

Winter 2008

# Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter



## Future Plans And Exciting Opportunities

As Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter closes out a very successful 2008 where we will exceed our strategic goal of 14 homes, we are excited to be looking to the future. 2009 brings the affiliate to its 20th year of assisting families in Lake and Sumter Counties. Along with our 20th year, we will also be celebrating the construction of the 150th home. Working together, we have been successful in placing families in safe, decent affordable housing. Please join Habitat for Humanity in 2009 as we celebrate our outstanding accomplishments and look to the future.



## Thrivent Partners on 3rd House



In 2009, our affiliate will once again be working with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This sponsorship marks our 4th successful partnership. Thanks to the great relationship between the affiliate and the local

Thrivent Chapter, we will embark on the construction of the home for Lillie Williams and her daughter in Leesburg. Marv Baden is looking forward to serving as the site supervisor having worked with Thrivent in the past.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a four year \$125 million alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International.

The home in 2008 took only 38

working days to construct with the equivalent of 463 people working four hours a day. Over 50% of the workers represented the local Lutheran Churches. As we move forward with our next build, the relationship Habitat has with the local Thrivent Chapter is a true blessing.



## Church Partnerships Support Habitat Mission



As an ecumenical Christian housing ministry, Habitat depends upon the prayer, financial, and volunteer support of our local faith community. We are blessed with many active church partners who provide the funds and volunteers needed to place families in affordable shelter.

This year, New Covenant UMC in The Villages provided sponsorship for the home of the Douglas Family in Wildwood. They raised all the funds and in kind donations needed

to complete the home, provided the volunteers to construct it, and supported the family by their nurturing and prayer efforts.

Orange Avenue Church of Christ, Holy Trinity Episcopal, the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and Lady Lake UMC joined together to sponsor a home for Jean Marie Rohrer in Paisley. It was gratifying to see so many churches working together on a common goal.

New Life Presbyterian Church provided both financial and volunteer support for the family of Annette Howard in Leesburg. New Life is our founding church and has been a Habitat partner for 20 years!

Faith Lutheran Church decided to take on local missions projects this year instead of doing a foreign mission trip. And are we glad they did! Over the course of their mission week, over 40 church members were on Habitat sites working on several different homes. They met each morning at the church, had fellowship time, reported to assigned job sites, and returned at noon for lunch and a time of reflection. It was a very meaningful experience for those who were a part of it.

Lake Square Presbyterian Church has adopted the 3rd Saturday of every month as Habitat Saturday. Members of the congregation volunteer that day on jobs where Habitat needs work. It is very helpful to the affiliate to know that on the 3rd Saturday we can count on specific volunteer help.

Many other churches provide ongoing prayer, financial and volunteer support that is so vital to our mission. Would you like to get your church involved? Ask them to : **Pray for our mission and our families, adopt a day to bring out volunteers, provide meals to volunteers on a job site, partially or fully sponsor a Habitat house, or provide volunteer support to a store. For more information on Church partnerships , call 483-0434 ext. 24 to get your church involved.**

## 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

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**Habitat Family**

by partnering with us

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter

PO Box 186, Eustis FL 32726

### MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS

*Memorial Gifts* may be given in memory of a departed loved one at the time of death or on the anniversary of their death. You may encourage others to support your memorial interest by asking the funeral director to insert the wish for memorial gifts to Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter in the obituary notice.

*Honor Gifts* may be given to celebrate a holiday, birthday, anniversary or other special event in honor of a family member, boss, friend or respected community leader.

### MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

### 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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## Builders' Blitz Makes a Difference

In June of this year, Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter participated in the 2008 National Home Builders Blitz. Our affiliate partnered with the Home Builders Association of Lake County and Spears & Spears General Contractors to construct 2 homes in 7 days. With 12 hour work days, homeowners Jennifer Johnson and Elmina Cenatus saw their dreams quickly become a reality. Hard working volunteers from both organizations worked tirelessly to complete the homes in one week, during the hottest week of the year. By Sunday afternoon everyone was celebrating the completion of the homes.

Habitat for Humanity wants to thank the Home Builders Association and Spears & Spears for their time and dedication to this amazing project.



## Volunteers Are Making a Difference

### Habitat Thrift Stores

#### Leesburg Store

200 N. Lone Oak Drive  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
352-728-6366

#### Groveland Store

7432 W. Hwy 50 Suite # 112  
Groveland, FL 34736  
352-429-9052

#### Eustis Store

710 S. Bay Street  
Eustis, FL 32726  
352-483-0410

#### Wildwood Store

6761 CR 149  
Wildwood, FL 34785  
352-330-088

#### Store Hours

M-F 9-4 Sat 9-3



Over 840 individuals volunteered with Habitat this past fiscal year. They worked on construction sites, in our thrift stores, collected cans, soaked postage stamps, and served on a variety of committees. Some volunteers worked several days a week, others occasionally. They all had one

thing in common—they were making a difference in the lives of partner families and along the way had life changing experiences of their own. Habitat volunteers take their ministry very seriously and know that what they do has an impact on others while transforming our community one house at a time. For a volunteer who dropped in recently, Habitat has become a major part of his life. He is deeply committed to the affiliate's values and has become a vital part of our ongoing effort. He commented, "Habitat has changed my life. The other volunteers and the families I've worked with have become a part of my family." He is not alone. The tireless work of all volunteers this year means that 16 families will have a place to call home. THANK YOU! Each and every volunteer is appreciated for her/his special skills and willingness to serve. If your business, club, or church would like to volunteer, please call 483-0434 ext. 13.

## Become a Habitat Home Sponsor Today

Each one of us has the opportunity to assist in our house sponsorship efforts. Here are just a few of the many ways you can



assist Habitat in sponsoring the construction of a home in 2009:

- Habitat is looking to living communities to partner with us in sponsoring a house. If you currently reside in a living community, did you know that if each household gave only \$5, you could fund the construction of a Habitat Home?
- Are you a business that collects sales tax and/or pays corporate tax? If so, Habitat
- has a program to keep your tax dollars in Lake and Sumter Counties.
- Do you belong to a social/service club? Organizations are great house sponsors.
- Are you an individual who feels led to sponsor a home? Individual donors make wonderful partners.
- Do you belong to a church? Ask your church to get involved with Habitat's mission.

## From the Desk of Ray Taylor, Board President

Dear Fellow Habitaters:

In light of the current state of the economy, you will be pleased to know that the Affiliate is in very good condition! We're on track to build 16 homes this year and additional lots have been obtained, either through purchase or donations, to ensure our future growth. Your continued support is as important as ever as the demand for affordable housing outpaces our capability to meet the demand.

The income generated by the four Thrift Stores (Leesburg, Wildwood, Eustis and Groveland) covers not only their operating expenses, but also the overhead of the entire Affiliate with funds left over to contribute to home construction. This means that 100% of your donation goes toward home construction!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Affiliate. With the current construction schedule of one home in Lady Lake, two homes in Leesburg and one starting soon in Eustis, your involvement in home-builds is greatly needed. Participating on a job site is a wonderful way to make a difference in the community. Please consider that, if you can't be at the home sites assisting with the construction, your talents and time can be used in a variety of ways. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

The Affiliate will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in March 2009 and we look forward to seeing all of you at our special celebration. Details of the event will be forthcoming.

Again, THANK YOU for your continued support of Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter! Through your donations of time, money and store-donations, you are making an impact on the families we serve.

Go in God's Grace,

Ray Taylor

## Americorps Members Aid in Construction



Have you seen the new faces on a job site lately? Four Americorps started this month working in the area of construction. Ashlee, Stephanie, Dylan, and Jeff are real "points of light" taking a year out their education to be with us learning construction and how to lead future volunteers on specific tasks.



AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. In addition to AmeriCorps, the Corporation also administers Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. Together these programs engage more than 2 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service each year.

