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GLENDALE EMPLOYEES PARTNER WITH HABITAT TO BUILD NEW HOME FOR CONTEST WINNER

GLENDALE, Ariz.—Even though the Fiesta Bowl and BCS football games are now just a memory, one lasting legacy is a newly constructed home at 6706 N. 63rd Ave. for Glendale resident Fred Banks and his daughter.

Banks was selected by Habitat as a recipient of a new home , which was announced at the Fiesta Bowl game on Jan 1. Corporate sponsors, Tostitos/Frito Lay and Valley of the Sun Habitat for Humanity worked to ensure that the house would be built in one week, so that it could be previewed during the BCS game.

Through the diligent work of many volunteers, including ten Glendale employees, the family's new home became a reality on Jan. 7. It was shown on the stadium jumbotron during half-time on Jan. 8. But, before the public unveiling, many hours of volunteer time were donated to construction of the house. In addition, several departments including Building Safety, Transportation and Utilities assisted so that this project was accomplished in the one-week timeframe.

The lot for the home was acquired by Habitat with CDBG/HOME funds previously granted by the city of Glendale. Habitat and the city have been actively partnering to construct homes for several years in the Downtown Redevelopment Area between Orangewood and Maryland and 43rd to 67th avenues.

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“The city has tremendously benefited from our partnership with Habitat,” said Ocotillo District Councilmember David Goulet. “It stabilizes once vacant lots, and the new Glendale families who receive the homes become responsible neighbors and take pride in their community. Everyone wins.”

This is the 30th Habitat home built in Glendale.

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