

Sisters Habitat hosts National Women Build

Sisters Habitat volunteers and future Habitat homeowners will work alongside a construction crew of women from our community during Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week, May 9-13. Women from Sisters are invited to devote at least one day to building decent and affordable housing for local families.

More than 17,000 women, including Lowe's Heroes volunteers, are expected to volunteer at construction sites across the country as part of Habitat's 2017 National Women Build Week.

Sisters Habitat's Construction Manager Darleene Snider will lead the team of women volunteers at the Village Meadows subdivision (corner of McKinney Butte Road and Desert Rose Loop). This is her fourth year as a team leader and she is excited to work with women in the community landscaping two homes and working on construction on another.

"I'm always amazed at the excitement and enthusiasm this event brings to the work-site. Everyone is eager to help and we have a lot of fun, too," she said.

Future homeowner Sharyn

Benson will be out on the job-site as well.

"I can't wait to work alongside some old friends and make new friends as we help build my house during Women Build Week," she said.

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"It takes a village to put on a big event such as this," said Marie Clasen, Sisters Habitat's Volunteer and Family Services Manager.

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Lowe's helped launch National Women Build Week

in 2008 to empower women to advocate for affordable housing and spotlight the homeownership challenges faced by many. Each year, Lowe's provides the support of their employee volunteers.

"Through our partnership with Habitat and support of National Women Build Week, Lowe's empowers women to get involved in their communities, learn construction skills and make a meaningful impact," said James Frison, Lowe's director of community relations. "We're grateful to all the women in Sisters who will volunteer this week to help build decent and affordable housing."

Interested volunteers can register for a 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. shift during build days May 9-13. Those who volunteer are asked to attend an orientation on Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Sisters Library. On Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to noon a clinic on "How to Safely Use Power Tools" will be offered. To register for these events contact Marie Clasen at marie@sistershabitat.org or 541-549-1193.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Women will help Sisters Habitat build new homes.

CORRECTION

The column "An incendiary telegram sends Americans 'Over There'," *The Nugget*, April 5, stated that Woodrow Wilson was the first sitting president to leave the U.S. That is not correct.

Wilson was the first to travel to Europe and to leave the U.S. for an extended period of time, but Theodore Roosevelt visited the Panama Canal construction site in 1906 and William Howard Taft visited Mexico briefly in 1909.

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