

## Hammers, Hardwork and Humor while Hosting Volunteer Event in Phoenix

On Saturday, April 28, TransSolutions and Vanderlande Industries welcomed nearly 30 volunteers who joined them for the Habitat for Humanity event in Phoenix, Arizona. The volunteer event was held one day prior to the beginning of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Conference & Exhibition and was coordinated with the Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona.

The event has become a tradition in recent years, with TransSolutions also sponsoring Habitat for Humanity events prior to annual AAAE Conferences in New Orleans, Dallas, and Atlanta.



“It’s a fun way to spend time with fellow aviation professionals doing something that gives back to the local host community for AAAE each year,” said Belinda Hargrove, TransSolutions’ co-owner and Managing Principal. “This time, I learned how to use a router to cut through drywall for electrical boxes – who knew I would become the Rotozip queen that day!”



“We’re pleased to co-sponsor such an event that means so much to a deserving family,” commented Gloria Bender, co-owner and Managing Principal of TransSolutions. “It’s also good to see a number of familiar faces who’ve repeatedly volunteered with us over the past few years. We make an excellent team-- we dry-walled the entire inside of the house and garage...the ENTIRE interior.”





The homeowner and some of her friends also worked alongside the volunteers that day. Her friends – and even her boss -- are helping her to attain the 400 hours required of all Habitat families.

Through our sponsorship, AAE, TransSolutions, and Vanderlande presented a check for \$2,500 to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona on Tuesday, May 1.



*Pictured from left: Kelly Johnson, AAE Chair; Karen Cordy, Chief Development Officer Habitat for Humanity - Central Arizona; Gloria Bender, TransSolutions; and Jimmy Hanna, Vanderlande Industries*

Further, at the final conference dinner banquet, attendees were asked to donate any dollar amount they wished in the centerpiece hard hats – and an additional \$2,600 was collected. In total, Habitat for Humanity received \$5,100 from our collective efforts.

Habitat for Humanity provides a pathway for hardworking, low-income families to realize their dream, and by demonstrating financial discipline, contributing 400 hours of sweat equity and repaying their home mortgage, Habitat families are able to build a brighter future for themselves and their children.