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## The Volunteer Voice

The Volunteer Newsletter of Community Partnership for the Homeless

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Glen Oaks Corner Furniture Build, February 2009

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you so much for your generosity in volunteering with Community Partnership for the Homeless. Your efforts as volunteers help us realize goals that would otherwise be beyond our reach and make a real impact on the lives of the people we serve. Volunteers are an important piece of Community Partnership's mission to provide quality, safe affordable housing to build a stronger community.

## SPRING VOLUNTEER NEWS

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## GLEN OAKS CORNER

### READY FOR THE SPRING THANKS TO YOU

Community Partnership wants to say a big THANK YOU to over 80 volunteers who have helped beautify Glen Oaks Corner inside and out since October. After two furniture builds, a tree planting, and community garden day, our wonderful volunteers contributed 280 hours towards making Glen Oaks Corner a great place for our families.

#### **GLEN OAKS FURNITURE BUILD OCTOBER 2008**

Edward Tull - Casey Kasper - Kristina Machell - Christian Brown -  
Trace Hayles - Evan Sauer - Eli Garza - Matt Jones  
Kyle Strickland - Christopher Green - Jared Hill



Glen Oaks Corner Furniture Build, October 2008

In October, eleven volunteers came out, including seven from Brothers Under Christ, to build three housefuls of furniture--not an easy task. With all their help, we were able to finish up everything in three hours, leaving behind three beautiful houses ready for a new family to call home.

**GLEN OAKS CORNER TREE PLANTING NOVEMBER 2008**

Andy Barllay - Joseph Brentlinger - Aaron Burkin - Adam Burkin  
Michelle Dazo - Casey Kasper - Josh Korinek - Jonathan Miller -  
Sharee Miller - Casey Morgan - Allison Preslar  
Evan Sauer - Edward Tull - Ryan Verheyn



Glen Oaks Corner Tree Planting, November 2008

In November, our volunteer site beautification efforts began in earnest with 15 volunteers who planted trees on a chilly Saturday. After four hours of digging, hauling, and planting, Glen Oaks Corner had eighteen new trees--a contribution to the project for years to come. Thanks again to all the volunteers and to the Austin Rotary Club and Brothers Under Christ for bringing out groups.

**GLEN OAKS CORNER FURNITURE BUILD FEBRUARY 2009**

Adrienne Breaux - Anslee Connell - Ashley Elder - Frank Farkash  
Brian Garcia - Edgar Gonzalez - Chris Herbert - Kaye Herbert  
Steve Hernandez - Andy Jones - Kijana Knight - Adrian Maldonado  
Matthew Ostrowski - Jose Roque - John Schwoeble  
Galdino Villasenor



At the end of February, we had our final furniture build at Glen Oaks Corner, a four bedroom house that needed beds, tables, chairs, lamps, a crib, a couch, and more. With the AMAZING help of 18 great volunteers, we were able to finish all that furniture and clean the house in four hours! The volunteers had so much fun that one even documented the project in an online photo album. [Check it out.](#)

Our volunteers allow Community Partnership to make a greater impact in the local community. Be a part of this impact!

To volunteer, give Greg a call at 469-9130 or [email](#) him.

## COMMUNITY GARDENING DAY

### 58 VOLUNTEERS PITCH IN FOR CPH

On Saturday March 28th, Community Partnership held a volunteer gardening day and due to great support from individual volunteers and groups like Brothers Under Christ (BYX), UT Project Reach Out, the UT Business School, the UT Natural Science Council, UT Project Opportunity, H2O and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), we were able to do over 180 hours of work at Glen Oaks Corner and two homes in our Veterans Reentry Program.



Glen Oaks Corner Gardening Day, March 2009

At Glen Oaks Corner, volunteers planted six flower beds, a small herb garden, and prepared a site for a larger community garden.



Volunteers at a Veterans House, March 2009

Volunteers at the Veterans Houses put in a long afternoon of landscaping work, putting in pavers, tearing out pavers, putting in flowers and shrubs, and taking out dead branches and trees. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers for their HARD work and a special thanks to the committed UT students who came out from Tau Kappa Epsilon, Brothers Under Christ, and Project Reach Out.

### **COMMUNITY GARDENING DAY MARCH 2009**

Jennifer Bell - Michelle Bell - Vinay Bhat - Christine Braselton - Brent Bulger  
Aaron Burkin - Adam Burkin - Victoria Cano-Calhoun - Matthew Carlson  
Catherine Cramer - Diana DeGrate - Samantha Dutton - Ashley Elder - Shinetin  
Feng Felix Flores - Barry Forrest - Michael Frizzell - Zachary Gray - Kurt Green  
Mindy Green - Kate Grossman - James Hammond - Susannah Hansen - Jared Hill  
Sam Johnston - Matthew Jones - Sarah Jordan - Melissa Kwan - Henry Le  
Maren Lujan - Joseph Martini - Kristy Mckinney - Raquel Molina - Sarah Ng -  
Teresa Nguyen - Kimberly Norman - Tammy Parker - David Perez - Sam Peterson -  
Matthew Rao - Anthony Robinson - T.J. Robinson- Johnathon Rose - Andrea Rother  
- Juan Saenz - Jacob Sims - Marya Sokha -Rick Swan - Tam Tran - Ben Vial -  
Rachel Wellman - Dan Westfall - Emily Whitley - Bradford Wilson - Chris Woldstad -  
Christopher Wu - David Zelinsky

## **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

### **A CONTINUING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Every Thursday afternoon, Community Partnership opens the window of our food pantry to distribute canned goods, meat, fruits, vegetables, and more to those in need in our community. Volunteers are an integral part of this effort and we would not be such an effective resource were it not for the sustained commitment of Bo Boatright, and Hilda & Mike Mikan. In 2008, Bo, Hilda and Mike contributed almost 500 hours of service to keep the pantry well stocked and distributing food.

It is your continuing commitment to offer your time as a volunteer that has allowed us to serve 374 families and 636 individuals in the first three months of 2009 under the guidance of our new Property Manager Andrea Garcia.



CPH Food Pantry, March 2009

### ***INKIND DONATIONS***

Community Partnership accepts inkind donations of food, especially requested items that are difficult to find at the food bank like oil, jelly, eggs, ketchup, pork and beans, chili, canned spinach, cheese, and foods for diabetics.

Thank you to those who have donated food to us recently especially Victoria Goodman who has been providing fresh organic greens from her own garden--a tasty, healthy addition to our pantry.

To donate food, please contact Greg Esparza at 469-9130 by email at [gesparza@austinhomes.org](mailto:gesparza@austinhomes.org).

## **GET INVOLVED**

### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### ***LANDSCAPING DAY AT A VETERANS HOME***

Saturday April 18th at 1:00p-4:00p we will be picking up where the March volunteers left off to do some final work to finish up at two of our vet houses. This job will require a lot of lifting and digging so we are looking for 10-15 strong folks who can devote an hour of hard work to completing this job.

If interested, please contact Greg at 469-9130 or by [email](#).

#### ***SWEENEY CIRCLE GROUNDBREAKING EVENT***

On Saturday May 9th, Community Partnership will be having a

groundbreaking for our newest project at Sweeney Circle. We need some volunteers to help us before, during, and after this event to help clean up the site, help set up, help serve food, etc.

If interested, please contact Greg at 469-9130 or by [email](#).

### **INKIND DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

Our Clothes Closet (on the same site as the Food Pantry) is being utilized more in 2009 and, although we are well-stocked, we do have a specific need for clothes in larger sizes, new socks, underwear, undershirts and kids clothes. If you have any clothes that you would like to donate, please contact Greg at 469-9130 or by [email](#). (We apologize that we aren't able to pick up donations at this time; please deliver items to our office at 1503 South IH35.)

**A huge THANKS to you for volunteering with Community Partnership for the Homeless. We deeply appreciate your generosity and it makes a difference to the people we serve. We hope to have you volunteer with us again and we'll be sure to keep you informed about more upcoming opportunities.**

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