



Perris Press Release

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Habitat for Humanity Honors the City of Perris

The City of Perris was honored this week by Habitat for Humanity for supporting the non-profit's construction of a new home in Perris—and plans are underway to collaborate on another new residence in the historic Downtown area.

A trio of Habitat for Humanity representatives presented the City with a plaque of appreciation for its assistance in completing the 2011 project on Second Street, which resulted in a single mother and her three children taking ownership of the new home.

Craig Evans, president of the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity of the Inland Valley, led the trio of representatives who presented the award to Perris Mayor Daryl Busch at the start of the City Council meeting. Also present were Tammy Marine, executive director of the Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley and Liz Bibb, project manager.

Evans thanked the City for its "forward thinking" that resulted in completion of the home during Perris' 2011 Centennial Celebration.

The City worked with the State Perris Recreation Area and the Lake Perris Fairgrounds to start construction of the home during the annual Southern California Fair last October. When the residence was nearly completed, the home was moved to its permanent location where more than a dozen City employees completed the final stages before occupancy.

"We are pleased the City chose us to provide this beautiful home to a most deserving family," Evans told the City Council. Marine said she was impressed with the "competence and compassion" displayed by Perris City staff during the entire building process.

"We could tell they had a huge heart for the family we were serving," Marine said. "All of us at Habitat were touched by that." Habitat officials say they have begun initial designs for another home in Downtown Perris and hope to begin construction in December with a completion date of April 2013. Two other homes for underprivileged families also will be built by another City contractor in the same neighborhood.

Mayor Busch and Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, who worked on the Centennial house and watched as it moved to its permanent location early one morning, praised the Habitat representatives for their commitment to provide decent housing.

"It was a great program and we look forward to continuing it," Busch said. Yarbrough said the collaboration between the non-profit and the City shows how various agencies can unite for a common purpose.

"It was a lot of fun to work on the house," he said. "Thank you for the opportunity."



Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley board president Craig Evans, executive director Tammy Marine and project manager Liz Bibb present a plaque to Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough and Mayor Daryl Busch, honoring the City's assistance in completing a new house for a Perris family last year.