

# VHRP Volunteer Home Repair Program NEWSLETTER Fall 2003

## Expanding: East Harris County and Safer Home Program

RT Houston continues to focus considerable resources to expand the Volunteer Home Repair Program in Precinct 2 of East Harris County and to offer Safer Home Program modifications to more of our clientele.

Our 2004 Plan anticipates 275 exteriors restoration, up from 251 completed in 2003. Crew sponsors, both seasoned relationships and new organizations that have connected with RT Houston at Focus Lunch meetings, are offering crews to the VHRP in East Harris County.

The Harris County Housing Finance Corporation has given a grant of funds for RT Houston to demonstrate our ability to deliver emergency home repairs by contractors to our clientele primarily in Precinct 2.

This grant will positively impact the VHRP because houses needing repairs by contractors can be repaired and then connected with volunteer crews. Without funds to correct hazardous living conditions, we cannot assign a house to a volunteer crew.

We appreciate volunteer crews who deliver modifications in our Safer Home Program to the home they restore in the VHRP.

We invite feedback - constructive please - as we adjust to a rapidly changing community service environment and you sacrifice to serve clients in the VHRP and SHP.

## Mark Your Calendar 2004 SPRING & FALL PROGRAM DATES

Luncheon	February 24
Crew Commitment Deadline	March 19
Crew Leader Meeting	April 3
Work Day	April 17
Work Day	April 24
Rain Date	May 1

### SPRING 2004 WAREHOUSE HOURS

Thursday	April 15	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	April 16	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 17	7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday	April 23	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 24	7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### FOR MATERIAL RETURNS

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 to Noon
May 8 <sup>th</sup> (Rain Date)	9:00 to Noon

### FALL 2004 DATES

Luncheon	August 30
Crew Commitment Deadline	Sept. 17
Crew Leader Meeting	October 2
Work Day	October 16
Work Day	October 23
Rain Date	October 30

### WAREHOUSE HOURS

Thursday	October 14	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	October 15	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 16	7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday	October 22	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 23	7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### FOR MATERIAL RETURNS

October 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 to Noon
November 6 <sup>th</sup> (Rain Date)	9:00 to Noon

### February 24<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Tool Drawing

Joe Lira - Duke Energy  
Lee Denson - St. Lukes  
United Methodist Church  
Patty Davis - Parkway Properties, Inc.

## Thankful Homeowners

Thank you for making my house a *Southern Accent* and a *Home and Garden* house.

Thank you so much for painting our home. It's a JOY to come home. May the Lord bless each and every one of you that worked on it.

I want to thank each and every one of you who brought Joy into my life.

How do we show our appreciation? We feel so blessed for the repairs on our house. Please thank everyone involved. Somehow thank you is not enough. Being on a fixed income we cannot even afford small repairs, much less all you have done. We are so grateful. We pray everyone involved will be blessed as we were.

The volunteers were all friendly. They did a beautiful job. I am very happy with the results and I am still enjoying it. I was surprised by the landscaping and enjoy the plants. I would recommend PSI to anyone I know.

All the workers were very friendly and were really good steady workers. I thanked each one and would recommend PSI to my friends.

I thank God for the work done and the joyful spirit in which it was given. I will always be grateful that they came. Just having the young people around the house was a pleasure.

Thank you again.

*The volunteers worked on the home two Saturdays. They also offered me meals and drinks. The second Saturday they also brought me groceries. Volunteers were a Godsend. When I get unhappy-discouraged I go outside and look at my beautiful plants and flowers...*

I am very pleased with the work that these people did. Everyone was very nice and polite, and they seemed to enjoy what they were doing. My husband and I thank you very much.

## **Volunteer Spirit Award**

**Cate Ebbs**

*First Presbyterian Church of Houston*

## **Golden Hammer Awards**

**Michelle Covino**

*EDS*

**Richard Weiland**

*BP*

**Leslie Williams**

*H-E-B*

**Sam Glass**

*Second Baptist Church*

**Todd DeSchepper**

*Hewlett Packard*

**Bryan Richter**

*Exxon Mobil*

**Chris Friedersdorf**

*First Presbyterian Church  
of Kingwood*

## **FALL 2003 AWARD WINNERS**

### **SUSTAINING SUPPORT AWARDS**

LYONDELL CHEMICAL COMPANY  
THE HOME DEPOT

**Congratulations!**  
*Congratulations!*

**Fall 2003**

### **HEAVY HAMMERS (3 OR MORE CREWS)**

BP  
City of Houston  
EDS  
Episcopal High School  
Exxon Mobil  
Hewlett Packard  
Kingwood United Methodist Church  
Lyondell Chemical Company  
Second Baptist Church  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
The Home Depot

### **2003 Rebuilding Together Houston Volunteer Program Crew Sponsors**

#### **Companies**

AIG American General/AIG Valic  
Accenture  
Administaff  
Agrifos Fertilizer, Inc.  
Bank One  
Bayshore Medical Center  
Bowen, Miellette, & Britt  
Boy Scouts of America Troop #13  
BP  
BP Chemicals Chocolate Bayou  
CenterPoint Energy  
City of Houston – Controller &  
IT Dept.  
City of Houston – Mayor's Office  
City of Houston – Engineering  
City of Houston – Library Department  
City of Houston – Police & Public  
Works Department  
Cooper Industries, Inc.  
Duke Energy  
EDS  
Exxon Mobil  
FOB  
HEB  
Hewlett Packard  
JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Lyondell Chemical Company  
Merrill Lynch  
Paragon Engineering Services, Inc.  
Schlumberger  
Shell  
Southwest Bank of Texas, N.A.  
Sterling Bank  
Super Target  
The Home Depot  
Walter P. Moore & Associates  
Washington Mutual  
Western GECO

#### **Organizations/Schools**

AIA Houston  
Aspiring Youth of Houston  
Childress Foundation Academy @  
Northbrook High School  
Episcopal High School  
Peer Assistance & Leadership  
Presbyterian School  
Project Chrysalis Middle School  
Rotary Club of River Oaks  
St. John's School  
Sharpstown Leadership Academy  
Springwoods High School Student  
Council  
University of Houston Honor College

#### **Churches/Congregations**

Abundant Life Methodist Church  
Chapelwood Methodist Church  
Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic  
Community  
Faith Lutheran Church  
First Methodist Church - Pasadena  
First Presbyterian Church –  
Community Bridges  
First Presbyterian Church of  
Kingwood  
Immanuel United Church of Christ  
Kingwood United Methodist Church  
Lakewood Church  
Memorial Church of Christ  
Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church  
Second Baptist Church  
St. Cyril of Alexandria Church  
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
St. Peter's Methodist Church  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
St. Thomas Presbyterian Church  
Unitarian Universalist Churches of  
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Unity Church of Christianity

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