thurs. thru Sat. 10-5, or call (303) 674-4917.

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Rey Ramsey, board chair for Habitat for Humanity International, said the board unanimously selected Reckford based upon his track record leading complex organizations and for his personal commitment to heed Christ's call to serve the poor and forgotten.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who served as honorary chair of Habitat's succession planning task force, said, "Jonathan Reckford is a wonderful choice to become Habitat for Humanity's new chief executive officer. His background in business will help Habitat navigate the economy and business climate, and his pastoral experiences will help him shepherd Habitat's ministry and assure it continues to share and demonstrate Jesus' teachings worldwide.

"Rosalynn and I look forward to working with thousands of other volunteers to help assure the complete success of Habitat's worldwide ministry under Jonathan Reckford's leadership."

Of his selection as CEO, Reckford said: "Henry Blackaby (a pioneer missionary who heads Blackaby Ministries in Georgia) suggests we should take on God-sized tasks because then it is clear to everyone who deserves the credit. It is humbling to get to serve alongside the thousands of committed Habitat associates and volunteers to bring hope and dignity, build communities and strive toward our mission to eradicate poverty housing."

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This year we are building at 3475/77 Independence Trail. Where is that.....? Just across the street from last year's build at the end of South End Road in Kittredge.



The house will be similar in a way to the one last year in that it is an over/under style. Kelly Rutledge and her son George will be on the lower level and Sue Brubaker and her two daughters on the upper level. Each unit has two bedrooms, one and a half baths, and a comfortable kitchen/dining/living room area.

This year we have had a slow start. The original design called for a side-by-side duplex, but we had to abandon the design when we hit a vein of rock which was estimated to cost \$90,000 to blast. So we changed the design to an over/under style which allowed us to avoid blasting. All of the design changes, resubmittal to Jeffco, etc. caused a big delay in the building process.

At present we are in the process of framing the house. Hopefully we will have good weather and a good volunteer turnout, both of which should help us complete the house in record time. The project schedule calls for a mid-January completion.

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact our volunteer coordinator Mary Smith (Mary@patandmary.com).

## HELP HABITAT WHILE YOU SHOP!

Albertsons Community Partners program allows you to support Habitat while you buy your groceries! Simply register your Preferred Savings card on the Albertsons website, selecting Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity as your Community Partner of choice. Every time you shop with your card, a percent of the proceeds from qualified purchases will be donated to Habitat, supporting our work to provide affordable homeownership opportunities in the foothills.

To register your card, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the Albertsons website at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com).
2. If you have not visited the site before, enter your ZIP code in the appropriate box. Otherwise, proceed to the next step.
3. Click on the "In the Community" link near the bottom of the page.
4. Click on the "Community Partners" logo on the right side of the screen.
5. Click on the "login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first" link.
6. Enter your Preferred Savings Card number in the box provided on the left-hand side of the screen under the "sign in:" heading. Then enter the telephone number you signed up with in the box provided and click on the "LOGIN" button.
7. Click on the "Find a Partner" image on the right-hand side of the screen and select Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity by entering Habitat for Humanity in Evergreen and click on the "Add Selected Partners" image.

Once you have registered, Habitat will immediately begin receiving donations as a result of your purchases. Thanks to Albertsons for this quick and easy way to support Habitat, and thanks to you for registering your card!

## YOUTH UNITED KICKOFF!

Please join us for the kickoff meeting of Youth United, a program that will engage young people between the ages of 5 and 25 in fully sponsoring and building a home!

The kickoff meeting will take place on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Hills (28628 Buffalo Park Road, Evergreen). This will be a chance to learn more about Youth United, meet other people with similar interests, and get engaged in the program leadership. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Both young people and parents are encouraged to attend.

Youth United is all about empowering young people. While adult involvement will be essential in teaching and mentoring, young people will actually make the Youth United home a reality. For more information about the program, we encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.bluesprucehabitat.org/YouthVolunteers.htm>. Please RSVP to Becky Potter at 720-496-4124 or [bpotter@bluesprucehabitat.org](mailto:bpotter@bluesprucehabitat.org).

## XCEL ENERGY FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT

The Xcel Energy Foundation has provided a grant for the purchase of energy efficient building materials for 35 Habitat for Humanity homes in the State of Colorado. This includes two \$1,000 grants to Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity. By including energy efficient measures in Habitat homes several important things are accomplished: Habitat families benefit from a lower cost of maintaining their homes; resources are conserved; and the value of the Habitat home is enhanced (studies find that energy efficient homes hold their value over time.)

Blue Spruce HFH has incorporated energy efficient items into 26460/26462 S. End Road including high energy efficiency boilers. We appreciate Xcel Energy Foundation's provision of this grant to assist with the cost of these items.

Nationwide, Habitat for Humanity has made a commitment to "green building" through The Green Team. This program encourages volunteers to work within their local affiliates to promote quality and sustainable building technology. The Green Team's efforts are enhanced by the Green Team Leadership Group, a core group of about 30 experts in energy efficiency, green building architecture and construction. Building high-quality, durable homes is a necessary component of good stewardship and an important corollary to environmental concerns.

## A HABITAT RECYCLING PROJECT AS BIG AS A HOUSE!

Habitat usually builds houses, but this summer we also demolished a house. The Evergreen United Methodist Church needed to make way for more parking and the eventual construction of a new church building. They asked Blue Spruce if we would take the small house next to their church building. Since it wasn't feasible to move the building, we took the building down piece by piece. Since this year's build was delayed we had time on our hands, so we switched from builders to recyclers. Habitat salvaged over \$4,500.00 worth of lumber which will be used in the building of this year's Habitat house in Kittredge. Many thanks to all the hard working volunteers who turned out to help.