



## HEARTS FOR HOMES

# The Heartbeat

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1ST & 3RD  
SATURDAY  
WORK DAYS  
WILL RESUME  
IN JANUARY.  
WE ARE  
HANDLING  
EMERGENCIES  
AND WINTER-  
RELATED  
ISSUES DURING  
THIS TIME. WE  
WILL SEND OUT  
PLEAS FOR  
HELP FROM OUR  
VOLUNTEERS  
AS WE NEED  
THEM. THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
FLEXIBILITY.

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## First *Make A Difference Day* a Huge Success

Hearts for Homes joined millions of volunteers nationwide who participated in the 14th annual Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 28. The day is the largest community service effort in the nation, rallying corporations, government leaders, charitable organizations and everyday Americans into action on one day. Created by USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with Points of Light Foundation, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

Hearts for Homes completed three projects with the assistance of over 100 volunteers. Numerous companies donated services, materials, and foods. Please review our sponsors on page 5, and return the favor by supporting their businesses.

Our initial and largest project (Testa home) was an all-encompassing effort to clean up this 79 year-old lady's home and yard. She has been incapacitated since breaking her hip four years ago, and her home has fallen in a state of general disrepair. Various repairs were performed ranging from repairing broken door handles, repairing and replacing kitchen cabinet

doors, repairing a ceiling fan, replacing some rotted siding, and replacing a ceiling fan. In addition, our volunteers built a PVC frame for a new pool cover that would elevate the cover and allow rain to run off instead of standing, which has created a haven for mosquitoes (and West Nile virus). The kitchen was a scary site because it appeared that it may not have been cleaned in years. Our volunteers emptied all the kitchen cabinets, cleaning and disinfecting the cabinets before returning freshly washed dishes and food items to the cabinets. The yard clean-up resulted in a pile that stood approximately five feet high and measured about 15 feet by 20 feet. Volunteers at this site included the Texas Woman's University softball team, Texas Woman's University gymnastics team, Texas Woman's University Helping Hands, Greater Lewisville Cares, St. Paul Lutheran Church, The Village Church, Special Olympics, and Liberty Christian School, as well as a number of individuals.

Our second project (Bruce home) was a general yard clean-up for a 77 year-old Denton resident. Much debris was scattered about the yard. Many trees were overgrown and required extensive cutting. All brush and debris filled a 6x15 foot dump-bed

trailer. This project was completed by the Liberty Christian School Builders Club (middle school service club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club), Liberty Christian School Spanish National Honor Society, and Lutheran Students Association (University of North Texas/Texas Woman's University). Susan Frank stopped by to see Mrs. Bruce after working at the Testa project site all day. She greeted Susan with a bear hug exclaiming, "Come look at this yard of mine. Doesn't it look beautiful? People have been driving by all day and wondering what was going on. I'm so happy to have a nice yard now."

Our third project (Herod home) was an interior and exterior paint job for a 69 year-old Denton resident. Tammy, Alex, and Abran Alvarado of Alvarado Pro Painting guided the University of North Texas men's track team and Texas Woman's University basketball team in this large undertaking. As Susan Frank drove up at the end of the day, Mrs. Herod called out, "I love it, I love it. Come inside and see what they have done. I just love it all!"

**God gets all the credit for an amazing day!**

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2006

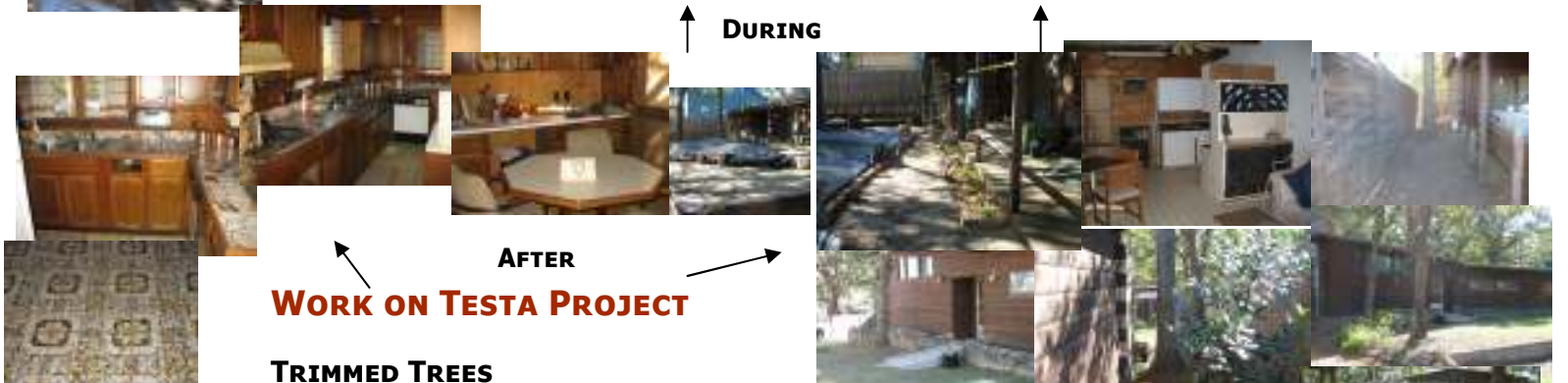
## TESTA PROJECT HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS



↑ BEFORE



↑ DURING



← AFTER

### WORK ON TESTA PROJECT

- TRIMMED TREES
- CLEANED YEARS OF BRUSH GROWTH
- MOWED & RAN WEEDATER
- RAKED LEAVES
- COMPLETE YARD CLEAN-UP
- BUILT FRAME & REPLACED POOL COVER TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES
- THOROUGHLY CLEANED & DISINFECTED KITCHEN
- COMPLETE CLEAN-UP OF OUT-BUILDING
- REPLACED & REPAIRED CEILING FANS
- CLEANED ADHESIVE RESIDUE FROM TILE FLOORING



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2006

## BRUCE PROJECT DENTON, TEXAS



**BEFORE**



**DURING**



**AFTER**



**WORK ON BRUCE PROJECT**

**TRIMMED TREES**

**MOWED & RAN WEED EATER**

**RAKED LEAVES**

**COMPLETE YARD CLEAN-UP**



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2006

## HEROD PROJECT DENTON, TEXAS



↑ BEFORE ↑



↑ DURING ↑



↑ AFTER



**WORK ON HEROD PROJECT**  
**SCRAPED EXTERIOR TRIM**  
**PAINTED EXTERIOR TRIM**  
**PAINTED INTERIOR**



# God-Ordained Networking Contacts

Through a series of networking contacts that can only be explained as God-ordained, Hearts for Homes has received numerous donations and is in a favorable position to receive many more. Please join us in praying for God's favor and man's favor in the area of gift-in-kind donations and grants.

Board member and Development Director Martin Noto has been busy seeking gift-in-kind donations from local and national businesses. We currently have applications pending with Wal-Mart, 84 Lumber Company, Home Depot, and Lowe's. Some of these companies give set amounts, while others give ongoing and increasing amounts. If you have a company or know of companies that would be willing to make gift-in-kind donations, please contact Martin at [martin@heartsforhomes.org](mailto:martin@heartsforhomes.org).

Our grant writer, Nancy Franke, has been busy researching and preparing grant applications over the past several months. She submitted our first formal grant proposal on Tuesday, October 31, to the Flow Foundation. In addition, she will be submitting proposals in the near future to the Meadows Foundation and others. If you know of foundations whose area of interest falls within our scope, please contact Nancy at [nancy@heartsforhomes.org](mailto:nancy@heartsforhomes.org).

James Lee, the volunteer coordinator at The Village Church, put Hearts for Homes in contact with World Vision. Most all of us are aware of what World Vision has done overseas with their "adopt a child" program for many years. However, they have an amazing program here in the United States for ministries that partner with them to receive gift-in-kind donations through their Storehouse program. World Vision has over 400 major corporations that donate their surplus materials to them. They, in turn, make those surplus materials and goods available to their ministry partners. We are proud to announce that Hearts for Homes is World Vision's first building materials ministry partner out of their Dallas Storehouse. God has already blessed us richly with the materials that we have received from World Vision.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY SPONSORS**

**Thank you; we couldn't have done it without you!**  
**Please join us in supporting these awesome businesses.**

**ABC Pest & Lawn (DFW)**  
**Alvarado Pro Painting (Lewisville)**  
**Chili's (Denton)**  
**Classic Roofing - Mike Briscoe (Denton)**  
**El Guapo's (Denton)**  
**Gohlke Pools (Denton)**  
**Jeff Little Properties (Bartonville)**  
**Keep Denton Beautiful**  
**Liberty Christian School (Argyle)**  
**Moore Plumbing Supply (Denton)**  
**On the Border (Denton)**  
**Potenza Promotions - Laura Hulke (Corinth)**  
**Superior Floors - Michael Cline (DFW/Austin)**  
**World Vision**



*God's love in action*

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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.*

## Letter from the Director

Wow, I'm not sure where to begin telling you about the past four months. God's presence has been so evident in the day-to-day operations of this ministry. I must give Him the glory for all the things that have taken place in this short period of time. The word has spread like wildfire about Hearts for Homes. Numerous partnerships have been formed over the past few months, and we have been contacted by various agencies regarding referrals (including SPAN, Area Agency on Aging, City of Denton Community Development, City of Denton Code Enforcement, Keep Denton Beautiful, Denton County Adult Protective Services, Denton Senior Center, American Legion Senior Center). I was interviewed by Dr. John Paul Eddy on his cable television program, which will air every Tuesday and Thursday evening during November at 6:00 p.m. I have a meeting scheduled on November 2

with the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) staff, which I feel will be very fruitful because our senior citizens make some of the very best volunteers.

I am excited to announce that Tim Beaty Builders has donated a box truck with a lift gate to Hearts for Homes. It's an older model truck, but will serve our purpose well. We will be equipping the interior of the box with storage containers, a work bench, etc. If you are interested in sponsoring our truck by donating toward the expense of getting it in top running condition (replacing the tires, painting the exterior, etc.), please contact me. We will be happy to have your individual/business name added to the exterior of the truck as a proud sponsor of our ministry.

Because the physical needs of our seniors are so great, we, in turn have a great fi-

nancial need to meet even a portion of the needs. I know that we are coming into the holiday season, but I would ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this very beneficial outreach. As we approach the winter months, we are seeing many people who have plumbing and heating issues, and no financial means to take care of their needs. Will you be an instrument of change in the lives of these older residents?

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I pray that you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I praise God constantly, for He is an amazing God! Until next time...having a heart for Him and a heart for homes...



*Susan Frank*