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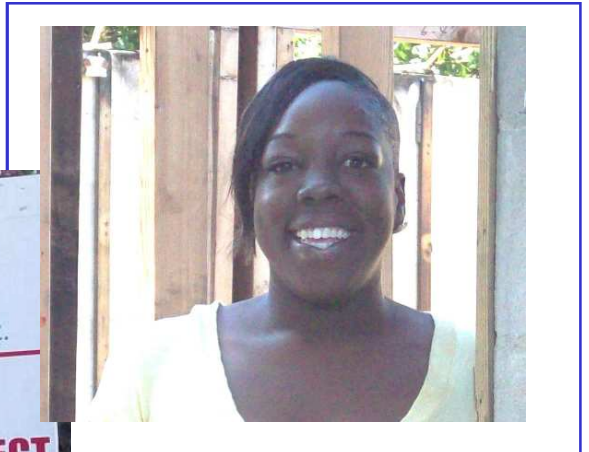
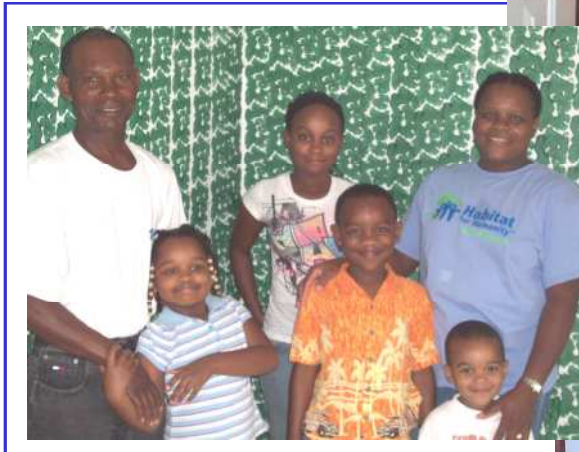
Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Rehabilitation
Bring New Opportunities



Louis Family



Brown Family



Habitat partners with community agencies to
place more families in affordable homes -
and together we're changing lives!

Family – That’s What We Are All About!

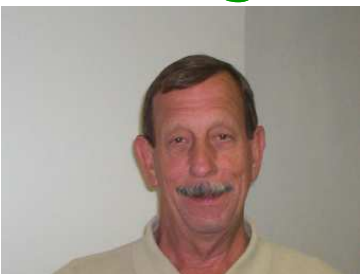
Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter Florida is a very industrious affiliate, and the Family Services department within our agency is bustling with recent activity. On September 26th, an informational meeting was held for potential applicants for our home-purchasing program. As a result of that meeting, fifty applications were received and reviewed by our Family Selection Committee. The next phase will involve financial assessments, search of public records, and visits to the homes of the applicants. Habitat hopes to select more than thirty families over the next eighteen months. These families will be matched with vacant lots for the purpose of new construction homes, or they will be paired with an existing home to be renovated.

Once families are selected, they are provided with *Family Partners*. The Family Partner serves as a mentor/guide to a family as they complete the home purchasing process. Family Partners contribute about five volunteer hours per month and are a vital part of the success of Habitat for Humanity. We are looking for additional Family Partners to assist our newly selected families and truly make a difference in their lives and our community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Family Partner, please call Tesa Fansler, our Family Services/Volunteer Project Coordinator.



Tesa Fansler discusses an application with applicant family

Neighborhood Stabilization Program



Terry Chance

Habitat for Humanity recently partnered with Lake County to participate in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP-1). NSP-1 allows Habitat to purchase foreclosed homes, refurbish them, and then sell them to qualified home-buyers. Habitat plans to renovate 8 homes in the Eustis area and 4 homes in the Clermont area through the NSP-1 program within the next 11 months. The partnership between Habitat and Lake County will be of great benefit to the community and to families in need of adequate shelter.

Terry Chance, Habitat for Humanity Project Manager, is directing the NSP-1 program which involves: researching properties which may qualify for NSP-1; working with realtors and others in acquiring properties; coordinating the renovation/repair of the properties and, working closely with Lake County to assure that all criteria is met. Terry has been with Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter FL., inc. since April 2009 and previously held the position of Associate Construction Manager.

The first family to be matched to a NSP-1 home has taken place. The family of Virgilan and Inade Louis has selected a home located in Eustis. The family will be working alongside their Family Partner and others in the renovation of this three-bedroom home. Habitat is very pleased to be part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and we are excited that our first NSP-1 family will soon be residing in their own home!

Other

Contribution

Opportunities

- Designate a gift for HFH in your will
- Include Habitat in your estate plans
- Get your organization or church involved
- Your employer's "matching gift" fund
- Volunteer opportunities
- Gifts of buildable land or construction materials and services
- Make a donation to a Thrift Store

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Future Opportunities bring Changes and Growth

A step in a new direction, a new initiative, is a practical strategy that will bring us closer to achieving our vision.

Our affiliate's move from being primarily new homes to rehabbing older ones including foreclosed homes represents a change that we believe will help us achieve our goals.

During the current fiscal year, we will complete 6 new homes, renovate 8 older homes and rehabilitate 7 foreclosed homes purchased through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. In addition, we are coordinating an effort to refer our seasoned homeowners to a community weatherization program which will make significant strides to reducing energy costs for families struggling to make ends meet.

"Volunteers have always been at the heart of Habitat's mission. Making them an essential part of our revitalization efforts is a valuable, critical part of the movement to eliminate poverty housing."

Our success in the past at Lake/Sumter Habitat has been largely dependent on you, our volunteers, and will continue as we forge forward with this new expanded effort. Thank you for your willingness to help, and I look forward to seeing you on our many sites over the coming months. - *James E. Fischer, CEO*

Continuum of housing solutions



HOW TO "LEAVE A LEGACY"

Although not everyone has the ability to make large outright gifts, everyone does need a WILL and many people can consider giving through a WILL. The following forms are offered as examples of how Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter might be included in a typical WILL:

TYPES OF BEQUEST FORMS

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter, ___ % of my estate to be used by its directors and administration in carrying out its corporate objectives and purposes."

OR

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter, the sum of \$___ to be used by its directors and administration in carrying out its corporate objectives and purposes."



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Announcing

Our affiliate received a national Encore Opportunity Award sponsored by MetLife Foundation & Civic Ventures for employing staff over the age of 50. Only 8 awards were given nationwide. Award was presented at the Washington Press Club on November 17th.

We have just been notified by Habitat for Humanity International that we have sponsored 105 houses in Mexico through our tithing effort.

Family Highlight – Ethel Young

How long have you been in your home? I've been in my house for 9 years. I have been on my job as a CNA/ Restorative Aide with Bayview Center for 24 years.

What has being a Habitat homeowner meant to you? It has made a huge difference in my life and the life of my girls. I worked hard for this. I did all the sweat equity with my girls as a family. Having a stable home really helped my daughters.

Tell me about your family. My oldest daughter, Shalorda, was an honor student at Eustis High and played on the basketball team. She recently graduated from University of South Florida with a degree in Criminology. She starts back to school in August to work on her Masters Degree. Her future goal is to become a lawyer. My youngest daughter, Raben, will graduate from Eustis High this year. She is also an honor student and on the cheerleading squad. She also is in a praise dance team. She plans to attend LSCC and major in business accounting. For the past 3 years, I have been raising my God Daughter, Zaniya. She is 7 years old and attends Eustis Elementary. Without Habitat, I would not have been able to give these girls a stable life and home. It has made all the difference in the world in their lives.

Visiting with Ethel, seeing the Habitat Bible and Habitat sampler still displayed in the home, it is easy to grasp the impact Habitat has on families.



Ethel Young and Zaniya