

Habitat Happenings

July 2011

16 Executives Launch Triangle's First CEO Build

Wielding hammers instead of smart phones, Triangle top brass built and raised walls to frame a new home for a family in Cary. Along with their labor, each of the participating companies or CEOs contributed \$5,000 to sponsor the home and set up volunteer work days so that their employees could work on the home as well.

Kevin Trapani, CEO of The Redwoods Group and chair of the Habitat CEO Build, talked about the need for affordable housing for working families in our area. "When housing is inadequate or too expensive, it's hard for a home to be a safe place. Habitat is creating a place of safety, which is where you build families, and how you build strong communities."

The future homeowner, who works on her house on Saturdays, stopped by during her lunch break to thank the group for their work. Dave Hausfeld of Drees Homes said, "Our company built more than 70 homes behind this neighborhood, but this is the first house I've worked on." Smiling, he added, "I'm glad to be here."

To learn more about how your organization can sponsor a home or participate in the next CEO Build, contact Nancy Jones at 744-2401 or nancy.jones@habitatwake.org.

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▲ Homeowner Marva Robinson and Lion's Club Sponsor Jim Wells

Marva's Mortgage Burning

In May, Marva Robinson stood with Jim Wells from the Lion's Club and held a flame to her mortgage, dropping it on the pavement behind the Habitat Wake ReStore as staff and Board members applauded. "It feels good," she says about paying off her mortgage. "I've achieved another goal. It was hard sometimes, but when I say I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it!"

That determination and spirit is what led the Lion's Club Clinic for the Blind to recommend that Marva be approved for a Habitat home 20 years ago. "We knew her as being a very determined and responsible individual," explained Jim Wells, president of the Clinic for 31 years. "All of our applicants were deserving, but we knew Marva would be successful."

Originally from Moore County, NC, Marva moved to Raleigh to go to a school for the visually impaired in 1966. She has worked with the Lion's Club Clinic for the Blind for over 27 years, sewing products for the military. The work she does at the clinic for soldiers took on new meaning when her son was deployed to Iraq. "He told me not to listen to the news while he was gone and just think about how my work was helping people in the military. He would say, 'You could be saving a soldier's life!'" Marva's son was 11 years old when they moved into their Habitat home. "My son has always been a role model to me," she smiles. "Having a single mother who was visually impaired, he had to help me as much as I helped him." Today, her son is a captain in the army, currently stationed in Ft. Drum, NY. He is married with two small children. "I'm very proud," Marva beams.

Now that her mortgage is paid off, Marva looks forward to spending more time working on various projects she's been saving for. She's already replaced the kitchen cabinets, remodeled her bathroom, paved her driveway, and added on a back deck. "It keeps me busy," she laughs. "There's always something to do."

The best part about owning a home, Marva reflects, is the simple feeling that "you worked for something and it's yours. It's just everyday life, sticking my key in the door, knowing I worked hard." Marva always wanted to own a home, and when the Lion's Club clinic recommended her to the Habitat program, she knew "that was my opportunity." "Habitat really works," she says proudly. "You can look around in the community and see that it works. This program will make you feel like a million bucks. My house is just as good as a house any other place. I love it."

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Save these Dates:

Service of Peace and Solidarity: Sunday, Sept 11 at 9:00am on the Abraham Build site
Southern Ideal Home Show: September 23-25 at the NC State Fairgrounds
Holiday Home Tour: Sunday, November 20 at the Raleigh ReStore

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Participating CEOs and their companies:

Kevin Trapani, The Redwoods Group (CEO Build Chair)

David Baldwin, Baldwin &

Kari Stoltz, Bank of America

Nick Vlahos, Burt's Bees

Ken Eudy, CapStrat

Dave Hausfeld, Drees Homes

Kevin Schneider, Genworth Financial

Scott Hicks, Hicks Landscaping

Rick Brajer, LipoScience

Jeff Stocks, Manpower

Ray Carey, NeoNova

Eddie Douglas, ProBuild

Jim Whitehurst, Red Hat

Bob & Maria Kingery, Southern Energy Management

Victoria Haynes, RTI International

Jack Clayton, Wachovia Wells Fargo



CEO Build executives and Habitat staff on the build site ▲

“Hola” to Habitat Honduras

Beginning this year, Habitat Wake will donate \$4,500, the funds to build one new home, to Habitat Honduras each time construction of a new home is completed in Wake County. This House-for-a-House tithe marks an expanded commitment to global building and opens a chance for Wake County residents to travel to Honduras to build alongside our new friends there.

This spring, Kevin Campbell, Executive Director, and Pam Forsythe, Development Coordinator, each spent a week in Santa Rosa, Honduras to build with Habitat Honduras and establish an exciting new friendship with the Latin American affiliate.

“In a few short days, we really came to understand and appreciate their simple way of life,” said Pam Forsythe, Habitat Wake Coordinator. In Santa Rosa de Copán, a small village in the mountains of northwest Honduras, she participated in the construction of a new home for Gloria and her two small children. “They do everything manually,” Pam laughs, “We were mixing mortar with shovels and breaking rock down with sledgehammers — it’s really hard work!”

The House-for-a-House commitment will fund 25 new homes in

Honduras this year. “The construction of a new home represents an enormous improvement to the quality of a family’s life in Honduras,” explains Executive Director Kevin Campbell. The homes are small and simple, averaging about 450 square feet in size and include a simple, indoor kitchen and bath.

Pam will lead a group of Habitat Wake staff and volunteers to Santa Rosa twice a year beginning next spring. Contact her at pam.forsythe@habitatwake.org to get involved.



▲ Mixing cement in Santa Rosa



◀ A Habitat Honduras home



Some typical single-family homes in Santa Rosa ▶

DeCon Goes Ivy League

Joel Lubell has been the Program Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Wake County's DeConstruction program since 2004. In May, Joel's expertise earned him an invitation to Yale University to lead an all-day workshop at the Building Materials Reuse Association National Conference.

Led by Joel through many phases, the Habitat Wake DeCon program has evolved into a full-scale deconstruction contracting service specializing in full residential house deconstruction and strip-out services for homes undergoing all types of renovation. The program is a highly regarded provider of professional services while emphasizing volunteerism and benefiting the community environmentally, socially and economically.



Each year, the DeCon program diverts reuseable residential materials from the landfill to be resold in the Habitat ReStore.

Joel has a personal passion for reused materials and incorporates them as often as he can in his own projects. Most recently he completed a 1200 square foot shop built completely out of materials salvaged from deconstruction sites. Joel is a native of Teaneck, NJ and graduated of North Carolina State University's College of Design with a Bachelor degree in Industrial Design.

◀ **DeCon Program Manager**
Joel Lubell

A Small Gift Makes a Big Difference

By Nancy Jones, Director of Development

Recently, Habitat Wake received a gift from the estate of Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards had suffered hard times as an adult and lived on a very limited budget. She herself didn't have a house, but it was something she had always wanted. Although she suffered personally with poverty and health issues, she retained a broad vision of how things should be and could be. This is why she chose to designate Habitat Wake as a beneficiary of a small life insurance policy she owned.

In the past year, Habitat Wake's Endowment Committee developed policies to ensure that life gifts are invested in such a way that they are preserved and generate income that will support the Habitat mission, ensuring that families long into the future have a decent and affordable home.

Because of her gift, Mrs. Edwards will be remembered as a member of Habitat Wake's *Cornerstone Society*. More importantly, I think Ms. Edwards would be pleased to know that her gift will continue helping families forever.

For more information about planned giving and how to become a member of the *Cornerstone Society*, please contact Nancy Jones at 744-2401 or nancy.jones@habitatwake.org.

Congratulations to Nancy Hawk, Habitat's Volunteer of the Year!

Nancy Hawk is the house leader on this year's Women Build house. She is also a regular construction and office volunteer. "Aside from having a longstanding interest in Habitat, volunteering with Habitat has been part of my spiritual journey," Nancy says. "As I started thinking about what I was going to do with my life after the kids are gone, I thought about the things that I've always wanted to do, but couldn't commit to because of childcare restraints. And Habitat kept coming to mind.

So here I am. I don't have to start something new. I can just join God at work here and see what He leads me to do."



◀ **Nancy with My Carolina host Valonda Calloway**

Volunteer Awards and Appreciation

Every year, we select a few deserving volunteers from the thousands who provide essential support to HabitatWake. These volunteers were recognized at the 2011 Volunteer Picnic for their outstanding service in the following departments:

Family Services —
Carolyn Blanchard, Tarin Johnson

ReStore —
David White, Danny Upchurch

Administration —
Steve Calhoun

Development —
June Ann Ward, Scott Abee

Finance —
Helen Jordan

DeCon —
Mary Beth Rehm, Larry Leis

Construction —
Gene Fornaro, Joe Ostby, Dave Ragan, Brian Shields

Management —
John Twomey

Volunteer of the Year —
Nancy Hawk

Lifetime Achievement Award —
Frank and Sue Ann Westmeyer

*Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you.*

Have you remembered Habitat Wake in your will?

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2011 Home Builds



Current Builds



Rehab Projects



Fall Builds



A Brush with Kindness Site
(20 home repair projects)



Houses Currently Under Construction — Fall 2011

2011 Apostles Build four homes in the Long Acres neighborhood

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Contributors

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2011 Abraham Build

Nickel Hammer Sponsors

Beth Meyer Synagogue
First Baptist Church, Salisbury St.
Islamic Center of Raleigh

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White Memorial Presbyterian Church

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to report that our board of directors recently approved an annual plan that will have us serving 70 families both locally and globally, 23 more families than we served last year. I find that to be an exciting challenge!

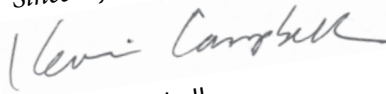
We are still in a tough economic time, and this remains a challenging environment in which to grow our mission. However, we are blessed in this community. And we are generous. Habitat Wake has a strong track record. Our model is attractive and compelling. And our area was recently named the top housing market in the country by BUILDER magazine.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to teach that "to those whom much has been given, much will be expected." I feel like we have been entrusted with much at Habitat Wake through the generosity of our donors and volunteers...and that much more is expected of us.

With your help, we are rising to that challenge. We're expanding our program by offering exterior home repairs to 20 families through A Brush With Kindness. 25 new partner families will purchase a Habitat home with an affordable mortgage this fiscal year. And we'll be funding the construction of 25 homes in the Copán area of Honduras. We'll be organizing short-term mission trips to Honduras starting in early 2012 to give some of you a chance to build alongside our friends in Honduras.

We have a great responsibility. Families are counting on us. Much is expected. We are ready to partner with all of you to serve more families! Thanks for investing your talents into those in need of housing here locally and around the world.

Sincerely,



Kevin Campbell
Executive Director



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OUR MISSION



Habitat for Humanity of Wake County
develops partnerships
to build healthy, affordable homes
with and for God's people in need,
promotes self-reliance through homeownership,
affirms the dignity of the family,
and creates sustainable communities.

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