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Camp Pendleton Marines and Sailors to build park in San Juan Capistrano
“Habitat for Heroes and Foundations for Families™” neighborhood
More than 400 Marines and Sailors “Come Back to Give Back”

Santa Ana, CA, August 28, 2009 -- More than 400 Marines and Sailors from the 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group at Camp Pendleton will return to the *Habitat for Heroes and Foundations for Families™* development of homes under construction to install windows and build a park for the Habitat families.

The Marines and Sailors, most just back from a long deployment to Iraq, helped build these homes in June 2008 and are anxious to return to the site as they “Come Back to Give Back.”

When:

Time	Camp Pendleton Group	Activity	Lunch
Friday, August 28, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Officers Build Day Approximately 50 Officers and Senior Noncommissioned Officers	Install windows on five homes under construction.	Lunch will be provided by Two Guys Grilling, Dana Point, and sponsored by Bank of America.
Monday, August 31, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Marines & Sailors Build Day Approximately 120 Marines and Sailors	Begin work on the neighborhood park. They will plant grass, flowers & trees, and pour the foundation for a flagpole.	Lunch plans pending.
Tuesday, September 1, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 3:00	Marines & Sailors Build Day Approximately 60 Marines	Continue work on the park, plant grass, flowers &	Lunch will be sponsored by Parker

p.m.	and Sailors	trees, and pour the foundation for a flagpole.	Aerospace in Irvine.
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Marines & Sailors Build Day Approximately 100 Marines and Sailors	Continue work on the park, plant grass, flowers & trees, and pour the foundation for a flagpole.	Lunch will be sponsored by Eaton Corporation in Irvine.
Thursday, September 3, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 3 :00 p.m.	Marines & Sailors Build Day Approximately 100 Marines and Sailors.	Complete work on the park, plant grass, flowers & trees, and pour the foundation for a flagpole.	Lunch will be provided and served by the employees of Western Digital in Irvine.

Where: 24611 Calle Rolando
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Why: More than 200 Marines and Sailors from Camp Pendleton spent the week of June 24-27, 2008 building wall frames for four Habitat for Humanity homes in San Juan Capistrano. They completed that task well ahead of schedule, and on Friday, June 27, 2008 more than 50 Marines and Sailors from Camp Pendleton travelled to the Anaheim Habitat construction site to spend the day painting, digging trenches and performing many other construction-related tasks as they put the finishing touches on four homes under construction there. The Anaheim homes were completed and those families are now enjoying their homes.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Celebrating 21 years of changing lives and changing communities in Orange County.

134 houses built in Orange County

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, headquartered in Santa Ana, CA, is dedicated to ending substandard housing and building strong communities in Orange County. Habitat uses non-government donations of funding, materials, professional services and volunteer labor to build simple, decent homes which are sold to qualified low-income families for a 1% down payment, closing costs, and a long-term mortgage. Mortgage payments are recycled to build more Habitat homes. Habitat families contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity” to the program by building their own home, helping another Habitat family build a home, or working in some other area of the Habitat organization. Habitat for Humanity families and volunteers have built 134 homes in Orange County since 1988, and are currently building five homes in San Juan Capistrano, three homes in Yorba Linda, two homes in Fullerton and two homes in Westminster.

27 homes to be built in San Juan Capistrano

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County's *Habitat for Heroes and Foundations for Families*TM development of 27 homes at the end of Calle Rolando will be built in phases. The first four homes were completed and dedicated in July 2009. Construction continues on the next five homes, with an expected completion date of January 2010.

Funding for the land on which these homes are being built was donated by the City of San Juan Capistrano Redevelopment Agency. Funds for building these homes have been generously donated by The HTN Foundation; Bank of America Charitable Foundation; the Orange County Realtors Partnership, which consists of the Orange County Association of REALTORS®, Laguna Board of REALTORS®, and Newport Beach Association of REALTORS®; an anonymous donor; the Steve Tisch Foundation; Toshiba; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Parker Aerospace & Eaton Corp. Partnership; the Presbyterian Partnership; St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Dana Point; Hyundai Motor America; the Russell G. Van Cleve Family Foundation; and more than a thousand other local donors.

300,000 houses built worldwide

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat International has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. Habitat for Humanity International is currently the 10th largest homebuilder in the United States, according to [Builder OnLine](#) magazine.

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