

# Habitat Happenings



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of Bergen County

## Two More Families Move Into Their New Homes

Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Ferreira and their two daughters and Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Guzman and their two sons moved into their beautiful homes this past September on Third Street in Englewood. The excitement on their faces and the faces of their families and friends was a joy to behold. ABC/Disney and ESPN presented both families with baskets of "goodies" to welcome them into their home. Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes wished all the families the best of luck and Nicola Sampson, representative of Lowes Home Improvement told the crowd of well wishes that Lowes was pleased to be a part of their dreams come true!



The Ferreriras and Guzmans at their dedication on Third Street in Englewood along with Susan Safire, Bob Preis, Mayor Wildes, Rev. Hong and David Van Grouw.

**WINTER 2008**

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

"We are each of us  
angels with only one wing.  
And we can only fly by  
embracing each other."  
~ Luciano de Crescenzo

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## DREAMBUILDER WALKATHON RAISES OVER \$19,000

On November 2, 2008 over 100 Habitat friends endured the cold weather and walked the three-mile walk along the Hackensack River at the FDU Campus in Teaneck. Together along with our sponsors that include, OritaniBank Charitable Foundation, Boiling Springs Bank, Hunter Douglas, Lakeland Bank; Pearson Education, Whole Foods, United Water, MTM Resources and Commerce Bank helped to raise over \$19,000 to support affordable and safe housing for families in need.



Highlights of the event included Miss New Jersey, Ashley Fairfield who is competing for the Miss America contest that will take place in January. Ashley's platform is Habitat for Humanity and she also braved the cold to

speak at the event and draw the winning raffle prizes. Whole Foods, United Water, Mikes Dogs and Freihofer's Cookies provided food.



Susan Safire - executive director, David Van Grouw, Phil Wyks, Miss New Jersey Ashley Fairfield, Merlyn LaPaix, Neal Klausner and Peter Malamas of the Habitat Bergen Board



Every once in a while an organization gets lucky and has that one volunteer that goes way beyond the call of duty. Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County is

one of those organizations. Two years ago Denise Marcos answered the call for an office volunteer and she never looked back. She comes into the Habitat office every Tuesday to help staff and she is always available to help out at any event we are having. This past August, Denise took over as the Youth United Coordinator. This is a position that has been held by staff employees in the past. Denise has taken this position on in a volunteer capacity and we cannot thank her enough! In the short time she has held this position she has already brought on five new high schools and has all new programs in place. She has implemented a Holiday Letter Writing Campaign for December, a Penny Challenge in January and Books Build Homes for this coming March. We cannot wait to see what else she has planned for Youth United and for Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County!