



HEARTS FOR HOMES

SCHEDULED
WORK DAYS
ARE THE
1ST AND 3RD
SATURDAYS
OF EACH
MONTH.

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The Heartbeat

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Counting Our Blessings

After recently celebrating the one year anniversary of the first Hearts for Homes board meeting on April 14, we have been reflecting on the blessings that God has bestowed upon us during this inaugural year. In doing so, the words of the old hymn, *Count Your Blessings*, continually come to mind:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God hath done! Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will **surprise** you what the Lord hath done.*

The blessings that God has poured out upon our ministry have definitely been surprising. However, we really shouldn't be surprised since we asked Him to bless this ministry from the beginning. Is it our small faith or just our finite minds that cause us stand amazed when God delivers what we ask?! Anyway, as we name our blessings one by one, we realize just how blessed we are at Hearts for Homes. Take a look at this list (although it is far from a complete list) of blessings and see if you don't agree!

1) Immense favor from the family at Liberty Christian School when

Susan announced her departure last year. The name, logo, and first donation all came from LCS.

2) Thanks to Bob Lindsay and Bill Williamson of B&B Rig Drilling, we have been blessed with donated warehouse space.

3) We have been embraced by all agencies that we have approached, resulting in many successful partnerships.

4) The number of churches who desire to partner with us is growing daily. They are not only partnering by supplying volunteers, but also financially. Currently, The Village Church (Highland Village), Lifegate Church (Denton), St. Andrew Presbyterian (Denton), and St. Paul Lutheran (Denton) all support Hearts for Homes on a financial basis. Will your church join the growing list to support this vital ministry?

5) Denton Homebuilders Association recently honored us with financial support.

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Blessings

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6) We were able to bless a 96 year-old lady (who still lives by herself) with a new roof in December at absolutely no cost, thanks to GAF Materials Corporation (donation of shingles) and Classic Roofing (donation of labor and other materials). Thank you, GAF and Mike Briscoe, for making this Christmas blessing possible.



7) Mikel Curry called to donate a 30" gas range just days before Susan assessed a home for a heating problem; and the homeowner informed her that the oven had not worked in a very long time. God's timing is impeccable! What a Christmas surprise for this precious lady!



8) A donor gave \$400 before Christmas to purchase Kroger gift cards for some of our neediest benefactors.

9) Savannah Elementary held a food drive before Christmas and donated all the proceeds to Hearts for Homes to distribute to our benefactors.

10) Tim Beaty Builders donated a 24' box truck with a lift gate. This brings to fruition part of the initial vision that God gave Susan 20 years ago, when she saw a box truck with the name of the ministry on the side.



11) Superior Floors donated a 2002 Nissan Altima, which we sold very quickly. This allowed us to invest in some needed tools, as well as put money into some major projects.



12) United Services of Texas donated a 1993 Chevrolet pickup with a utility bed. This is an amazing help for transporting tools to/from project sites.



13) Carolyn Ray donated a 1996 Ford Explorer, which was sold and the funds poured into projects.



14) A number of companies in the building trades (Moore Plumbing Supply, Miller & Miller Plumbing, Superior Floors, Cashion Custom Homes, Home Depot Denton, Tim Beaty Builders, Classic Roofing, and Jeff Little Properties) have given us discounted or free goods and services.

15) Two promotional companies, Potenza Promotions and Red Roof Ventures, have been very generous with donations of t-shirts, magnetic door signs for our work truck,

and name badges for our volunteers and board members.

16) Since starting projects in August of 2006, we have had 65 work days to assist 30 families, logging more than 2,000 volunteer hours.

17) Several local restaurants (Chili's Denton, On the Border Denton, and El Guapo's) have all donated meals for work days.

18) We received monetary donations of \$13,000 and gift-in-kind donations in excess of \$45,000 in 2006. Halfway through 2007, we have received over \$14,000 in monetary donations and \$34,000 in gift-in-kind donations. And we have not even held any fundraisers yet!

The list goes on and on! As we enter our second year, we cannot help but be overwhelmed with thanksgiving. Our God indeed is a generous God! With a beginning like Hearts for Homes has experienced, we anticipate with great excitement what He holds in our future! Won't you join us for this exciting ride?

Introducing New Board Members

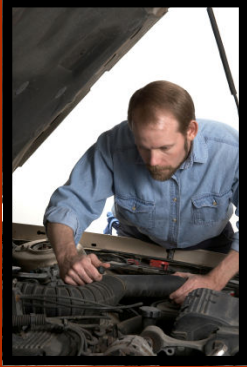
Since our last newsletter, we have added two executive board members and two advisory board members. Nancy Franke and Carolyn Ganzer are new members of the executive board, while Michael Cline and Bettye Myers are new members of the advisory board. These godly individuals bring much wisdom and unique giftings to the board. This board of directors is truly a blessing!

Nancy Franke — Nancy is a recreation specialist at the Denton Senior Center. A graduate of the University of North Texas, she has a long-time love for serving seniors, having previously worked at Ann's Haven Hospice and Lewisville Senior Center. Nancy is married to Arthur, and has two children and five grandchildren. She lives in Krum and is a member of Krum United Methodist Church. Her involvement with Hearts for Homes is a way of serving and thanking God for her many blessings.

Carolyn Ganzer — Carolyn is a paralegal with the firm of Gregory and Connor in Denton. She has a heartfelt desire to see the needs of people met, whether it be in her workplace, church or in the community. She is the #1 prayer warrior for Hearts for Homes. In Carolyn's words, "I can pray any time, any place, and cover the ministry in prayer, lift up the board members, volunteers, clients and the needs at any time, any hour. This ministry fits me wonderfully." A lifetime resident of Denton, Carolyn is married to Randy and has two daughters. She is an active member of Lifegate Church, where she serves in the women's ministries.

Michael Cline - Michael is the owner and president of Superior Floors, LLC in Coppell, Texas. He founded Superior Floors, LLC in 2000 with the vision to provide exceptional service with competitive pricing for the multi-family market. Michael and his wife, Audrey, have two sons who attend Liberty Christian School. They had been praying for several months for God to present them with an opportunity for their business to be able to give back to the community, and then received Susan's initial letter about Hearts for Homes. They knew immediately that God had answered their prayers! Today, Michael is committed to providing the flooring needs for Hearts for Homes in addition to soliciting contributions from various business owners in the multi-family market. Michael and his family attend Fellowship Church in Grapevine.

Bettye Myers - Bettye Myers, Ph.D., is a Professor of Kinesiology at Texas Woman's University. At 81 years of age, Bettye says that "she will continue teaching until it is no longer fun." Bettye is a very dynamic leader with a servant's heart. She has served on the board of directors for many non-profits in the Denton area, some of which include United Way, Denton City/County Day School, Cross Timbers Girls Scouts, and AIDS Services of North Texas. Because of her vast experience in the non-profit world, she has served as a personal mentor to Hearts for Homes Director Susan Frank. This mentorship spans over thirty years, as Bettye was one of Susan's college professors. As an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Bettye has also served in many capacities there.



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e-mail
susan@heartshomes.org
to
adopt-a-truck!

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!**



September 17
**Fellowship on the
greens as we raise
some green!**



October 20
**Boots 'N Bags Benefit
Dinner & Auction**



ADOPT-A-TRUCK

Hearts for Homes was recently donated two trucks, which are wonderful assets for the ministry. However, they are in need of some mechanical and paint/body repairs for peak performance. We would like to offer you the opportunity to “adopt-a-truck.” You may either make a monetary donation or contribute the actual work on the vehicle.

**1993 Chevrolet 3/4
Ton Pickup with Utility Bed**

Needs: 1) Driver door repair — door is loose and does not close properly. 2) Dents repaired on passenger door and front quarter panel, and exterior paint job.



**1970 International 24'
Box Truck**

Needs: 1) Mechanical repairs—truck has been in storage for several years. 2) Minor body repair & exterior paint job



Upcoming Events

God has blessed Hearts for Homes through the generosity of our donors during our first year. As we enter our second year, we have plans for two fundraising events in the coming months. Please mark your calendars for these dates and plan on becoming involved. We will need lots of hands on deck to make them successful events. We will be publishing more information in the near future. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you are ready to get involved.

Monday, September 17
Mountain Movers International (MMI) has invited Hearts for Homes to team up with them for their annual golf tournament. Proceeds will be split between the two ministries. We are seeking players, sponsors, and volunteers for this 4-person scramble to be played at Oakmont Country Club in Corinth. We look forward to a lot of fellowship on the green as we raise some green for MMI and Hearts for Homes. To learn more about MMI, please visit their website at www.mountainmovers.org.

Saturday, October 20—
We are very excited to announce our first benefit dinner and auction, Boots 'N Bags. We will be auctioning Boots and Bags from area dignitaries and celebrities, as well as recognizing our amazing volunteers and donors. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from people who are involved in all facets of Hearts for Homes - from volunteers to donors to recipients. We guarantee that it will be a memorable evening. We are currently seeking event and table sponsors, as well as individuals to help plan this big event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are actively seeking individuals who have a heart for serving seniors. We are looking for those who can commit to volunteer on an ongoing basis, as well as those who can serve only intermittently. Retirees make wonderful volunteers. You may have parents, grandparents, neighbors, or friends at church who have a giving heart and might like to volunteer with us. Please help us broadcast the news! If interested in serving in any of the areas mentioned below, please contact Susan Frank, at 940.380.0563, or susan@heartsofhome.org.

Administrative Assistant – Answer phones; assist with scheduling of projects; assist with bookkeeping. Proficient computer skills helpful. We have a specific need for someone who has a knack for publishing newsletters!

Project Coordinators & On-Site Project Leaders – Work with executive director to assess homes in need of repairs and oversee repairs on project days. General construction and/or handyman knowledge required.

Project Volunteers – Work on-site doing home repairs. Projects range from yard clean-up to painting to plumbing to roofing to electrical work (and anything in between)! Skilled and unskilled workers welcome, but we never have enough of the skilled!

Fund Raising – Work with committee members in creating and carrying out fund raising projects.

Special Events Coordinators – Work with committee members to plan and carry out various special events such as promotional events and recognition banquets.

Food Preparation - Purchase/prepare food for volunteers on work days, and deliver to project sites

WISH LIST

AS THE MINISTRY GROWS, THE NEEDS ALSO GROW. MANY TIMES, WE HAVE SEVERAL PROJECT SITES OPERATING AT THE SAME TIME, REQUIRING DUPLICATES OF MANY ITEMS. WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW OR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD PURCHASING THE ITEMS.

HAND TOOLS (STANDARD & METRIC)	CORDLESS POWER TOOLS	LUMBER (TREATED & UNTREATED) FOR PROJECTS (2x4's, 2x6's, 2x8's, 3/4" PLYWOOD)	ROLLING TOOL CHESTS (FOR TRANS- PORTING POWER TOOLS)
TOILETS & BATHROOM SINKS	KITCHEN FAUCETS	SHOP VACUUMS	STEP LADDERS
ROLLING COOLERS (FOR DRINKS & FOOD)	FOLDING WORK TA- BLES (LIGHTWEIGHT WITH PLASTIC TOP)	WHEELBARROWS	LAWNMOWERS (PUSH & RIDING)
GAS POWERED LAWN TOOLS	DUMP BED TRAILER	DOLLIES/CARTS	PAINT (WHITE EXTERIOR & NEUTRAL INTERIOR COLORS IN SEMI- GLOSS LATEX)



God's love in action

**Executive
Board of Directors**

**Susan Frank
Nancy Franke
Carolyn Ganzer
Eddie Lafuente
Martin Noto
Don Pooley**

**Advisory
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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

First of all, please accept my apologies for this most recent edition of our newsletter being late by several months. We have been extremely busy over the past few months and I'm sorry to say that I've neglected getting the newsletter published. I will definitely do better in the future!

It's hard to believe that Hearts for Homes has now been in full swing for over one year. I continue to be amazed at what God has done in one short year. We are indeed a blessed people!

I would like to personally thank all of you who prayed for me, sent e-mails

and cards, called and visited during my recent hospitalization. I am truly blessed to know you and call you **friend**. I spent several weeks recovering and regaining my strength at home. I'm now feeling great and back in the swing of things.

I would like to personally invite you to volunteer with Hearts for Homes. As outlined on page 5 there are many opportunities to serve. Helping our seniors is such a worthwhile and rewarding area of volunteer service. You literally will be "bit" after serving just one time. It's a blessing like none other. I know that everyone has busy schedules, but I would encourage you to carve out some time to join us. I can guarantee that you won't be

disappointed!

Don't forget to put September 17th and October 20th on your calendars for our upcoming fundraising events. We will need lots of help to make them a big success. We will be contacting folks to serve on committees, but please don't wait for an e-mail or phone call if you desire to serve.

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

