



Faith Relations News: Gearing up for Calvary Build & Ambassador Program

The Faith Relations department is keeping busy. For the last several months, we have been communicating regularly with supporting congregations, scheduling volunteer dates, and developing resources to be used at the affiliate in years to come.

Members of the Calvary United Methodist Church who tirelessly move forward as “builders of faith” and leaders in the community, have committed to sponsoring an entire house as part of Habitat’s Energy Efficient Affordable Neighborhood. Other congregations also have stepped up to volunteer with Habitat in recent weeks, specifically within our Home Repair Program. We are so grateful, again and again, for the people of faith who participate in our work and make a difference.

Habitat looks ahead and continues casting a vision for our Faith Relations Program for the next several years, Habitat for Humanity has been working to develop an Ambassador Program. The program will train volunteers and leaders within our larger Habitat family to serve as Ambassadors at various outreach events, service fairs and speaking engagements. Potential Ambassadors should be willing to represent Habitat at events approximately three times a year, should have experience with Habitat, and a commitment to the mission. Ambassadors should also be comfortable with public speaking. All Ambassadors will receive orientation and materials from Habitat pre-service. If you are interested or know someone who would make a great representative for Habitat, please contact Desiree at dweaver@harrisburghabitat.org. Keep building on faith!

Upcoming Events

Ground Breaking on Energy Star Neighborhood
August/September

Non-Profit Yard Sale
August 28th, 2010
PA United Church Center

Yo Gabba Gabba! LIVE! There’s A Party in My City Tour
October 5th, 2010
Hershey Theater

Gifts that Give Hope
December 4th, 2010
Holiday Inn West,
Mechanicsburg

Eaken Piano Trio
December 7th, 2010
St. Stephens, Front Street,
Harrisburg

Details at:
www.harrisburghabitat.org

New Neighborhood, New Beginning

Green initiative planned for three new builds



Calvary United Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg is set to begin working in a new neighborhood, with new sponsors. If that wasn’t enough, it will all be done while keeping the environment in mind. Habitat will build three new homes in the uptown Harrisburg area on Woodbine Street and all three will meet strict energy star ratings. Work on these new homes is set to begin before the end of the summer.

The three sponsors, Calvary United Methodist Church, Cisco/D & H Cares and Schneider Electric, are all prepared to back the builds financially and will send volunteers to work on the projects. The

builds are part Habitat’s Energy Efficient Affordable Neighborhood in Uptown and will be Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area’s first Energy Star homes. By meeting certain “green” standards, Habitat for Humanity in Harrisburg will be eligible for financial support from Habitat for Humanity International.

In agreeing to become a partner in providing a new home to one of Habitat for Humanity’s partner families, Calvary believes that this action will help fulfill the church’s mission to bring people to God and God to community. The church and its congregation have been working several months towards being a Habitat for Humanity home sponsor.

D&H Cares will help Habitat for Humanity with the build as volunteers from Cisco Systems and D&H Distributing here in Harrisburg are expected to participate. The new Habitat for Humanity homes will be just a few blocks away from the D&H Distributing center located on Seventh Street. The D&H Cares Foundation was established in 2008 for the purpose of offering support and volunteerism to local and national charity organizations.

Schneider Electric is not new to sponsoring a home or a new comer to Habitat for Humanity. Schneider

Electric, locally, has supported home builds in the past, while its parent company has been a major nationwide supplier to Habitat for Humanity International for several years.

This major undertaking is just one part of a busy year for the local Habitat. Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area is also scheduled to rehab two homes that once were condemned, and fix up more than 15 homes for residents through Habitat’s Home Repair Program.



Cisco/D and H Cares

From The Habitat President Rich Ruble

The past year has seen economic turmoil, business failures, home foreclosures and myriad changes to our government’s policies. But throughout all of that, Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area has survived and positioned itself for substantial growth in our new fiscal year. We have always been a lean organization, focused on putting every possible dollar where it counts the most – on building new homes with our partner families and repairing the homes of those in need. But last year was a period that tested our resolve and ability to continue with our mission. I am proud to say we passed the test with flying colors. We were able to move four families out of poverty housing into newly built or renovated homes and were able to make repairs to a significant number of homes. In the first quarter of this year we will complete two more homes in the Allison Hill area in order to make two more families proud homeowners.

This year we are poised to expand into a new neighborhood in uptown Harrisburg – the Woodbine / Jefferson area. We will break ground on three homes that will be Energy Star rated. They are sponsored by D and H Distributing / Cisco Systems – D&H Cares, Calvary United Methodist Church and Schneider Electric. Other major contributors are PPL Corporation, the Home Depot Foundation and Triple Crown Corporation. During a time when the economy has not quite recovered, it is gratifying to have these organizations step up to this substantial commitment.

For those of you who have sustained us during these difficult times, I thank you and urge you to attend our ground breaking. The location, date and time will be posted on our website www.harrisburghabitat.org. Progress on the homes as we build them will also be posted there so that you

can watch the transformation of a vacant lot into a home. Thank you again for your support.



Spruill Dedication

Habitat Walkers Set New Records



Habitat walkers 2010

Supporters of Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area showed up in record numbers to participate in a walk to raise funds locally. Habitat for Humanity was one of 37 non-profit organizations to take part in Highmark's annual Walk for a Healthy Community held May 22nd on City Island.

The 318 walkers for Habitat raised more than \$18,000. Habitat for Humanity also saw 23 teams walk in the event. These totals surpassed Habitat's previous-best numbers of 105 walkers, \$7,400 in donations and eight teams from last year. Habitat's group of walkers was the largest this year for the Harrisburg Walk. On the day, an overall total of more than 2,000 participants took to the 5K course representing all the non-profits.

The top fundraising group for Habitat was the Friends of Habitat team. Although this was a small group in numbers, the volunteers raised \$4,120. Right behind the top fundraiser was the Women Building Dreams team representing Habitat's Women Build project. The Women Build team raised \$3,403 for Habitat.

Hershey High School's Habitat for Humanity, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area teamed up with Milton Hershey School for the walk this year. After sending 17 walkers to City Island last year, the Hershey/Milton Hershey Dream Team had 120 participants this year. Far and away, the Hershey group was the largest team walking for Habitat.

Annual Golf Outing Tops Last Year



2010 Habitat Golf Outing

The 12th Annual Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area Golf Outing sponsored by MI Windows and Doors and N-trepid, was held recently at the beautiful Hershey Links Golf Course. Wonderful weather greeted the golfers as they hit the links to raise funds for Habitat. At the end of the day, more than \$75,000 was generated to help Habitat for Humanity's work to end poverty housing here in Central PA. The total amount raised was up more than \$20,000 from last year's event.

In the 12 years that the golf outing has been held, more than 1.1 million dollars has been raised for Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area.

Yo Gabba Gabba! Live! There's a party in my City!?

Tuesday, October 5, 2010
at the Hershey Theatre

Benefits Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area. For more information please visit www.harrisburghabitat.org

Humanitarian Awards

Habitat held its Annual Humanitarian Awards ceremony in June. This ceremony is held each year so the local Habitat can acknowledge the work done by top volunteers, organizations and companies here in Central PA.

This year's top honor in the Humanitarian Awards ceremony went to long-time volunteer Eric Bartholomew. Eric has been quite active in supporting youth and young adult activities associated with Habitat for Humanity. Bartholomew was presented with the Chuck Dorsey Award, named after a former Executive Director and chairman of the Board of the Harrisburg Habitat.

Local M&T Bank Senior Branch Manager, Tracy Miller received the Christine Guss Golden Heart Award.

To see all of the winners from this year's event visit our website at www.harrisburghabitat.org.

Selected for National Program

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area has been selected as one of 163 affiliates nationwide to participate in Habitat for Humanity International's initial phase of its Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. That effort will focus on improving housing conditions while partnering with other community organizations to provide services that enhance the overall quality of life across struggling neighborhoods.

Through the initiative, Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area will work with other community organizations to determine the projects that will be carried out locally.

Community Yard Sale

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area will team up with other non-profits and participate in a Yard Sale on Saturday, August 28th at the PA United Church Center, 900 Arlington Avenue in Harrisburg. Habitat will join forces with CONTACT Helpline and Harrisburg's Crop Walk in the event which will run from 8:00 A.M. until late afternoon.

For more information call CONTACT at 652-4987, Crop Walk at 909-9038 or Habitat for Humanity at 545-7299.

From the Habitat Executive Director Eve Wachhaus

"We must adjust to changing times and still hold the unchanging principles." - President Jimmy Carter

This fall brings new and exciting changes! In addition to being your Executive Director here in Harrisburg, I am one of the ten members of the Board of Director's of Habitat for Humanity Pennsylvania. Therefore, it is my privilege to inform you that Habitat for Humanity Pennsylvania has been created to further support our efforts. HFHPA has been created to serve the interests of the Habitat for Humanity affiliates of Pennsylvania (HFHPA) by providing resources in advocacy, fundraising, financing, programs and services; provide consistent communication and collaboration with Habitat for Humanity International, and to assist with our individual mis-



sions to provide decent, affordable housing and to make shelter a matter of conscience on a Pennsylvania state level. Please check out the website for HFHPA, to learn more about our efforts to support all affiliates in PA, and to learn about our 1st Annual State Conference in October www.hfhp.org.

Also, this fall we will have an opportunity to thank Jennifer Larson and Desiree Weaver for their year of service as our AmeriCorps VISTA members and wish them well in their new endeavors. In August we will welcome our two new AmeriCorps VISTA members and our AmeriCorps National Direct member. We are delighted to continue to partner with AmeriCorps to bring low income residents of our community out of poverty. Please visit our website in August to meet our newest AmeriCorps members www.harrisburghabitat.org. To learn more about AmeriCorps, please visit www.americorps.gov.



My personal thanks go out to each of you. Together we continue to hold onto our unchanging Habitat mission principles, such as showing through our actions that poverty housing and homelessness are socially, politically and religiously unacceptable in our area and the world. We need you in these changing times. Thank you for supporting your local Habitat.

Gifts That Give Hope Fair

Come buy your holiday gifts at the fair as Habitat for Humanity will be offering "Alternative" ideas for the gift giver. Make a donation to Habitat for Humanity, and make it a gift. Fair will be held December 4th at the Holiday Inn West, 5401 Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Home Repairs



Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg closes another fiscal year having completed eight home repair projects here in Central Pennsylvania. Some of the highlights from the year included: a small addition containing a full bathroom and laundry room, a new handicap ramp, and a new roof. All of the repairs completed allowed for the homeowners to continue

owning and living independently in their homes.

None of this work would be possible without the help of our volunteers from various groups, congregations, individuals, and companies. Thank you to everyone who was involved with our Home Repair Ministry this year, your work truly makes a difference. For more information stop by the Habitat web site, www.harrisburghabitat.org, call the construction office at 238-9239, or email Jen Larson at jl Larson@harrisburghabitat.org.

Lead Based Paint Regulations

Within the last several months, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed new regulations concerning lead paint. These new regulations have affected our rehab and home repair projects. To ensure the safety of our Habitat partner families and home repair applicants the necessary guidelines determined by the EPA will be followed. Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce that construction manager John Neumann is a lead based paint certified renovator and that Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area is an EPA safe lead certified firm. Although these new regulations require additional tools and supplies, we will continue to rehab and repair homes in the Dauphin County Area.



Family moves into "New Home"



Spruill Dedication

The Spruill family began life in their new house and in a new Neighborhood. Toni Spruill and family contributed more than 350 sweat equity hours toward the completion of their Habitat for Humanity home. This home is known as a "Rehab Project" to Habitat as the non-profit acquired the property and made the necessary changes to make it like-new for the Spruill family.