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Habitat Providence 2005 Annual Meeting



Habitat for Humanity of RI Greater Providence, Inc. held its Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day on June 18, 2005. Brenda Clement, Executive Director of the Housing Network, was the keynote speaker. Habitat Providence's Executive Director, Herman deKoe, dedicated a special thanks to the Wednesday crew volunteer Lloyd Reslow with a hand made collage. Special thanks too for the following volunteers: Dick Lundgren, John Forbes, Doug MacPherson, Lorenzo Freccia, Glenn Hardy, Michele Paquet, Jamie German, Mike Rossi, Helen Lister, Tim O'Neal, Doris Huddleston, Colleen Fox-Choiniere, Ketti Steward, Sharon Dwyer, Bernadette Mernin and Richard Grubb. It was nice to have the annual meeting on an actual construction site.

Bike & Build Providence Team Arrives In Seattle

The Bike and Build Providence to Seattle team arrived in Seattle, Washington on Saturday, August 7th. Leaving Providence on June 4, 2005, the Bike & Build team took off after a hearty breakfast and a short ride to India Point Park to dip their back tire in the Atlantic Ocean. One last task before leaving was to ride to the Habitat House in Olneyville that was funded by last year's Bike and Build. The Bike & Build riders are dedicated to the cause to end poverty housing, cycling for 70, and at times 100 miles every day until they arrive at their destination. During the trip the riders make several stops to work on the construction site of a local Habitat house. The Bike & Build teams contributed over 200 labor hours at each site that they worked on. As we (Habitat Providence) kept track of their progress reading their daily diary, the trip made us aware of the strength, the drive and stamina that each rider possessed. They endured drenching rain and sweltering heat, body aches and pains and at times minor injuries. It wasn't enough to hold them back. It gave Todd the strength to ask Sara to marry him. Congratulations! to the both of you.



The Housing Network





**Volunteer
Spotlight**



Jamie German

Leaping to the call of giving, Jamie, a full time chemistry teacher and a singer with the Providence Singers, finds the time to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity—Greater Providence, Inc. Every Wednesday and Saturday, alternating days during her teaching schedule. She enjoys working with Habitat Providence - and the partnering families. She values the friendships and family members she works with. Jamie has been volunteering with Habitat for 12 years. "Habitat is a nice, safe place to work. It is also personal. Volunteering with Habitat allows you to work with the partnering families to help build their house. I grew up in a house that my family owned. Growing up I thought everyone had their own house. We sometimes take it for granted. I've realized that there are so many families who are not as fortunate as I am. Habitat is not a give away. Families work hard to earn sweat equity hours to buy their house."

**Habitat - Providence and India Restaurant
Collaborate efforts for Hurricane Katrina Relief**

India Restaurant will be hosting a benefit at their Warren, RI location on Thursday, October 27th, 2005, 5:00 p.m. til 10:00 p.m. to support Habitat for Humanity's **Operation Home Delivery**, a rebuilding program, developed by Habitat International to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. It will be an evening with live entertainment, buffet dinner and a silent auction. 100% of the funds raised will go to **Operation Home Delivery**, to help provide assistance and rebuilding opportunities in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Plan to attend the event and bring as many people as possible. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at all India Restaurant locations. Additional information can be obtained at the Habitat Providence office at **(401) 831-5424**.

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First Parish Church - Annual Pilgrimage to Providence

The windows are in at 103 Putnam Street, thanks to our friends from First Parish Church of Dover, New Hampshire. Each year a group from the church comes to Providence and volunteers with Habitat-Providence, building decent affordable houses for families in need. Thank you First Parish Church group, three of which are pictured here.



**YouthBuild Providence
Class of 2005**



Congratulations to the YouthBuild Providence Class of 2005. Twenty three young men and women were honored at 15 Steere Avenue, the house the YouthBuild team built along with Habitat Providence. Mayor Ciccilline and Councilman DeLuca were in attendance along with Herman deKoe, executive director of Habitat - Providence and Andrew Cortez, executive director of YouthBuild Providence. This partnership helps disadvantaged youth while building affordable houses for families in need. YouthBuild helps to seek full time employment for all graduates.

103 Putnam Street Residential Properties House Update

The Residential Properties sponsored house at 103 Putnam Street in Onlyville is well underway. The roof is complete and the windows and doors are in. The house is fully encapsulated. The exterior is partially sided and painted.



Habitat Needs Land

Habitat Providence is in the process of selecting new building sites to build a Habitat House. Anyone who knows about a potential available lot, please call

Sharon Dwyer at Ed Wojcik Architects (401)-861-7139



Thanks

Colleen Fox -Choiniere
Habitat - Providence
Photographer
& Site Volunteer

How Can I Volunteer?

It is simple! Volunteers for Habitat are at the Providence sites (weather permitting) every Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

To find the address of a site, see our web site or call the Habitat office at (401) 831-5424.

No experience necessary, but dress appropriately: jeans, gloves, and sturdy boots or shoes. Tools are provided on site, but you may bring your own.

Groups of three or more must make arrangements in advance.

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www.habitatprov.org

Site Updates
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Building Houses
Building Communities
Building Hope

What is a House Sponsorship?

A Habitat house in Providence, RI costs approximately \$90,000 to build (\$75,000 in construction costs and an average of \$15,000 for the land). We continually seek out **sponsors** to partner with us in raising funds for a house. If a business, a club, or a church donates \$75,000 toward a house, they are designated the “**House Sponsor**”. House sponsorship is a means by which corporate citizens, clubs and church members can address the problem of affordable housing while simultaneously gaining benefits such as tax deductions, positive public relations and opportunities for employees and congregants to participate in community development. Please contact us to discuss the possibilities.

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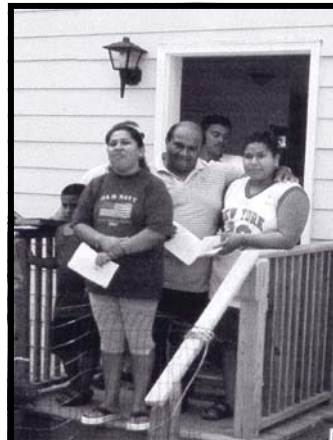
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