



From left to right, standing are Patricia Hedstrom, Melinda Flynn, Susana Cohen, Hilda Lee, Bennet Rheingold, Vicki Goorchenko, Cindy Wells, Cindy Uchida-Kawata, Jennifer Goorchenko, Susie Engstrom, Melissa Klassen, Won Na Ng, Lindsay Karbe, Betty Monroy (HFH GLA Partner Family) and Francesca DiBrito Shuster (HFH GLA). Seated, from left, are Marla Virgin, Soraya Greenway, Edward Barrios and Cristina Go.

Palos Verdes Realtors building dreams, and homes, too

From holding open houses to building brand new houses, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Association of Realtors Young Professionals Network proudly volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles for a build day in the city of Lynwood, Calif. The team of 25 Palos Verdes-area real estate professionals jumped in with the hardworking and dedicated staff and volunteers on the construction of 10 brand-new homes.

"Volunteering for the HFH GLA was inspiring and gives us hope that we can all make a difference in our own backyard," said Edward Barrios, a Realtor with Shorewood Realtors and co-chairman of the PVPAR YPN. "The PVPAR YPN is a new professional network and we hope to grow upon our experience today and to expand future fundraising and volunteering efforts for HFH GLA projects for the years to come."

The HFH GLA Lynwood site, located on Imperial Highway, is due for completion this

December. The goal is to transform an underutilized lot into ten safe, decent, affordable homes for ten low-income, hardworking families seeking to change their lives through homeownership.

HFH GLA received more than 60 applications for the Lynwood site homes. Cristina Go, Realtor with RE/MAX Palos Verdes and co-chair of PVPAR YPN, said 10 partner families will achieve their dream and move into their new homes just in time for the holidays.

Partner families are not just given a Habitat home; partners are required to invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" to help build their homes and must qualify for their mortgage, added Go.

"PVP YPN raised over \$3,000 for HFH GLA. I'm very proud of what we accomplished today," she said.

"The PVPAR YPN plans to keep efforts like the Habitat build going," said build day organizer Jennifer Goorchenko of Keller Williams PV.

"We hope to give back to the community one paint stroke, one laid tile and one build day at a time."

The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles is celebrating its 20th year and 630 homes built and renovated. Since 1990, HFH GLA has helped hundreds of hard-working families obtain the dream of home ownership through education and partnership to build and renovate simple, decent, affordable and sustainable housing.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Association of Realtors Young Professional Network is a professional organization in its first year of service to the Palos Verdes Association of Realtors. PVPAR YPN is dedicated to upholding the standards of the real estate profession through education, networking and community service.

For more information, visit www.habitatla.org or call (310) 323-4663.