

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generous response to our request last fall to contribute funds for the construction of Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity's Layne Hoppe House, the house was successfully completed as scheduled in late January.

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Normally at that point you would have been invited to attend a ceremony dedicating the house and presenting the keys to the new homeowner. Unfortunately, shortly before construction was completed, we encountered unforeseen difficulties in finalizing a mortgage with the prospective homeowner. Over the subsequent weeks we worked hard to try to resolve those difficulties, but finally concluded we could not proceed with selling the house to that party.

Last week, we offered one of our recently-selected Habitat partner families the opportunity to lease the Hoppe House while they work their sweat equity hours at our current construction site on North Bowie Street (the Jack Linden House) or at the ReStore. The family was very excited to have this opportunity and readily accepted the offer. We are now finalizing a lease agreement with them and they will occupy the house in the near future.

Once the family fulfills the sweat equity and other program requirements, we will sell the house to them and they will at last be able to realize their dream of owning their own home. When that day comes, we hope you will be present to celebrate with the family, and with Layne and his family, as we officially dedicate the Layne Hoppe House. We anticipate that will happen later this summer, but you will receive an invitation with all the details once the event is scheduled.

Layne and his family have been kept abreast of these developments along the way and are very understanding of the circumstances. We are grateful to them for their support of this project, with special gratitude, of course, to Layne for allowing us to honor him in this way for his many years of dedicated service to Habitat.

Again, thank you for helping make the Layne Hoppe House a reality, and we hope to see you at the dedication ceremony in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,



Pam Sagebiel
Board President



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