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Dozen Affordable Homes Nearing Completion Thanks to Volunteers

About 25 All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church volunteers and 15 other workers made a dozen affordable homes closer to completion at a Habitat for Humanity for Southern Santa Barbara County housing project on the Eastside on Nov. 9.

About 10 future homeowners were among the workers at the Cannon Perdido Street site as they put “sweat equity” into their future homes.

All Saints members David Boyd and Andy Rosenberger lead the volunteers and painted, caulked and performed other construction tasks starting on Saturday morning through mid-afternoon.

All Saints volunteers included: Jim Subject, Sally Messerlian, Steb Chandor, John Stewart, Herb Tews, Julia Dawson, her son Thomas Dawson, Charley Cairns, Caroline Kavanagh, her son Kieron Kavanagh, Amanda McIntyre and Susan Evans. Seven other All Saints volunteers made lunch and brought it to the work crew.

All Saints volunteers were busy in and around a nearly completed building, trying to help make it pass tests that would show that it is air-tight.

Richard McLaughlin, site manager and superintendent with project contractor Allen Associates, said the multi-family housing project should be completed sometime in May or June 2014.

“All 12 units have a hybrid solar power system,” McLaughlin said. “They have photo voltaic solar cells, (which convert sunlight directly into electricity), heat and water heating.” The goal for the project is to achieve “net zero” energy usage.

McLaughlin proudly pointed to one of three buildings at the site, which is most near completion and is attain the “Passive House US” certification. It is one of only about two dozen buildings in the country that will be as “green” as they can be built.

Design strategies, building techniques and “green” products will contribute to the project’s achieving high eco-friendly standards. The goal is to make the energy costs as low as possible for future homeowners, making home ownership affordable for the long term, Habitat for Humanity officials said.

The Santa Barbara County Contractors Association maintain various levels of “green” buildings, with the highest being level 4. McLaughlin said the nearly completed building at the Canon Perdido site goes beyond that level.

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