

Dove Mountain REALTORS® help erect Habitat for Humanity home

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MARANA — A group of REALTORS® from the Dove Mountain office of Long Realty gathered at lot #147 to work at sheetrocking one of the newest Habitat for Humanity homes going up in Tucson. It was part of their contribution to help a family in need get a new home.

Long Realty Company has adopted this home and its real estate agents, staff and executives have all volunteered to help construct this home. It is part of an ongoing project supported by the Long Realty Cares Foundation.

Early on the morning of April 30, the Long Realty REALTORS® drove down I-10 to Craycroft and wound their way through to Camino de Alberque and lot #147 where the home is located. Hammers flying, the enthusiastic crew did their share of helping put the home together.

All gave up a morning of helping clients buy and sell homes to pitch in and do their part to assist a needy family into a new home of their own.

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent



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The agents lending a helping hand included Samantha Albright, Maria Anemone, Brenda Arwood, Laura DeLeone, Erica Finch, Rick McFeeters, Michelle O'Brien, Laura Reeb, Christy Tolman, and Tracey Yates.

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Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

Habitat has built more than 250,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. HFHI was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller along with his wife, Linda.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materi-

als, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

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Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor — sweat equity — into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

Throughout the world, the cost of houses varies from as little as \$800 in some developing countries to an average of nearly \$60,000 in the United States.

Habitat houses are affordable for low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale price. Mortgage length varies from seven to 30 years.

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