

## Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco wins 2013 Volunteer Choice Award sponsored by Well Fargo

Each spring The Volunteer Center celebrates outstanding volunteers, nonprofits and businesses at a signature event highlighting volunteerism: Hats Off: A Celebration of Volunteer Heroes!

**SAN FRANCISCO**, (June 18, 2013) — Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco was awarded the Volunteer Choice Award at the Volunteer Center Hats Off: A celebration of volunteer heroes award ceremony. This award recognizes volunteers' favorite nonprofit decided by an online popular vote. Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco welcomes over 8,000 volunteers annually to our construction sites, our community development projects, our office and the ReStore. The award was sponsored by Wells Fargo, who has contributed over 1600 hours in the past year to Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco.

"Wells Fargo is proud to be the sponsor of the Hats Off 2013 Volunteer Choice Award," said Michael F. Billeci, EVP and president of the San Francisco Bay Area region of Wells Fargo. "For our company, volunteerism is not just a word—it is a value we live. And we are proud that Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco won the award this year. It is a testament to the number of lives they *change* by providing housing, and the lives they *touch* by providing community members the opportunity to work on improving the lives of others."

The Volunteer Center counted over 5,000 votes over 30 days for the final five non-profits nominated by popular vote. Hats Off: A Celebration of Volunteer Heroes, Ordinary People Extraordinary Action was emceed by Kate Kelly of CBS 5. The event highlighted volunteers from around the Bay Area who are serving their communities as board leaders, individual community volunteers and corporate supported employee volunteers, and brought together inspiring people from businesses, nonprofits and government programs to raise a glass and celebrate one and other.

"Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco is proud to be recognized for our unique volunteer experience and to be nominated among four other outstanding non-profits. Our organization would not exist without our volunteers who are instrumental in running our ReStore located in San Carlos and contributing to our home building." said Philip Kilbridge, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco. "Our home building efforts



are 90% volunteer built and include the homeowners themselves, individuals and corporations like Wells Fargo.

The Volunteer Center has been organizing the Bay Area Volunteer Awards since 1992 and other nominees in the 2013 Volunteer Choice Award category included: Upwardly Global, Berkeley Free Clinic, Asante Africa, and Experience Corps Bay Area. A complete list of winners in all categories can be found here: <a href="http://thevolunteercenter.net/?National\_Volunteer\_Week">http://thevolunteercenter.net/?National\_Volunteer\_Week</a>

## **About Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco**

The volunteers, donors and homeowners who join with us at Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco share a belief: hard work and success go hand in hand. Every day, we do what Habitat does best around the globe, but we do it right here in a very Bay Area way, by coming up with inventive solutions to our area's expensive real estate challenges. Because, when we invest in our neighbor's quest to become a homeowner, it benefits the whole community.

Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco has enabled more than 200 families to purchase affordable homes since 1989. For more information visit www.habitatgsf.org.

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