

**To: Concom Members**

**Copy: DAHfH core volunteers**

Thank you so much for all you do to support Dallas Area Habitat! Whether you volunteer frequently, donate your precious dollars and/or support us in other ways, we greatly appreciate your continued involvement. You are making a difference!

Our July Concom meeting was held Tuesday July 17th. **Our next Concom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 14th.**

Your participation and your input in these meetings is critical to our efforts to continue to grow our core volunteer organization and improve the volunteer experience. Again, for those who are not able to attend our meetings, please send me your questions or concerns ahead of the meetings and I'll insure they are addressed.

### **Concom Chair Updates - Dave Fisk DAHfH News**

Dave Crawford (DAHfH CEO) kicked off our meeting with a sincere thank you to all of the core volunteers for all you do!

Dave provided some insights into plans for this fiscal year (began July 1st). Our Restore is doing great, providing good margin that is being used to support our mission. Plans are being made to reduce our build cycle time to reduce our costs. We are raising our home prices to align with market trends in the neighborhoods in which we build. With real estate prices increasing significantly in West Dallas, plans have been launched to sell our building and lease back a smaller space within the same building giving us the ability to reduce our debt while minimizing our rental costs. This year we will return to providing only zero-interest mortgages to our partner families and will work to reduce the closing time - Dave has a goal of seeing at least one dedication this year at which the family is able to move in that same day! And finally, depending on donation levels, our build schedule includes 29 volunteer built homes and 27 ABWK projects.

We have an exciting fund raiser planned for October 17th that includes Ivan (Pudge) Rodriguez as our guest speaker. I hope you will all consider joining us for what should be a fun event benefiting our favorite non-profit! Please also consider donating what you can to support our fund raising efforts.

### **Construction Update and "Training Topic" - Gail Misener**

Our last summer build day will be Saturday 7/28. Please be very careful working in this heat! In the Fall we have 10 houses on the build schedule ( 3 Magnolia, 4 Trinity, 1 Hawthorn, 1 Whitney and 1 Cypress ). We will have brick on the front walls only. And the really good news... no more sloped trusses!!!

We will be holding Core Volunteer Level 2 Training on Saturday 8/4 and Saturday 8/11, 8:00AM - 11:30AM both days. Gail will send a reminder out about the House Leader Refresher Training schedule.

In our Concom Training Session, Gail provided best practices for window installation (attached slides). Take a look! Thanks to Gail for continuing to document and present these reminders and best practices.

FYIs:

Many of you know that at one time we were building our homes to LEED standards. As we talk to sponsor volunteers on the build site we should clarify that we no longer qualify to LEED criteria but instead build to equivalent green and energy efficient building codes, including "Dallas Green Building", <https://dallasgreenbuild.com/>, "Energy Star", <https://www.energystar.gov/> and "TexEnergy", <http://us-ecologic.com/> standards. Gail also mentioned that we will be working to qualify for "Habitat

Strong Bronze" level which will require we begin taping seams in decking - this level provides lower repair costs and quicker move-back times for our homeowners should the house incur storm damage.

Gail is collecting quality concerns from warranty work and she will update us if changes or improvements are needed in the way we build. Staff is reviewing sponsor surveys and once enough feedback is collected they will pass the learnings on to the CVs.

Thank you very much for all you do to support Habitat!

Best regards and happy building!  
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