



HEARTS FOR HOMES

The Heartbeat

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TRIVIA:

- Did you know that the name, logo design, and first donation for Hearts for Homes all came from within Liberty Christian School, where Susan Frank was employed for nearly 20 years?
- Hearts for Homes is the result of a vision given to Susan Frank over 20 years ago? God's timing is indeed perfect!

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Plans Underway for First Project

We are in hopes of starting our first project in late July or early August. We have identified a potential recipient, but details are still in progress. This means we are ready to begin accepting volunteer applications, as well as donated materials, supplies, and financial support. Volunteer applications may be found on our website. They may be faxed, mailed, or scanned and e-mailed to us. If you are unable to volunteer on our inaugural project, don't fret, there will be plenty more opportunities!

We have posted our initial "wish list" on page 2. If you

are interested in donating ANYTHING, please contact us. Not to worry, we **will** find a place to store any materials that are donated!



Typical work to be done on a Hearts for Homes project.

We are in the process of setting up our teams and team leaders, so please look at the volunteer opportunities on page 3. Specifici-

cally, we are in need of dedicated team leaders who are passionate about this type of ministry and are willing to take an active role in the operations of projects.

The months ahead are going to be very exciting, as I know the need to help our golden generation is great. Suffice it to say that probably everyone who reads this newsletter knows at least one person who would qualify for assistance. Please be bold and reach out to them to discuss this program, and then contact Hearts for Homes.

Website Up and Running

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of David & Tamara McLaughlin, our preliminary website is now up and running. We will be bringing the permanent website live within the next few

weeks. There is a lot of helpful material on the site, including homeowner applications and volunteer applications in PDF format. These forms will be upgraded to online forms on

the permanent website. In the future we will be posting upcoming projects, as well as pictures from completed projects. We hope you will find our website informative and helpful.

www.heartsforhomes.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Frank Susan is the founder and full-time director of Hearts for Homes. As a step of obedience and faith, she left her position at Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas, where she had been employed for nearly twenty years. Susan has a servant's heart and a love for home remodeling and repair. Those giftings and her love for people are vital to this ministry. Susan is married to Larry, and has two adult children and two grandchildren.

Eddie Lafuente Eddie is the pastor of Lifegate Church in Denton, Texas. He and his wife, along with their children, have been involved with church ministry for the past seven years. Prior to moving to Denton, Eddie served as associate pastor of Champions Church in Abilene, Texas. Eddie is very missions-oriented, and is excited to be a part of Hearts for Homes. Eddie is married to Beth, and has three children.

Martin Noto Martin has recently retired from Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas, where he served as upper school principal and social studies teacher for many years. He is a people-person and has a servant's heart. Martin has been an active member of the Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club for many years. Martin is married to Elaine, and they have five adult children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Don Pooley Don is the regional director of an IT solutions firm and recently moved to Denton, Texas, from Orlando, Florida. It was truly a divine appointment that brought Susan and Don together at a café in Argyle, Texas, after meeting on a cruise several years ago. Don brings vast knowledge and experience to Hearts for Homes, as he led the same type of ministry for three years in Orlando, Florida. Don is married to Jeannine, and has three adult children and three grandchildren.

Materials Needed

Since we are starting this ministry from the ground up, we are in need of many items. Until the necessary items are donated or we have funds to purchase them, we will be able to do many projects with our own personal tools, as well as volunteers' tools. Gently used or new items would benefit the ministry the most. We anticipate the tools getting lots of use, so they need to be durable. If you would rather donate gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Target, etc., that would be wonderful! Remember, all donations are tax deductible!

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| Hand Tools | Igloo Coolers | Extension Cords (heavy duty) |
| Power Tools | Air Compressor | Ladders (extension & step) |
| Paint Rollers/Brushes/Trays/Drop Cloths | Lawn Tools | Saw Horses |
| Paint Sprayer | Lawnmowers | Shop Vacuum |
| Work Tables for use at Project Sites | Dollies/Carts | Trash Cans |

Miscellaneous Items

Frequent Flyer Miles (to travel to Florida to meet with one of the ministries that wants to partner with us.)

Multifunction Printer for Office (comparable to Xerox Work Centre c2424)

Travel Trailer to House Clients Temporarily (for larger projects)

Trailer for Transporting & Storing Tools and Equipment

Volunteer Opportunities

Want to get involved?

If this outreach strikes a chord with your heart and you desire to be involved, please contact us about becoming part of one of the following teams:

Hammers & Nails — If you have a servant's heart, don't mind hard work, and enjoy fellowship with others, please contact us to join our volunteer work force.

Tool Boxes — If you have resources for home repair supplies and/or building materials and a giving heart, we invite you to partner with us in this very rewarding outreach as a member of our resource team.

Power Tools - If you desire to support this ministry financially, please contact us so we may share the details of our vision with you.

C-Clamps — Because we desire to do all things with excellence, we covet your prayers; so join our team of intercessors.

Tool Belts — If fund-raising is your gifting, we need your assistance to realize our potential.

Ladders — If you have contacts with any organization that currently provides services to the elderly, you will be an asset to our networking team to identify needs firsthand.

Volunteers are the essence of our ministry, and we appreciate the commitment and sacrifices that are made. If you feel that some facet of this ministry is for you, please take the time to complete a volunteer application on our website and mail, fax, or scan and e-mail the completed form to Susan Frank (contact information on page 4). There are opportunities for individuals, families, school groups, business associates, service organizations, and sports teams to volunteer. Remember that the Word tells us in James 1:27 to *look after the widows and orphans in their distress*. We believe a broad interpretation of the word *widows* translates to our older generation. That's what we are all about at Hearts for Homes. The older generation is very appreciative when others take the time to do things for them and spend time with them. We always come away feeling tremendously blessed after serving members of the generation that made us possible!

Keep in Touch

We covet your prayers and involvement with this ministry. Therefore, you will remain on the mailing list unless you ask us to remove your name. If you wish to be removed from the subscriber list, simply send an e-mail to susan@heartsforhomes.org (be sure to include your name). Feel free to forward this newsletter to friends, family, and business associates whom you think would be interested in our outreach. Please have them contact us to be added to the permanent subscriber list. Don't forget to let us know if your e-mail address changes.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Hearts for Homes is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation established as a Christian outreach to provide assistance to the aging population in the areas of housing repair, rehabilitation, and construction, as well as meeting the needs of their everyday existence. Our goal is for the aging population to enjoy their latter years in a home that is well-functioning and comfortable.

Having a heart for Him and a heart for homes...



Letter from the Director

I would like to begin by thanking all of you who have been praying for Hearts for Homes. We have felt the prayers, as God has literally been throwing open doors over the past two months. It has been incredible, and I know He has big plans for this ministry. We have already been contacted by two other ministries about partnering with them in the future. I will keep you informed of the status of that.

June has been a busy month with taking care of many foundational details. We now have an office set up, bank account set up, non-profit status confirmed, and initial contacts made with several area agencies. We published our first brochures during June and have

been using those with presentations to area agencies, churches, and organizations. The ball is really rolling!

I look forward with great excitement to our first project later this summer. I hope many of you will be involved with this monumental event!

There are several people I would like to personally thank for their tremendous support:

My husband and family—They have stood beside me with prayers and lots of patience. I am truly blessed.

David Martin—For his amazing techy knowledge and servant's heart. He is never too busy to help when I ask.

David McLaughlin—For his many hours of designing and working on our initial website.

Brandon Graham—For his talented artistry in designing our logo.

Liberty Christian School & Rodney Haire—For loving me through the years and enabling me to follow God's lead in this venture. In addition, thank you for allowing us to print our media brochures at the school. What a blessing!

Our Board of Directors—What a Godly group of men. I am looking forward to serving with them in this vital ministry.

Until next time...having a heart for Him and a heart for homes...



Susan Frank