

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
FORT BEND CORPS**

The CORPS Report

It's Official! The CORPS closes on new facility



Pictured above at closing: Brandy Leonhardt, Fiscal & Program Director; Anthony Francis, Chairman; Barkley Peschel, Treasurer and Ron Castillo, Executive Director.



*Representatives from
The George Foundation*

After unofficially starting its first ever Capital Campaign in late 2007, the CORPS has officially closed on its new home in Missouri City. The 7,800 square foot office/warehouse space located at 13330 South Gessner Road between Highway 90A and the Beltway will be the new home to the Fort Bend CORPS. The new building will provide for ample office and warehouse space. The building has been designed for any future office expansion the organization may need.

To date, the CORPS has raised a total of \$430,000 to cover a down payment and build-out. The CORPS will finance approximately \$250,000 through long-time supporter, Prosperity Bank, and the organization's goal is to continue raising funds to pay off the loan within a few years.

The CORPS could not have taken on this big endeavor had it not been for the support of its Board of Directors, Finance Committee and the numerous financial supporters that gave to its first ever Capital Campaign. A special thank you to Kolbe Curtice with Curtice Commercial Real Estate for his assistance in representing the CORPS during our purchase.

The CORPS wishes to again thank the following financial supporters:

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Mission Statement

Fort Bend CORPS exists to revitalize low-income housing in neighborhoods in Fort Bend County by engaging public/private partnerships and community involvement.

Vision Statement

The Fort Bend CORPS was formed to be an organization that actively and compassionately delivers community revitalization and coordinates, supports and encourages others in this work so that low-income areas in Fort Bend County become functional and productive communities with housing and neighborhoods that are safe and decent.

Fort Bend CORPS Launching New Website

Volunteers

Are you, your civic, church, school or business organization looking for a volunteer opportunity? If so, the CORPS has many service opportunities that cater to your skill level. Visit www.fbcorps.org or email us at info@fbcorps.org.

In the coming months, and in anticipation for the New Year, Fort Bend CORPS will be launching a new and improved website. Features for the website will include:

Online Donation Link- Using PayPal®, Fort Bend CORPS will be able to accept online donations through the new website.

Founder's Council- Detailed information about all of our Founder's Council members will be available along with their links to the various businesses that support our organization.

Board of Directors- Photographs and biographies of the Board of Directors will be included to highlight the professional men & women who support our organization.

CORPS Report Newsletter- The online page will feature recent newsletters posted by our

Executive Director.

Calendar of Events- CORPS staff will update the website to feature online calendars for volunteer groups, sponsors & clients to view with up to date information on what is on the horizon for the organization.

FAQ's- This page will assist clients & potential clients with answers to the more common questions regarding application procedures.

Client Testimonials- First hand accounts from grateful clients for inspiration.

Contact Us- This page will feature staff photos, contact numbers & email links.

Visit us on the Web
www.fbcorps.org

Client Thank You

It was a humbling experience to receive the much needed help you recently provided to our family. You even offered temporary solutions until you could fix things permanently. My son and I are grateful to serve and live in a community where people care and make a difference. We expect to be back on our feet again very soon.

Doris & Corey



Energy Efficiency Program Results

The Fort Bend CORPS completed its 2nd CenterPoint Energy Agencies in Action program grant. The grant provided 203 homes with energy efficiency improvements totaling \$650,000.

Since November 2007, The CORPS has provided a total of 423 homes with energy efficiency improvements totaling

\$1,275,000.00. An approximate savings of \$1,800.00 per household or \$150.00 per month is saved as a direct result of receiving the energy efficiency upgrades.

The grant is available year-round to qualified low-income, elderly and disabled Fort Bend County homeowners. The grant provides free assistance to lower

energy costs through home repairs which includes attic and wall insulation, solar screens, compact fluorescent lamps, Energy Star room air conditioners, ceiling fans and refrigerators. For more information, please contact the Fort Bend CORPS at 281-313-2677.



Thank You Hearts & Hammers Volunteers



Fort Bend CDBG



The CORPS just completed its 2009 program Year with the Fort Bend County Community Development. The CORPS received \$225,000 for its home rehabilitation program. During this program year the CORPS assisted 50 homeowners; 13 roof projects, 34 interior projects and 3 septic system installations. Estimating 2.5 persons per household, the CORPS assisted 125 persons during this grant cycle.

Missouri City CDBG



The CORPS has completed its 2009 program Year with the City of Missouri City CDBG program. The CORPS received \$79,000 for its home rehabilitation program. During the program year the CORPS assisted 32 homeowners; 13 roof projects and 19 interior projects. Estimating 2.5 persons per household, the CORPS assisted 80 persons during this grant cycle.

Sugar Land CDBG



The CORPS has completed its 2009 program Year with the City of Sugar Land CDBG. The CORPS received \$80,000 for its home rehabilitation program. During the program year, the CORPS assisted 22 homeowners; 5 roof projects and 17 interior projects. Estimating 2.5 persons per household, the CORPS assisted 55 persons during this grant cycle.

Heating Energy Savings Tip

Stop drafts by caulking and weather-stripping cracks, around door and window frames and at door bottoms.

Become a Founders Council Member

The Founders Council is a group of community leaders who are committed to excellence in Fort Bend County. These community and civic minded businesses, organizations and individuals recognize the need to give back to the community and assist those people who have no earning power, are living on low or fixed incomes and have home repair needs that they cannot afford.

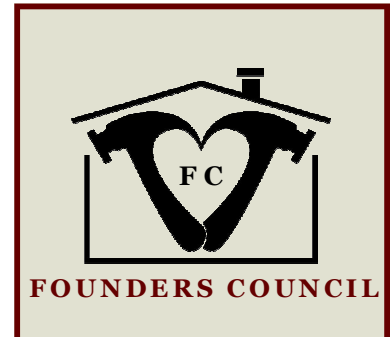
In making a substantial and continued financial commitment

to the CORPS, the Founders Council members demonstrate their strong support for the mission and programs of the CORPS, as well as their desire to affect positive changes in the Fort Bend community. Founders Council members commit to provide \$3,000 annually to the CORPS to ensure that the CORPS can operate its free home repair programs.

Benefits in becoming a Founders Council Member include:

- ◆ Name on CORPS stationary
- ◆ Name in all CORPS publications
- ◆ Annual invitation to luncheon to report progress and results
- ◆ Yard sign listing Founders Council members at each Hearts & Hammers site
- ◆ Your lasting and visible impact on Fort Bend County.

For more information, contact the CORPS at 281-313-2677 (CORPS)



CORPS Receives Fresno/Arcola Grant

The Fort Bend CORPS was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant provided through the Fresno/Arcola Advisory Committee as part of the tipping fee agreement with Allied Waste and Fort Bend County.

The funds will allow the CORPS to serve the Fresno/Arcola area with services aimed at assisting the elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners in the Fresno/Arcola area. The repairs address health, safety and life issues.

In addition, exterior repairs are also made to repair dilapidated conditions that exist in the

area. Neighborhood cleanups are also an integral part of the revitalization efforts offered by the CORPS.

Since June 2007, the CORPS has completed 32 roof projects and 24 interior projects on 56 homes in the Fresno/Arcola area.

For more information about the program, please contact the CORPS at 281-313-2677 (CORPS) or you can download an application from our website at www.fbcorgs.org then go to the tab named (refer a client).

REMODELING?

Is remodeling in your future? The CORPS accepts any gently used materials or household items that are still in working condition. The CORPS will use them on future projects. Please help the landfills by donating any unused or gently used building materials to the CORPS. To donate please call 281-313-2677 (CORPS)

*"Improving the Quality of
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The CORPS would like to thank Commissioner Grady Prestage for securing a material donation of \$30,000

from Comanche Contractors. The building material will be used on future Hearts & Hammers projects as well as the build-out on the CORPS' new facility.

Thank You Comanche Contractors for your support !

For information on building material donations, contact Executive Director Ron Castillo at 281-313-2677 (CORPS)

THE FORT BEND CORPS

cordially invites you to

"A Little Wild at Heart" *Hearts & Hammers Gala*

Friday, February 5th, 2010

Safari Texas
11627 FM 1464
Richmond, TX 77407

6:30 Cocktails - 7:30 Dinner

Music & Dancing by The Blue Light Band
featuring JJ Worthen & Sheree Howard

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Cocktail Attire | The Fort Bend CORPS is a 501(c)3 corporation



Honorary Co-Chairs

Bill & Susan Jameson - Bob & Carole Brown - Barkley & Jill Peschel
Herb & Emelia Appel - David & Sharon Sabom

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please contact event coordinator
Mandi Bronsell at 281-282-7476 or campaignlogistics@yahoo.com

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FORT BEND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECTS