Soroptimist $5,000 Grant Report
March 15, 2021

Habitat for Humanity of Butte County is continuing our momentum with new construction growth moving up to Paradise in the burn scar area. We have purchased 8 lots in Paradise. We have completed the surveying, septic tank inspections, and are working on tree removal for 8 lots. Our next project is 3 homes on Garden View Lane and will start up in April. This will be our first time building in Paradise since the Camp Fire. We are continuing to accept lot donations. We anticipate building in Paradise for many more years.

The first 3 lots in Paradise will be 2-bedroom, 2 bath houses. The 3 families selected for these lots all have deep roots in Paradise and are Camp Fire survivor families. Two of the families are single moms with eleven-year-old boys and the other family is an adult son and his mom, who is deaf, and he is her caretaker. These families are looking forward to going back to their hometown where they will live, shop and go to school as well as being a part of rebuilding their town.

Our funding partners include: Paradise Rotary Foundation, Golden Valley Bank, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Town of Paradise, State Farm Insurance, Duckhorn Wine Company, Thrivent Financial Personal Donation Fund of in Faith Community Foundation, Lowell Foundation, Bank of America Foundation, Dodge & Cox, Tri-Counties, Omega Nu of Chico, Soroptimist International of Chico, GoFundMe, Mechanics Bank, Durham Rotary, Mar-Val Emporium Inc., North Valley Community Foundation and Butte Strong Fund.

Habitat is using innovative and fire-resistant materials for our Habitat Rebuilds in Paradise Project. Our partners will work with us to build with insulated concrete forms (ICFs) which maximize fire protection. This system will resist fire through the structural concrete core which won't weaken, warp, twist or burn, regardless of the heat. We will also be building with other fire resistance materials and creating defensible space. Our partners include National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA), A&A Concrete, Matthew's Concrete, Boral's Roofing, Uponor plumbing, Fox block, Helix, CalFlor, and Rebuild Paradise Foundation.