

Beckman Coulter Volunteers Help Build Dreams into a Reality

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On October 23, nearly 80 Beckman Coulter Volunteers participated in our annual National Make a Difference Day project. This year, volunteers teamed up with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County to help complete work on a five-home project in Fullerton, made possible through a sponsorship provided by the Beckman Coulter Foundation.

The all-day event was split into two parts which included morning and afternoon teams of nearly 40 volunteers each. Together, they helped move this Habitat project ever closer toward meeting its December completion date and thus turning the dream of homeownership for these future Fullerton residents into a reality.



Morning volunteers concentrated the majority of their efforts on grading throughout the site to make way for decorative pavers that will be installed at a later date. This meant digging twelve inches deep in designated areas to accommodate for the layers of base material that supersede the pavers. Volunteers also relocated and distributed soil, removed countless sandbags using an assembly line approach, and helped haul away truckloads of old asphalt.

Many afternoon volunteers continued the grading work, while others painted bedroom closets, did prep work for future volunteer teams, removed and relocated plywood, and performed general clean up inside the homes and along the project's perimeter.

The event even made the local media and was covered in the *Orange County Register* and *Fullerton Observer*. This type of effort is nothing new for the Beckman Coulter Volunteers who have taken on similar projects in acknowledgement of National Make a Difference Day in or around the Brea community for the past fifteen consecutive years. This was, however, the first time our volunteers have partnered with Habitat for Humanity.

Our participation in a National Make a Difference Day project each year not only serves as an opportunity for employees to give back to the surrounding community in which they work and live, it also helps build bridges between people. Some co-workers were brought together for the first time as volunteers for a common cause, while many others were accompanied by their family members and friends. Everyone also had the pleasure of getting to meet and work alongside the future residents of these Habitat for Humanity homes.



This effort would not have been possible if it were not for our wonderful Beckman Coulter Volunteers who gave more than 275 event and pre-event "man" hours of their time, and who together with the Beckman Coulter Foundation's sponsorship made this a meaningful and successful event.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, please visit their website at <http://www.habitatoc.org>.