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What's THE SCOOP on our Director of Volunteers? The first 5 correct responses posted on



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VIP Volunteer



Got Milk? DIANE WARD does! Two days each week Diane Ward

# Budding Builders Bake

How do you support Habitat Bergen when you're too young to build houses...**you bake!** Throughout the year groups of young volunteers representing different churches, schools and girl-scout troops as well as many individual young people have exercised their culinary creativity baking delicious Habitat House cookies and yummy fruit pies.

*One very special young lady, **Jade Greenberg**, celebrated her 11th birthday with a group of friends mixing, rolling, cutting and packaging beautiful sugar houses. **Judging by their smiling faces** there is no doubt that this was a very successful birthday celebration!*

*Five young boys, **3rd graders from Ridgewood CCD Class** (and budding entrepreneurs) sold 100 pies they baked and generated \$1000, for the Habitat Bergen building effort. As amazing as this seems, it made perfect sense to the young men who regularly passed the Habitat Waldwick construction site, wishing they could join the building effort.*

Everyone at Habitat Bergen sends a HUGE HUG to all the bakers (Katie, Abrar, Sara, Julie, Alyssa, Carly, Kevin, Jade, Amina, Alexa Rae, Gaby, Lily, Bridget, Sherry, Rachel, and Hailey, to name a few) for participating in this fun, mouth-watering initiative. These young men and women have baked more than 1500 cookies since last summer and in the process, learned a very valuable lesson: no matter how young (or small) you are, you can certainly make a **BIG** difference in someone's life.

## Habitat Happenings

February 29th **TONIGHT!!!!**

**"Leapin' Lizards it's Leap Year, Covers for a Cause"**



6:30pm at ReBar in Lodi, NJ

**\$25 admission**

**Complimentary buffet from 6:30-8:00pm**

Live Local Music all night

Is your birthday February 29th?

Bring proof of birth date and get in free!

March 18th

**"Habitat Bergen Runs the NYC Half"**



Get to know our runners!

March 29th

**"Shop Smart/Do Good! for Habitat Bergen"**

Lord & Taylor's

at the Ridgewood Fashion Center

The coupon/discount cards are \$5 each. **Discounts** range from a minimum of 14% off everything including cosmetics/fragrances to 25% off most regular or sale priced items in Ladies and Men's apparel departments.



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volunteers at our office. Amidst her paperwork and to-do lists is not a cup of tea or coffee, but always a glass of whole milk. Hers is the sweet and professional voice you'll here when you call our office on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Diane has been volunteering with Habitat Bergen for just over one year. She started volunteering here one day a week, but she proved indispensable and when we asked her to join us two days a week, she gratefully agreed. Diane has been retired for 2 years now, to our benefit.

She brings with her to Habitat Bergen 45 years of professional experience in office management, medical publishing, direct mailing and sales. When Diane is not volunteering for us, she is readily available to her family. She is the proud aunt of 2 nieces, 2 great nephews and 3 great nieces who call her "Di Di".

Diane is always polished and professional, welcoming and warm, dedicated and diligent. Her pleasant demeanor and compassion for humanity is a wonderful representative of our organization. The next time you call our office, know that you are speaking with one of our VIP volunteers,

**DIANE WARD**, ...and that she undoubtedly has a glass of milk on her desk.



contributed by Kaitlyn Berg

## Ducks in a Row



That's what we have been doing!

While it may appear that we were taking a break from our business of building affordable homes we were actually "getting our ducks in a row"!

Finalizing the Oradell and New Milford budgets; upgrading our office technology to 21st century standards,

# SAVE THE DATE

May 1st 2012

in celebration of our  
18th Annual Gala

## The Venetian

Join us in giving thanks to TD Charitable Foundation for their commitment to affordable housing by annually providing the Housing for Everyone grant competition program.

For reservations, sponsor opportunities and journal ads [click here.](#)

## SITE SPOTLIGHTS

**NEW MILFORD** In collaboration with Bonim Builders, Habitat Bergen is working on a very special "Brush with Kindness" project to rehabilitate a family home in New Milford, making it handicap accessible for a lovely 6-year old girl afflicted with severe cerebral palsy and seizure disorder. She is unable to talk, walk or control most of her muscles. This project includes renovations to accommodate her wheelchair as well as adding an additional room for her therapy sessions.

Habitat Bergen is proud to be supporting this particular project. The family is very deserving and grateful for the many wonderful moments their daughter has brought into their lives. They have so many supporters willing to pitch in necessary building supplies, professional services and construction volunteers. The start date is targeted for late March with completion projected for early fall 2012


**ORADELL** The first phase of this construction project is the demolition of the existing house. The demolition permit is expected to be issued by the Borough of Oradell within the next two weeks. Weidener Construction has volunteered to demolish the building and we thank Rob Weidener and his co-workers for this very generous kick-off of the project. Habitat volunteers will be utilized to sort all recyclable materials in order to contribute to the silver LEED certification. The Habitat Bergen building plans have been reviewed by the Oradell building department and architect, Keith Lesser, partner in S&L Architecture Studio is revising the plans for Habitat Bergen pursuant to the building departments comments. We encourage large groups interested in volunteering to contact our Director of Volunteers, Wendy Rosenberg to discuss future available group build dates. The volunteer calendar for individuals will be available online in April.

The Oradell Family Selection Committee has been meeting and will soon be finalizing the home ownership application and criteria for review.

## ARBOR DAY IN ENGLEWOOD



(thanks to  
**UPS**); improving our  
website; expanding the  
Cars for Homes program;  
establishing the Oradell  
Family Selection  
Committee; drafting a  
**RESTORE**  
business plan; "hiring" an  
energetic and talented  
volunteer office  
staff; Greyhead  
birdhouse build kick  
off; Englewood  
community vegetable  
garden collaboration;  
fostering faith-based  
relationships; inked in  
the first ever affiliate Golf  
Outing (watch for  
details), **AND SO MUCH  
MORE!**

None of our 's  
would have been able to  
be in a row without the  
dedicated support of our  
**STAFF:** Wendy  
Rosenberg and Christine  
Incontro and all our most  
treasured office  
volunteers as well as  
each and every working  
**BOARD MEMBER!**

**QUACK QUACK  
QUACK!** Thanks Thanks  
Thanks!

This April Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, along with the Volunteer Center of Bergen County and the City of Englewood, will be breaking ground on a community garden in Englewood! The garden is being built on what was once an abandoned lot across from the Habitat Bergen homes on Third Street. The new community garden will not only add beauty to the community, but it will also serve as a place for neighbors to gather and work together to grow their own local produce.

On Friday, April 20th five garden beds will be installed. Habitat Bergen will care for one of the beds, and the remaining four will be maintained by other not for profit groups. On Friday, April 27th we will celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of 25 White Dogwood trees that were granted to the garden project by the New Jersey Tree Foundation.

To join us.

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