

Habitat for Humanity Resumes Home Repair Program

After being completely shut down due to the pandemic, the San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Program has come back strong, completing 30 home repairs so far this year.

This month, SGV Habitat will complete its 100th project since the program began in 2010.

"SGV Habitat's Home Repair Program provides a vital service that allows families to stay in their homes and positively affects the long-term ability to age in place, at a time when access to safe, stable housing is more important than ever," said Katie Merrill, Home Repair coordinator. "Many of our partners are seniors who have lived in their homes for many years and are finding it difficult to maintain their homes on a fixed income."

In 2010, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity began work on its very first home repair for the widow of a veteran. After 55 years in her home in Temple City, it was beginning to show its age and the owner didn't have the physical or financial capability to keep it up. This project was the first of many that have provided low-income homeowners with critical interior and exterior home repair assistance. The program has given hope to many homeowners who didn't know where else to go.

"If SGV Habitat would not have opened its doors to me, I don't know what I would have done," said one El Monte homeowner, whose roof was replaced through the program. "I don't think people appreciate the work they do. Habitat was a godsend for me."

To determine if they qualify, homeowners must submit a complete program application along with documentation to establish their eligibility. Participant selection is based on funding, the needs of the homeowner and the condition of the home. Specific guide-



Photo courtesy SGV Habitat

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lines can be found on their website at sgvhabitat.org/housing-services/home-repair-program/.

As part of the Expanding the American Dream campaign, SGV Habitat has committed to providing critical home repair and homeownership to 100 families across the San Gabriel Valley and abroad by 2024. With the number of households currently being served by the Home Repair Program, SGV Habitat is on track to surpass this goal in advance of the timeline.

"Our goal is to dramatically increase the number of affordable homeownership opportunities in the San Gabriel Valley," said Bryan Wong, executive director at SGV Habitat for Humanity. "We aim to make the world a place where all can afford to live — both first-time home buyers and long-time residents."

OBITUARY

Charles Richard (Chuck) Adams

1938-2022

Charles R. (Chuck) Adams passed away peacefully in the presence of his family on October 25, 2022. Chuck was born to Dr. Alan & Florence Adams on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1938.

He was raised in the west Los Angeles neighborhood of Cheviot Hills where he earned Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, was elected to California Boys State (1955), and graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School (1956), and earned Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

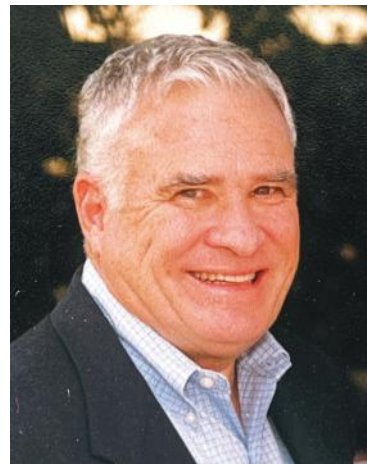
Chuck earned a bachelor (1960) and master's degrees (1962) in business administration from the University of Southern California, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Trojan Knights fraternities.

On May 1, 1965, Chuck married his wife, Sally Menefee at San Marino Community Church. Chuck and his wife "Super" Sally were married for 56 years and lived in San Marino for more than 4 decades.

For twenty-five years, Chuck was a vice president and an economist for Security Pacific National Bank. In that position, he served as Los Angeles chapter president for the National Association for Business Economists (1982-83).

Chuck was an active volunteer and leader for various community organizations, including San Marino City Club, (president, 1996) San Marino Little League Baseball, Boy Scout Troop 358, San Marino Schools (Foundation, San Marino Strategic Planning Committee (1989-90) and San Marino Community Church.

In retirement, Chuck enjoyed an active lifestyle around his grandchildren, the USC Trojan Football and Basketballs, and travelling with



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Sally. They visited all 50 states and more than 40 countries, including the Principality of San Marino. Chuck continued to volunteer to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses (20+ years), including many years on the Queen and Court Committee.

Chuck is survived by son Rick Adams (Jami) of Ladera Ranch and son Steve Adams (Michelle Paturel) of Yorba Linda; his grandchildren, Hanna, Haley, Sawyer, and Matthew; sister-in-law, Jane M. Overall; and his 3 nephews, niece, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sally Adams; his parents, Alan and Florence Adams; sister Kathryn Adams; his parents-in-law, Ardinger and Mary Jane Menefee of San Marino; brother-in-law Thomas Cooper Overall; and many dear friends.

A private, graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn, Glendale. Chuck Adams has left a legacy of devotion, and dedication to his beloved family, to his friends, neighbors, and hometown. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the City of Hope Cancer Research Hospital.

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