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NYC Half Marathon

Running for Habitat

On March 20, 2011, we had 13 runners cross the finish line in the New York City Half Marathon in support of Habitat Bergen. It was a beautiful day and a great success... over \$20,000 was raised for our home projects!



"After stressing about waking up, eating breakfast, getting a cab, dressing too warm, not dressing warm enough, it was all great!" said Michael Wische, one of our runners who completed the race in 2 hours and 30 seconds.

The runners had a fantastic time and so did the supporters!

"I had a lot of fun and met my goal of finishing under 2 hours, this was a great fundraiser and a great event," said Neal Klausner, Vice President of Habitat Bergen, a first time runner in the NYC Half Marathon.



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Site Spotlight

Waldwick



On March 27, 2011 the Tikkun Olam Network of Temple Sinai of Bergen County held their Mitzvah Day.

Young and "young-at-heart" volunteers worked side-by-side swinging hammers, taping sheetrock and spackling to convert a single family Dutch Colonial at 101 Wyckoff Avenue into the latest Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County home.

Four very deserving families will become first-time homeowners upon completion of the project, which is slated for August 2011.

NY1News.com sent a photojournalist to cover this wonderful effort and aired the story in their 6pm newscast.

If you missed the coverage, you can [click here](#) to see the broadcast.

Praise Our Partners



Another one of our runners, Eric Escobar said, "I had a great time! Though cold in the beginning, the race went by quickly and was a blast. I think I might need to start thinking about the Full Marathon in November!"

We want to thank all of our runners, sponsors and supporters for making this event a huge success!!

[Click here](#) for run times and photos.

Stryker[®] Spine

Hammering for Habitat

On March 17th nine employees from Stryker Spine worked tirelessly in Waldwick hanging drywall and preparing the walls for spackling.

At the end of the day, sore from their efforts but proud of the results, the **Stryker Spine team** led by Jaclyn Schiller, gave Habitat Bergen Home Depot Gift Cards totaling \$900 to purchase supplies for our Waldwick building.

Habitat Bergen is very grateful for Stryker Spine's generous contributions! With dedicated teams like theirs, we can continue to build affordable homes in Bergen County.

We hope you'll come back soon!

TURNING ON THE LIGHTS

Builder of the Year Gala June 1, 2011

Plan to join us at The Venetian, in Garfield for a wonderful evening featuring a lavish cocktail party, extravagant desserts, dancing and special entertainment. Throughout the evening guests will take chances on many, lovely prizes, gift baskets and 50/50 raffle.

This year Habitat Bergen is honoring Kevin Lynch, Chairman, President and CEO of Oritani Bank and celebrating Oritani's Centennial. The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation has