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Munn & Associates employees volunteer to build playhouse

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Volunteers from Paramus-based Munn & Associates, an advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial, built a backyard playhouse in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Bergen County. The playhouse was given to a deserving family in Westwood.

A team of 16 volunteers from Munn & Associates of Paramus, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., turned their boss's backyard into a makeshift carpenter's workshop while constructing a children's playhouse with Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County (Habitat Bergen).

Through Habitat Bergen's Project Playhouse, the volunteers spent hours hammering, nailing and screwing pieces of the playhouse together, all to bring smiles to the children of a family in need.

Project Playhouse is a new endeavor for Habitat Bergen and is intended to be a collaborative effort amongst corporate and community partners and Habitat Bergen volunteers.

Habitat Bergen partnered with Munn & Associates, who provided hands-on and financial support, and YWCA of Bergen County to identify the recipient family.

"We find it to be extremely rewarding to help those in need," said William Munn, Munn & Associates private wealth advisor.

The affiliate donated the finished playhouse to a deserving family of five in Westwood. The children look forward to relishing their backyard haven all summer long.

"Habitat Bergen is excited to launch Project Playhouse with its corporate and community partners in Bergen County," said Jacey Raimondo, Habitat Bergen Executive Director. "The volunteers from Munn & Associates did an excellent job assembling the playhouse from start to finish and the affiliate is delighted to report that the children are enjoying being 'mini homeowners.'



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For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, contact Nicole Murray at nicolem@habitatbergen.org, or call 201-457-1020.

The goal of Habitat Bergen is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the earth by working in partnership with people in need. Using volunteer labor and donated funds and materials, Habitat Bergen builds or rehabilitates simple, decent houses and sells them to low-income families at cost, but with no interest added.

Habitat Bergen is a people-to-people partnership, which joins all of us together regardless of race, nationality, religion, or socioeconomic status.

That partnership begins with the homeowner families (partner families). Habitat Bergen is not a giveaway program, but a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved in the work at various levels. They help with the construction of their own home, as well as the houses of their neighbors.

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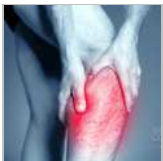

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