

November 23, 2009

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and now Christmas is almost upon us! Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the continuing opportunity to provide our programs during a time which has proven to be so turbulent for so many families in Inland Valley. Because of supporters like you, Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley continues to serve as a needed beacon of hope for those who seek improved living conditions and for those who strive for the dream of homeownership.

This has been a unique year for us. As an organization, we have shifted our new building efforts to those of rehabilitation and neighborhood stabilization. As a result, ten deserving families will receive the keys to their new homes early next year. In addition, we have expanded our repair and maintenance program, Helping Hands, as well as opened a second ReStore in Lake Elsinore. But while our program continues to expand, the need for affordable housing is at an all time high.

We continue to believe that decent shelter provides the foundation from which families can address other needs, and we are proud of our unique and holistic solution to transforming lives and communities. Providing decent, affordable housing in partnership with families who need it - and with so many individuals, groups, and organizations helping - is what our mission is all about.

We ask for your continuing support of our mission.

Blessings,

Gary Thornhill
President

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