Habitat AmeriCorps Members Make a Difference

Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast honors the extraordinary impact the AmeriCorps members and alumni make on the MS Gulf Coast and across the nation every day. Their contributions and commitment to improving communities were celebrated during AmeriCorps Week, March 9-13.

Since 2005, HFHMGC has hosted 89 AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members serving in the Construction Department are Rae Billiot, Genie Talbert, Jordan Wood and Steven Bailey. Colby Shaw serves with the Client Services Department and Angela Thomas serves with the Volunteer Services Department.

Spring Break Volunteers Give Back During Time Off

Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast hosted 34 student volunteers this month while the students were on their spring break. The students are participating in Habitat’s year-round program called Collegiate Challenge.

Participating groups were:

- Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, with 10 students from March 2-6.
- Suffolk University in Boston with 14 students from March 9-14.
- St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, with 10 students from March 16-20.

Since 1989, young people ages 16 to 25 have chosen Habitat for Humanity’s Collegiate Challenge over a typical student break trip. This is the ninth year HFHMGC has participated.
Construction Update

Park Drive is a popular spot for construction. We have not only one, but two homes under construction.

The home at 353 Park Drive is well underway with interior painting in progress. Installation of trim, floors, doors and cabinetry will take place in the next few weeks.

The house at 357 Park Drive is in the very early stages, with the footings being placed so the foundation can be poured.

"Over The Edge" Tops 1,000 Supporters

Gov. Phil Bryant Ready to Rappel

More than 1,000 people are supporting our "Over The Edge" event. Edgers, donors, sponsors and others are committed to making this event in Mississippi a success.

The event will be the first of its kind in the state of Mississippi, so it seems a perfect fit that Governor Phil Bryant has agreed to rappel on Friday, April 17 along with media personalities and VIPs to bring exposure to the event. Joining Bryant will be Gulfport Mayor Billy Hewes, MS Gulf Coast Chamber CEO Kimberly Nastasi, Beau Rivage Executive Anthony Del Vescovo, Habitat CEO Chris Monforton and others.
Welcome New Staff

HFHMGC welcomes Nolan Corlett as a member of our Construction Supervisor team. Nolan served as an AmeriCorps member with HFHMGC from 2011-13. A native of Indiana, he has made the MS Gulf Coast his home, and we are happy to have him on board.

C Spire Challenge to Kick Off Gulf Resort Classic March 25

Professional golfer Jeff Maggert, defending champion of the Mississippi Golf Resort Classic, will attempt to guide a golf ball over a beachfront highway and hit an airborne target overlooking a new 10.5-acre waterfront entertainment space alongside the Gulf of Mexico.

The shot over the ultimate hazard will be attempted on Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. from the tropical pool deck of Harrah's Gulf Coast as part of presenting sponsor C Spire's "Blue Greens" Challenge sweepstakes to help kick off the 2015 PGA Champions Tour event.

Habitat Affiliate Conference in Atlanta

Several HFHMGC staff members will travel to Atlanta March 23-26 to attend the Affiliate conference. Over
2,000 Habitat staff and board members from around the world will come together to learn from each other and share best practices.

We wish safe travels to Chris Monforton, Steve Mitchell, Erica Higgs Bateman, Craig Langdon and Collette Poppendieck.

We know they will represent our affiliate well.

If Maggett hits the airborne target with a golf ball on at least one of his 10 shot attempts, C Spire will donate $5,000 to the Habitat for Humanity of the MS Gulf Coast, the tournament’s primary non-profit charitable beneficiary. In addition, a contestant selected in a random drawing will win a grand prize valued at over $15,700, including an LG G3 smartphone, one year of wireless service and a 2015 Yamaha VX Cruiser Wave Runner and trailer. Learn more here and visit one of 12 south Mississippi C Spire locations to register for the contest.

The 2015 Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic Presented by C Spire will take place March 27-29 at Fallen Oak in Biloxi, Mississippi.