

Habitat Housecalls

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The Monthly eNewsletter from Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley



Dear ,

Habitat Silicon Valley's pipeline for 2010 is an exciting one. We will raise the walls on the Morgan Hill homes next month, and begin a single home in San Jose in the spring. In the fall, we will select four new homeowners for the Cupertino build and anticipate breaking ground on their homes by this time next year.

We have high hopes for the coming year and wish you a very happy new year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. J. Simmons".

Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director

Final Santa Clara Homeowner Selected

After a four month application process, the Family Selection Committee confirmed the final homeowner for Gianera Street in Santa Clara! Eliza Riley was selected homeowner for a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom condominium equipped with wheelchair accessibility features.

Eliza was born with Cerebral Palsy and is a community advocate for people with disabilities. She works with a diverse group of people to help them in their career paths as a Disability Navigator for the City of Sunnyvale. Eliza is well-regarded within the community and participates on numerous city and county boards that support persons with disabilities, accessibility issues and employment.



"Eliza is a giving, proactive, positive force in her family and community," noted the Family Selection Committee. "She would

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Hearts and Homes
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
8:30 am - 9:30 am



Join us for a one-hour introduction to our program, services, and families. Learn more about our affiliate and ways that you can get involved!

Click on the invitation above to RSVP, or check out our website for more details.

CafeGive Launch Party
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm



Help Habitat Silicon Valley promote shopping online through our CafeGive profile! Join us on January 13 to

be a wonderful Habitat advocate, good neighbor, and fulfill her desire of being a positive example to others through home ownership.”

Eliza hopes that by becoming a Habitat homeowner, she can be an inspiration to other people with disabilities. Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley is pleased to have her as a positive new addition to our family.

Habitat Homeowner Preparedness Workshop, Coming Soon to Cupertino

In 2010, Habitat Silicon Valley will select four families for, and anticipate breaking ground on, a new project in Cupertino. In hopes of selecting all four homeowners by fall, Habitat Silicon Valley will host a workshop to help prepare potential applicants.



In the past, Habitat Silicon Valley has seen an unfortunate trend where families miss important qualifications that could have easily been resolved beforehand. In an effort to help more families qualify, Habitat has identified the major areas where families struggle to meet the requirements and has engaged agencies to provide counseling.

At the ‘Preparing for Habitat Homeownership’ workshop, potential homeowners will have the opportunity to receive specialized advice in the areas of employment, legal services, tax return reporting, credit and debt, each of which will better position them to qualify for Habitat homeownership.

The event is open to the community and will take place on February 22 at 6:30 pm at the Cupertino Community Hall, located at 10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Byer at ebyer@hfhsv.org or (408) 942-6444 ext. 311.

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