NEW BOARD PRESIDENT ELECTED

With the recent passing of Board President Deacon Michael Ross, Father Richard Tardiff was elected as the new Board President for Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island.

Father Dick spent his early years in rural Maine. After graduating from the University of Maine, he set out for Alaska, where he worked in public education for twenty-five years. He met his wife Pamela in Nome, where they began careers that took them to over a dozen remote Alaskan villages.

Following retirement, he entered seminary, and was ordained a priest in the Episcopal church in 2005. He served congregations in Alaska and Maine before being called to Christ Church in Kealakekua. He retired once again in 2018.

Father Dick has been involved with Habitat for over twenty years, as a donor, volunteer, and member of the Board of Directors. He has enjoyed his work with the Faith Relations Committee, particularly the commitment shown by the various churches during the recent Blitz Builds.

In his new role as Board President, Father Dick envisions our affiliate as a leader in the effort to ensure that every family on Hawaii Island has access to decent, safe, and affordable housing.

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can support Habitat Hawaii Island. It’s really simple! Log into your account through smile.amazon.com and select Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island as your charity before you begin shopping. Any eligible purchases made through this website will result in a donation to Habitat! It’s a quick and easy way to support us whenever you are shopping on AmazonSmile!
On Saturday, May 11, the Annual Charity Walk is scheduled on Hawaii Island at the Waikoloa Resort. Since its inception in 1978, this great statewide fundraiser organized by the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association has raised over $32 million and helped hundreds of local charities, including Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island. With the funds received last year, Habitat was able to continue our work to build safe, decent and affordable homes for families in need on Hawaii Island.

**How can you help?** You can join our walking team and/or donate! Simply text HawaiiIsland27 to 71777. You will be sent a link to our charity walk page. Click on pledge to this team and select whether or not you want to join our walking team or donate. That is it!

It’s a fun day filled with great food and entertainment, and of course, a little exercise! For more details, contact Community Relations Manager Margo Takata at (808)331-8010 ext 106 or via email at margo@habitatthawaiianisland.org. The public is invited so tell your families and friends to join in the fun and raise monies for Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island!

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**MARCIA RAY ART STUDIO AT THE WAIMEA RESTORE**

Local Artist Marcia Ray recently opened her art studio at our Waimea ReStore. It is a place she is familiar with as she had transformed that space from a shed to her studio many years ago when it was part of a restaurant.

You will find an eclectic array of art in different mediums—mosaics, wood carvings, oil paintings and watercolors to name a few. Her most recognized work on the island are the beautiful murals at the Parker Ranch Center's food court. It brings to life the paniolo life in Waimea.

You will find Marcia at her studio Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. You can also contact her at Marcia.ray.art@gmail.com or follow her on Instagram at @Marcia_ray_studio. Website: www.marciaray.com
HOME IS KEY

Congratulations to the Kaupu-Alip Ohana who recently moved into their brand new home in Waimea.

Hale Ohana Aloha, a realtor-based program, has provided our families with kitchen essentials for their brand new home. Local realtors Debi Au (far right in the bottom picture), Romy Jacobson, and Rochelle Augustine created this program for Habitat in 2013. They believe the kitchen is the heart of the home and they wanted to provide the families with the essential tools needed for their new space. If you would like to donate to their group, please contact Debi Au at (808)345-9989 or online at www.habitathawaiisland.org/donate.

WOMEN BUILD 2019 A SUCCESS!

WOMEN CONNECT. WOMEN GIVE. WOMEN BUILD!

Women Build is an annual Habitat International program that encourages women to make a difference by working on a build in their community and to fundraise for Habitat’s build programs, too.

This year, Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island held their Women Build in Puna last month and assisted families affected by the eruption last year. Volunteers from WalMart -Hilo, HPM Building Supply and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenter’s came together and helped on projects that included cleaning up debris, building stairs, building a ramp, painting, and stabilizing an existing structure.

“Habitat is there to help families get their homes back to livable standards so they can move back. The great turnout at the Women Build helped us move forward in our efforts to do just that,” stated Adrienne Eisele, Family Services/Volunteer Coordinator for East Hawaii. If you would like to volunteer for future projects in that area, please contact Adrienne at (808)935-6677 or at adrienne.eisele@habitathawaiisland.org.
EASTER BLESSINGS
The Kona United Methodist Church continues their annual tradition of providing Easter Baskets for some of our partner families. Baskets were filled with items for an Easter feast, a gift card and other household essentials. Mahalo to Reverend Dr. Sunny Ahn and the KUMC congregation!

KONA COMMONS COUPON BOOK—FUNDRAISER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HAWAII ISLAND

Kona Commons will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary in June. Part of the celebration includes an anniversary coupon book with special deals from participating merchants. Habitat for Humanity was selected as one of the non-profit organizations that will be selling these coupon books. It will be sold at all of our ReStores in May. The coupon books will be only $5.00 and Kona Commons is donating 100% of all proceeds!

Mission Statement
Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Vision
A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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