

Loaves & Fishes story No. 38

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Latest Habitat home is right on schedule

With enough commitment from enough volunteers, it takes a surprisingly short time to build a Habitat home. Many people from our church know this from first-hand experience because of our participation in the Loaves & Fishes coalition of Habitat for Humanity.

For example, the first day of construction for the latest Loaves & Fishes house was March 22. The traditional mid-build celebration has been scheduled for a Saturday in early May, only six or seven weeks after construction began. At the celebration, every volunteer gets to sign his or her name on the stud walls before drywall is installed. Even hidden behind the drywall, the volunteers' messages provide a permanent memento of our commitment.

The three-bedroom, two-bath duplex unit at 63 S. Gray St. in Lakewood will be the 16th dwelling built by Loaves & Fishes. By summer's end, it will be "home" for Ramiro Mendoza and Maribel Garcia Macias and their children, Luis, 11, and Bianca, 3. It will be the first handicapped-accessible home built by the coalition, as Bianca has spina bifida. The home will have a number of special features, including wider-than-normal hallways to accommodate a wheelchair.

As the definite date of the mid-build celebration has not been set, please check with our church's Loaves & Fishes representative, who is **ADD YOUR CONTACT INFO HERE.**

THE MID-BUILD CELEBRATION IS LIKELY TO BE EITHER MAY 3 OR 10. WATCH FOR AN EMAIL FROM JIM WITH THE FINAL DATE. YOU MAY WISH TO MODIFY THIS PARAGRAPH IF YOU LEARN THE "FOR SURE" DATE BEFORE YOU SUBMIT THIS TO YOUR CHURCH PUBLICATION.