

**BUILD REPORT**  
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – MARION COUNTY, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH 19, 2005**

Dave & Sue Salter, Team Leaders  
Stu & Ruth Donnelly, Assistant Leaders

Eleven Coaches equaling 22 builders

A total of four coaches cancelled from the build list, two of the eleven coaches were first time builders. Two of the cancellations would have been first time builders.

The Affiliate reported 1583.75 hours and there were no non-builders. The team worked 9 \_ days .... we ended about 2:00 PM on Friday.

The Affiliate hosted our welcome gathering, the Safety Guidelines were distributed and reviewed. Stu gave safety tips each morning pertaining to our work for that day.

The campground had full hook ups, Wi-Fi (provided by The Pools) and was very close to the build site.

Our build was a three bedroom slab, with an attached garage....but it was revised into a two bedroom ADA home. Our homeowner had been stricken with polio at the age of five months and has been confined to a wheelchair her entire life. She arranged to take two weeks off work to be at the site with us each day. At the end of our two weeks with her, she had already completed her sweat equity hours. We all loved her, her attitude and her upbeat personality and her great smile every time we completed a phase on her home. We laid OSB over the sand surrounding the site to allow the homeowner access to the house. She would roll in each evening as we put tools away...just to be in her new home.

HFH homeowners in the subdivision who had already completed their sweat equity, came to work “just because” and also provided lunches for us on several days.

We had great support from the Affiliate, although some changes were not indicated on the plans, which created some “rebuilding” situations. Some items were not available on site (ridge caps for the hip roof, roll-in shower, bath tub and screws for door locks) to complete some of our projects. The house after our two weeks was weather tight, most of the wiring done and some insulation installed. The team had a Grilled Salmon Pot-luck, a hamburger cook out, a Fajita night, and a Valentine dinner including flowers. Our dessert that night, was provided by the team “newbies” (first timers). We all went out for a breakfast buffet on Saturday morning.

This was a very dedicated, hardworking crew that exceeded everyone’s expectations and still had fun. The homeowner was an inspiration to all of us. When we came to the site with our various aches and bruises, we just looked at her and we seemed to gain energy and enthusiasm. It was an especially rewarding build.

Anyone of these participants have our recommendation for future team leaders.