



TASC FORCE

TEAM ACTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity has been a frequent choice for our TASC Force teams across the country. I went to its website and learned the following:

1. Habitat's mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.
2. To accomplish these goals, people of all backgrounds, races and religions are invited to build houses together in partnership with families in need.
3. Currently, Habitat teams have built over 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.
4. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.
5. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans.
6. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Mark Baiz and his Irvine TASC Force team got together a couple of weeks ago to help with a Habitat project nearby. One of his team members, **Lana Nguyen** reports, "We chose Habitat for Humanity because it was something we could do as a group that was hands on and we could see the results of our hard day's work. Knowing that we were able to be a part of this family's dream to own their own home meant the world to us." Mark's 9-year old son Jake, a TASC Force veteran, also helped on the build. Mark says he loves to help out, and both dad and son agreed that it was OK to miss one day of school to help this family. From the photo shown here, it's clear that they all had a good time!



If other BJ's TASC Force teams are interested in becoming involved in this fantastic team-building program, please visit Habitat's website at www.habitatforhumanity.org and click on Get Involved.

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