Mayor Rick Moore Attends Open House to Welcome New Families to Payson City

Sixteen very happy families showed off their brand new homes at a double Open House with two ribbon cutting ceremonies on July 28, 2011. The Open House was held at the Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson, Utah where fifteen families built their homes along with one house built in the Morley Meadows Subdivision in Santaquin, Utah.

These sixteen families formed two groups and worked together for an average of seven months to complete the homes in each of their groups. Those in attendance not only had the privilege of walking through each beautiful Mutual Self-Help home, but were treated to a delicious barbeque provided by BMC West Building Materials. Children enjoyed time in the bounce house and free balloons. Congratulations to the following participating families: Group 31—Marco & Maria Castillo, Kenny & Kimberley Clark, Greg & Cassie Flint, Steven & Alisha Hatfield, Ryley & Shayle Linn, Michael & Carly Martin, Stephen & Aubree Roberts, Wes & Lori Truman and Group 32— Wes & Danielle Biutanaseva, Bret & Tiffany Chamberlain, Justin & Sarah Close, Dustin & Patty Magoffin, Cody & Cara Nielson, Jose & Sonia Rodriguez, Steven & Sandy Wall and Brian Warner. The completion of these sixteen homes brings RHDC’s total number of completed MSH homes in Utah and Wasatch Counties to 245.
The upcoming thanksgiving holiday season allows us time to reflect on the goodness of others that have generously given to the MSH Program. Special thanks to Ally Bank and United Way for their recent contributions. Thanks also goes to many RHDC partners that continue to donate to help families trying to achieve the American dream of home ownership.

Looking for a Great Place to Live?

If so, Rural Housing Development Corporation (RHDC) has found “just-the-right-place” for you! Since RHDC expanded it’s Mutual Self-Help (MSH) Program into Wasatch County in 2010, ten families have been able to build their own homes in Heber City. The completion of these ten homes has generated even more interest in this area. RHDC has purchased four more lots in Heber City in the Browning Subdivision to add to the two lots still available in the Silver Ridge Properties Subdivision. There are plans to start a new group of six families in the spring of 2012. RHDC has also recently purchased eight lots in Saratoga Springs in the Western Hills Subdivision. These eight lots have captivating views and easy access to both Salt Lake and Utah counties. If you are interested in building a new home with affordable payments in either of these two areas, don’t miss out. Contact us as soon as possible at 801-375-2205 for an application.

THANK-YOU!

BLOG...BLOG...BLOG

As RHDC tried to find a way to keep MSH Participants and their families and friends up-to-date on the houses they were building, the Construction Supervisors came up with a great idea. Now, anyone interested in following the construction of RHDC’s MSH homes can see a weekly update on a blog created for each group. Currently, RHDC has three different groups building a total of 22 homes. To see any of these 22 homes in varying stages of construction, you are invited to go to that group’s individual blog.

Group 33 is currently building nine homes in Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson and Morley Meadows Subdivision in Santaaquin. To see their progress, go to: www.rhdcgroup33.blogspot.com. Group 34 is currently building four homes in Silver Ridge Properties Subdivision in Heber. To see their progress, go to: www.rhdcgroup34.blogspot.com. Group 35 is currently building nine homes in Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson. To see their progress, go to: www.rhdcgroup35.blogspot.com. Why not join in the fun of watching these beautiful MSH homes being built from the ground up...in the comfort of your warm home!
2011 United Way’s Day of Caring Volunteers Help MSH Families

Special thanks goes to United Way’s Day of Caring Volunteers! On September 8, 2011, fifty volunteers converged on Winegar Estates Subdivision in Payson. They came prepared to help MSH families clear rocks, clean up, lay out walls, organize and sweep. Helping with these seemingly small tasks helped many MSH families in a really BIG way! Thank-you!

MEET THE CHAVEZ FAMILY

Benito & Deana Chavez have been married for 9 years and have 3 children...so far. They actually never thought they would be able to own a home. They had looked in to a traditional mortgage and knew that there was no way they could afford a house payment. They had heard about the Rural Housing program before but never felt that they were ready for it or that they could actually build a home. They thought it would be too hard to do. They had a friend who did the program and started telling them that they should do it, and that they COULD do it. Their friend told them that it wasn't that hard and it was such a great program. They decided to apply. Now that they are approved and in the program they are so glad that they did it. The hours aren't that hard to complete and they have learned so much. They also discovered that they really like building, something they weren't sure they would like. To quote Deana, “So far, this experience has been amazing. It's been exciting to see all the houses going up and learning skills we never thought we would have. It really is something that we look forward to doing each day. We are so excited to actually be able to say we are going to be a homeowner, and it's all because of this program.”
Tips to Prepare Your Family for Unexpected Emergencies

PART 1 OF 3

By their very nature, emergencies strike when you’re least expecting them. Every home should have an emergency plan that includes information about communications, evacuation, emergency supplies and an out-of-state contact. This will be the first of a three-part series of Emergency Preparedness Tips to help you begin preparing for the unexpected.

1. COMMUNICATIONS
Discuss preparedness with your family. Teach children how & when to use 911. Post emergency numbers near phones in your home. Identify an out-of-state contact.

2. EVACUATION
Determine two escape routes from each room in your home. Pick three places to meet—one right outside your home, one at a location in your neighborhood and a regional meeting place if you can’t return home.

3. MAKE A PLAN
*Water will keep you alive. If you have enough water, you can live on half of your normal food intake. Make sure to store at least one gallon of water per person per day. Store enough water to last two weeks. Rotate stored water every six months.

*Food can be rationed. Store at least a three-to-five day supply of non-perishable food in a dry place where the temperature is not above 70 degrees. Select foods that require little or no preparation, water or refrigeration. Select foods that are high in calories, nutritious, compact and lightweight. Choose foods your family will eat.

To be continued in next issue of Rural Housing Register.