



HABITAT HAPPENINGS

HABITAT CONTINUES TO AID IN DISASTER RELIEF AT HOME AND ABROAD

by Jason C. Giurintano, Board President

While we here at the Lebanon Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity are certainly proud of our achievements locally over the last several years, I also wanted to report on several significant activities supported by our parent organization, Habitat for Humanity International. As an international homebuilding organization with operations in 100 countries, Habitat's strong spirit of volunteerism is evident in all parts of the world. Habitat for Humanity has been especially hard at work over the last year in the Gulf Coast of the United States and in Tsunami-ravaged Southeast Asia.

A year after Hurricane Katrina came ashore on the Gulf Coast, Habitat for Humanity continues its efforts to help low-income families rebuild. Immediately after the hurricane struck, Habitat launched its Operation Home Delivery program to help displaced, low-income families in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama rebuild permanent housing as part of the region's long-term reconstruction. The operation grew to include assistance for people in Texas and western Louisiana affected by Hurricane Rita. By the summer of 2007, the organization plans to have built 1,000 houses.

Habitat for Humanity's Operation Home Delivery has begun constructing or completed nearly 400 homes with the help of more than 14,000 volunteers from across the United States and Canada. Habitat has raised nearly \$122 million in donations and pledges for the long-term effort and continues to seek funding and volunteers to help as many displaced low-income families as possible.

Halfway around the world, two years after the Indian Ocean tsunami devastated coastal areas of Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand, Habitat for Humanity and its partners are looking beyond reconstruction to put in place long-term programs that reduce the grim effects of poverty. The tsunami-recovery efforts are making a lasting

Calendar of Events

January

- 10 Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Forecast Breakfast, 7:30 at Lebanon Valley College
- 16 UCC Outreach Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Grace UCC
- 20 Application Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 22 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 25 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office
- 25 Unsheltered Homeless Count, 7:00 p.m. to Midnight
- 27 Strategic Planning Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

February

- 10 Couples Build on the jobsite, see inside for details
- 22 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office
- 27 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 27 Committee Chairperson Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries

March

- 7 Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting, 9:15 a.m., at Jubilee Ministries
- 22 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office
- 26 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 26 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries

April

- 13 12th Annual "Raise the Roof" Auction, see inside for details
- 23 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 23 Committee Chairperson Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries

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FUNDRAISING NOTES

Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County would like to recognize those who have contributed \$100.00 or more in July through November of 2006:

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impact on thousands of lives. An estimated 8,000 families have been served; 5,200 houses have been built or repaired and more than 2,600 are under construction. Over the next year and a half, plans are to provide good housing for another 10,000 families and to assist even more with training and disaster mitigation services.

Certainly, rebuilding the tsunami-affected regions will continue long into the future. Water, electricity, sanitation and other infrastructure and services are yet to be completed. Schools, community centers and clinics are needed. In some communities, because of their remoteness or delays in obtaining land, Habitat is only now able to begin construction. Habitat plans on serving a total of 35,000 families by the end of 2007. Additionally, our national partner, Lowe's, has exceeded its goal to raise more than \$1 million to help fund Habitat's rebuilding efforts in the Gulf community.

As you can see, we as an organization are proud to think globally and act locally, which would not be possible without the countless volunteers and donors right here in Lebanon as well as across the globe. Lastly, every gift is important, and even a small donation can go a long way in putting a roof over a family's head, a family that has lost everything.

COUPLES BUILD February 10

Don't know what to get that special someone for Valentine's Day?
How about considering a gift of hope for a family in need on this special day?

New for 2007, Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County is introducing several unique opportunities to show someone you care and to help your community. On Saturday, February 10, we are inviting you and that someone special to spend the day (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) putting your building expertise to work, or learning a new skill.

For just \$25 per couple you can spend the day working with one of our Habitat families and learning more about the Habitat program. The fee includes the materials required for the day and a special catered lunch.

Do something different for this year, show your sweetheart and your community how much you care by participating in this special build. Slots are limited so make that call today to reserve your spot. You will not regret it!!

**"RAISE THE ROOF" AUCTION
Friday, April 13**

This year will only bring you good luck if you attend the 2007 "Raise the Roof" Auction at Cedar Crest High School on Friday, April 13th. This will be our 12th annual auction and tickets for the event remain at \$5.00. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. to review the items available with the actual auction starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available from any Habitat board or staff member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

There are autographed pictures from actors, actresses and musicians new and old. We have autographed pictures of athletes from baseball, football, gymnastics, golf and NASCAR. Signed books from authors arrive regularly and some of our favorite cartoonists have provided hand drawn sketches of their characters. We received autographed CDs, gift certificates to local baseball games, your favorite restaurants, and overnight hotel stays. Gift baskets from local churches and schools arrive daily. There is something for everyone in anyone's price range!

Spend an evening with us for a great cause. Pick up something unique for yourself or a loved one. Grab a bite to eat from the selection of items available from the various clubs of Cedar Crest High School. For an updated list of specific items available for this year's auction, send your request to habitat@nbn.net or call the office at 228-1490. We would be happy to provide you with a list.

"A person is justified by works, and not by faith only. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

-- James 2:24, 26

Faith and action do make a difference. We must keep building because so many more families are depending on us.

-- Millard Fuller

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