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Habitat Hearts for Homes

February, 2011



Huge Hearts

True love begins when nothing is looked for in return.

For Tricia and Chris Jansen, longtime supporters of Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, 2010 was a very special year. Besides serving on our Board of Directors, laboring on our worksites and wrapping holiday gifts at Bergen Town Center, Tricia and Chris generously donated over \$80,000 to our affiliate.

We extend the heartfelt THANKS of our entire Habitat team and the sincere appreciation of our future Habitat homeowners for their unwavering commitment to our mission.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude...

Thank You Tricia and Chris for everything!

Dear Friends,

The iconic shape of a heart always delivers a loving message. It is therefore fitting that the heart should be the inspiration for this issue which is full of the kinds of heartfelt gestures that are the truest expression of affection.

The past nine months have been filled with events that have been challenging, rewarding, and inspiring. Our recent successes are due to the passion of our staff, Board Members, volunteers, Habitat families and community partners, contractors and friends. Our ambitious plans for the future depend on our ability to strengthen these existing relationships and reach out to build new ones. Please open your hearts and join us.

With *Heartfelt* thanks and appreciation,

Jacey Raimondo

Executive Director

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For the Love of it



\$20
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Warm Hearts for Waldwick

Thanks to Home Depot Paramus

Despite their cold hands from working outdoors, our Waldwick homeowners' hearts are warm, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Home Depot in Paramus. This much-needed funding will be used to purchase materials and supplies for our Waldwick project.

Please join us in showing Habitat Bergen's gratitude to Home Depot Paramus!



June 1, 2011



Join in the celebration as Habitat Bergen honors Kevin Lynch

Indulge yourself or treat that special someone in your life. 25% of your delicious purchase of Dove Chocolate Discoveries will benefit Habitat Bergen.



Contact: Christine Incontro 201.615.6296 or christinei@habitatbergen.org to place your order.

Give your Valentine the most beautiful roses available in Bergen County and help bring hope and happiness to others as well. During the Valentine holiday, Dean Street Greenery is proud to contribute 20% of the retail price of your order to Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County.



When calling in your order simply reference the Habitat for Humanity promotion.

Contact: Dean Street Greenery, Englewood, 201.816.0100

Running to Turn the Lights On

The Race to Finish Waldwick Homes



Join our 15-member Habitat Bergen team, led by Neal Klausner, Vice President of our Board of Directors on March 20, 2011 race to the finish line of the NYC Half-Marathon. By sponsoring a runner, you join our affiliate's efforts to raise the much-needed funds that support our building projects.



Click here to sponsor a runner and read their bio...

A heartfelt Thank You to all our runners and their sponsors!

Cars for Homes

\$100,000 "Jersey Road Trip"

Habitat for Humanity International recently awarded \$100,000 to four northern New Jersey Habitat affiliates: Bergen County, Morris County, Newark and Paterson, through their Cars for Homes Matching Donation Grant program.

**President of Oritani Bank
as our
Builder of the Year
and in recognition of
Oritani's Centennial**

June 1, 2011
6:30 -10:00pm
The Venetian
546 River Drive
Garfield, NJ

During May 2011, these affiliates will lead Cars for Homes representatives on a five-day "Jersey Road Trip", where they'll spend a day building at each of four Habitat work sites. On May 5th, the Cars team will be working at our Waldwick building site.

The value of vehicles donated to the Cars for Homes program between November 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 will be matched by Habitat International, benefitting the work of the four affiliates. To donate your car, truck, RV, boat or motorcycle, please call 877-277-4344 or visit www.carsforhomes.org.

[Click here for more.](#)

Praise Our Partners



[click here to see more](#)

Gingerbread Homes for Habitat



On a blustery December afternoon, over 100 students at The Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest competed in a Gingerbread House Baking Contest at the school, previous construction and/or culinary experience not required!

The event was sponsored by AHA's Habitat for Humanity chapter, led by Caroline Hroncich, to raise the students' awareness about the critical need for affordable housing in affluent Bergen County. Prior to the actual competition, each team decided on a theme for their house and purchased special decorating supplies and construction materials. A panel of teachers judged the submissions based on creativity, originality, innovation, and structural soundness.

At the end of the allotted time, the cafeteria tables were laden with many architectural treasures along with a few structurally-challenged attempts. The winning entry, Santa's Workshop, was the brainchild of Shafaq Zia, Danielle Anecchino, Chelsea Lawlor and Alison Kress. Elaborately decorated with colored icings and candies, this building could definitely spark the imaginations of little children about the residence (and residents) of the North Pole.

Congratulations to all! Next stop, working on a real Habitat worksite...

In the Spotlight

**Cardiff City, Wales UK ---->
Garfield, New Jersey USA**

One Volunteer's Journey



James William Brady

Architectural student at the Welsh School of Architecture at Cardiff University while "on holiday" visiting his grandmother in Nyack, New York made the fateful decision to fulfill his one year architectural practicum requirement in the United States. Finding an architectural internship during this economic crises proved more difficult than expected for James.

So, rather than stand idly by, James signed up to volunteer for Habitat Bergen on our Garfield project.

Lucky for us he did.

James was more reliable than most, "shaping up" 4 days a week for 5

A Truly Special Occasion

Celebrating a Remarkable Women - Marcy Steele

Enjoy photos from this wonderful birthday celebration, which benefitted Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County and Pilgrims of Ibillin.

[Click here for more photos.](#)



Speed of Light

Faster than the Speed of Light is how quickly



consecutive months, and proved to be an attentive, bright student of construction. He quickly became a talented and reliable volunteer, always eager to learn and to teach others. James is now Brooklyn-bound, currently assisting in the design and construction of a building in Brooklyn.

So we say "Follow what your heart dictates, Young James. You are missed and we hope you know you can always call Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County your home."

Swift Electrical Supply solved our lack of warehouse space. Swift swung open their doors so that we could store materials that were not quite ready to be delivered to our projects. We thank Swift for their electrifying generosity.



Youth United

Upcoming Adventures

Rock the House Band Event

Date: March 25, 2011

Location: Bergen County Academies

Local bands from around Bergen County will jam to raise funds for our Bergen Youth United group.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Heartfelt Sentiments

I love working with Habitat. I learned some things, met some good people, and feel like I'm doing something real. Thanks for your work!

- Allison Moore, Church Of The Good Shepherd, Fort Lee, NJ

Thank you so much for having us at your site. The kids really enjoyed helping out, and I only heard positive comments about the project for the rest of the day. It is so important to give back to the community, and we appreciate you allowing us to contribute. We would love to come back again to help out. Thank you again,

-Leslie VanSlooten, Northern Valley Regional High School

Very rewarding and had a great time knowing the efforts were going towards a great cause. Please keep me posted for future projects. Thank you !

- Lou Joffeyu, Hertz

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in volunteering?

Visit our website under the Volunteer Tab.

Find out how to become a team player and build affordable homes in Bergen County.

Contact us: www.HabitatBergen.org -- 10 Banta Place, Suite 105, Hackensack, NJ 07601 -- 201.457.1020

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