

Updates on our Partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver (HFHMD)

We had an amazing turnout at our Congregational Meeting back at the end of February, and most of you who could join us, showed your overwhelming support for our church to move ahead with a development agreement and land lease extension to HFHMD. And what a turnout we had with about 120 members in attendance! Thank you!

Well, we're moving ahead with the next steps mentioned in the presentation. These include community outreach, finalizing the language in the agreements and rezoning the Dakota Ave property for building the four duplexes. All of this will take several months to complete but with the help of HFHMD we have already made progress with the community outreach, first meeting with Amanda Sawyer (Councilwoman, District 5), who not only gave us her support, but some advice along with committing assistance from her office staff, if we needed.

Then we met with representatives of the Preservation of Residential South Hilltop Neighborhood Association Hilltop Association, which extends from just east of the church out to Monaco, between Alameda and Leetsdale. Their feedback was very positive and definitely in favor of this initiative, which they viewed as an overall improvement to the neighborhood.

But this isn't all we have going on with HFHMD! Coming up this May through July we have another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many hard-working families. Habitat for Humanity has created volunteer slots for us to sign up for in helping with building townhomes located in Aria Denver, just north of Denver's Highlands neighborhood. There are 28, two-story townhomes and duplexes being built and the following dates, times are available for us to sign up:

- Saturday, June 5th, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm
- Friday, June 18th, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm
- Saturday, July 17th, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm

Address:

Parking - 2791 W 52nd Ave, Denver, CO 80212

Site - 2813 W 53rd Ave, Denver, CO 80221

We also have an opportunity to help with a Home Repair, where we volunteer to spend a day at someone's home making exterior repairs which include replacing windows installing new siding, etc.

- Friday, June 25th, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Address:

4532 Sherman Street, Denver, CO

Please consider joining me on any of these fun and rewarding build events. No experience required and you will never be asked to do something beyond your abilities. Ages 16 to 106 are eligible. As a matter of fact, President Jimmy Carter still volunteers at 96. 😊

Please consider signing up directly at <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>, or contact me at michael_zumwalt@agilent.com

Thank you!

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