

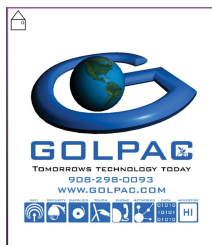


Habitat Happenings March 17, 2016

Habitat Bergen's Office Moved

Habitat Bergen moved its office on March 1st to [70 Grand Avenue, Suite 102, River Edge, NJ, 07661](#). All the "moving" parts are set in place, thanks to our friends at Golpac, Herlihy Construction, The Liberty Group, NAI James E. Hanson, Tobiasz Management Group, and Suez North America. We are eager to move forward in this new location, continuing to address the need for safe, decent, and affordable housing in Bergen County. *Please stop in to visit us at our new office!*

Thank you for helping Habitat Bergen during our move!



Building Hope, Building Bergenfield

The Bergenfield project is well underway! Habitat Bergen wishes to recognize [Downes Tree Service](#) for removing a 30 foot tree from the property as it was in the spot where the driveway is to be located.

Thank you for helping us plant new roots in Bergenfield!

Habitat Bergen has begun hosting volunteers on the job site at 110 Bergen Avenue to assist with the construction of the foundation and will soon welcome many groups that have reserved their own team build days. These teams eager to build include Apple, Bergenfield Town Officials, Black Rock, Financial Managers Society of NY/NJ, Jewish Community Organization of Northern Bergen County, Travel and Transport, and Habitat Bergen Youth United.

The foundation has passed inspection, so volunteers will now begin framing the 1,900 square foot energy efficient home. Next month, Habitat Bergen expects to name the family that will be partnering with us, to build their own home. Partner families are required to provide 400 "sweat-equity" hours on their future Habitat Bergen home, or other Habitat Bergen projects. They will be working alongside volunteers and Habitat staff, to help build their own American Dream.

The affiliate looks forward to a productive season of building with new and returning volunteers. Volunteers are always needed! Visit the [Volunteer Calendar](#) to sign up for a day or contact Director of Volunteers, [Angela King](#), if interested in scheduling a team build.

View Bergenfield's progress on [Facebook](#).



Women's History Month

Since 1987, March has been designated as Women's History Month and it coincided with International Women's Day on March 8th. We must all be reminded, this month especially, that we must acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments that women have made in history. Throughout history women have been pioneers in their fields, fighting to make an impact in their lives and the lives of others. From the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in 1911, Marie Curie; to the youngest woman to win the Nobel prize, Malala Yousafzai, who is currently fighting for a girl's right to an education in Pakistan. These women, along with so many others, are the embodiment of equality.

Women broke down gender barriers, rallied against "traditional" gender roles and showed society their strength, capabilities, and power. Habitat Bergen is channeling that pioneering spirit through our [Women Build program](#). Join us in celebrating the contributions that women have made in Bergen County, by attending one of our Women Build events or by becoming a Women Build [sponsor](#).



Join us at an Upcoming Women Build event!

In case you missed it, Habitat Bergen's Women Build Committee hosted a Self Defense Workshop in partnership with our friends at [PEAK Performing Arts Center](#) in Ridgefield! This engaging event filled up quickly and included attendees from all walks of life. The class focused on self-protection in all situations by learning: how to avoid becoming a target, how to recognize dangerous situations and how to drive off an attacker when in danger. Based on their years of karate experience, instructors Susan and Christina taught the group of women how to remain safe in dangerous situations. View photos from this empowering event on [Facebook](#).



In February, [Chef Central](#) hosted a healthy cooking demonstration and food tasting at their Paramus location, which benefited Habitat Bergen's Women Build program. Demonstrations included the "sou vide" cooking technique and prepared courses included: kale salad, butternut squash soup, and pumpkin panna cotta. View photos from this fun and delicious event on [Facebook](#).



How-to Lowe's clinics ran from February to March 15th at the Lowe's in Paramus. The goal of the Lowe's Clinics are to teach women essential *Do It Yourself* techniques and strategies to build construction skills, which will enable women the freedom to address construction issues themselves, and volunteer on our Bergenfield site! Some clinic topics included: how-to install exterior siding, how-to install roofing shingles, and how-to faux-finish walls. Lowe's is a National Women Build sponsor and the how-to clinics run every year as part of the Women Build program. *We can't wait to see you next year!*

The committee will host a High Tea at Bon Appetite` Tea House in Mahwah on April 26th from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. The keynote speaker at the High Tea is Mary Anne Deacon, Chairman of the board of Lakeland bank. Mary Ann's extensive leadership experience of over thirty years in property and real estate management are the perfect compliment to the Women Build mission, as it aims

to highlight women in "nontraditional" roles. As one of the 2015 NJBIZ Top 50 Women in Business, Mary Ann will address the challenges she has faced throughout her career; her reflections, with the opportunity of hindsight on how she may have dealt with those challenges differently and the new challenges women in established leadership roles continue to grapple with. All High Tea guests will receive a copy of Jeannine McCurrie's "My Plan B Handbook" as a way of saying thank you for joining us. Don't hesitate, [sign-up](#) today for an empowering afternoon.

Committee member, Lori Dunn, will attend the YWCA's EmpowerU STEM Mentor Day on May 18th to speak to young girls about her experience being a woman in a nontraditional role as an architect.

Become a **Women Build Sponsor** to get YOUR company's logo in front of our Women Build supporters. Any questions? Contact Angela King at AngelaK@habitatbergen.org.

Watch for more Women Build events as they are added to our [event calendar](#).

Youth United Selected to Receive State Farm Matching Grant

For the second consecutive year, Habitat Bergen's Youth United has been selected to receive a \$5,000 matching grant from State Farm in support of their construction and fundraising efforts within Bergen County. The youth volunteers are participants of Habitat Bergen's Youth United program and are required to raise a matching amount of \$5,000. Members of the Habitat Bergen Youth United Group attend schools throughout Bergen County. They host advocacy events yearlong, promoting the mission of the affiliate and conduct special fundraisers to support the construction effort.

Whether Youth United students are representing the affiliate at a local advocacy event, running in and fundraising for the annual 5k Race to Build, volunteering at a Ben & Jerry's Community Night or organizing an event of their own such as their Gingerbread event last December, they are engaged and focused on spreading Habitat Bergen's mission by being active examples of community youth volunteers.

The State Farm Youth United Recognition Team Build will be held on Thursday, April 7th on our job site in Bergenfield. State Farm, Habitat for Humanity's national corporate sponsor of youth programs, will be in attendance to recognize Youth United for their hard work and dedication to fundraising throughout the school year and will award the group with a \$5,000 check. These youth volunteers will not only be physically helping build, but also providing funds to turn the Bergenfield house into a home. To join this dynamic group of students visit Habitat Bergen's Youth United [website](#).

**You have the power to make a difference
Join Habitat Bergen at one of our upcoming events**

[Annual 5K Race to Build, April 16th.](#)

[Women in Business Networking High Tea, April 26th.](#)

[22nd Annual Gala, May 10th.](#)

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