

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

Monthly Update for July

June 25, 2009

Check out our website www.habitatcapecod.org for frequently updated news items, photos and announcements.

Calendar

Sunday, June 28th, 3pm - 6pm Garden Tour

83 Shore Drive Dennis, MA (see note below, "fundraisers")

Friday, July 3: Habitat office is closed

Saturday, July 4: Gomes Way volunteer construction site is CLOSED. No one should be on site for construction, landscaping or any other volunteer activity. Enjoy your holiday.

Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 PM Annual Meeting, Yarmouth Senior Center

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Gomes Way is STILL going great!

Here is a link to a 10 minute video from the day we raised the first wall there:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITHJPxnx0Fg>

Site tours: If you are not a construction volunteer and would like a guided tour of the site – please call the office and ask for Vicki or Sue. We would be happy to set a time to meet you there ourselves or find you a knowledgeable guide.

Progress: We raised the walls on house #6 two weeks ago, #4 is this Saturday, and walls will rise on #13 & #15 -- the final two Habitat homes (of eight) -- Sat. July 11. Meanwhile, back at the start of the block, the solar professionals have begun their work in #1, which is all roofed and closed in with rough plumbing

and electric. Landscaping has begun and will continue around the neighborhood as the siding of each house is completed.

We have had a fabulous volunteer response. Remember, please, to keep calling our volunteer coordinators to reserve your days, because we do get fully subscribed.

Coordinator for individuals: Joanne Broderick 508 240 5860

joannebroderick@comcast.net

Coordinator for churches and other groups and teams: Hilary Greene,

hilary@habitatcapecod.org 508 775 3559 x 16 (Tues – Fri).

Coordinator for the Harwich Faith Communities Churches: Gary Mann,

508-430-1204 Garymann1@me.com

Coordinator for Women Build Days (last Thursday each month): Marilyn

George at 508-362-3420 or marilyngeorge@verizon.net

Snack donations – please call Hilary (508 775 3559 x16)

Lunch donations – please call Gary Mann 508 430 1204

Cheer and Kudos!

Challenge Grant – We did it! We thank the 128 contributors whose combined donations of **\$25,000** have earned us the **\$25,000 match** promised by our anonymous donor. This home sponsorship is dedicated to honoring our fabulous volunteers.

Upper Cape Tool and Bake Sale was a tremendous success, with almost everyone from the Upper Cape Chapter lending a hand, lots of donations for the sale, a great turn out, and **\$2903 was raised** for the work of our local affiliate.

Kayak Raffle is off to a strong start – with \$2474 receipts from raffle ticket sales before the last weekend in June. Thanks to Pat, Bill and all our volunteer raffle ticket sellers.

Church Sponsors: Church of the Holy Spirit and the Harwich Faith

Communities have both met their goals of \$50,000 sponsorships as the major funders of houses #1 and #8 Gomes Way, respectively. **The Apostles Build** churches are getting very, very close. For church sponsors that exceed their sponsorship commitment, be assured that “excess” funds will continue to be directed to Gomes homes or a special tithe payment – per your instructions to us.

Annual Awards

Please watch for a second email within the next few days: "Annual Awards." It's time to consider your nomination for our Spirit of Service, & Golden Hammer, and Habitat Partner awards. Details in the email to follow.

Did You Know (from the National Low Income Housing Coalition- *Out of Reach 2009- Barnstable County*): In Barnstable County, the Fair Market **Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment** is \$1,192. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$3,973 monthly or \$47,680 annually. **Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of \$22.92.**

A local minimum wage (\$8/hour) earner must work 115 hours per week, 52 weeks per year to afford that two bedroom rental.

You're Invited - Fundraisers

Garden Tour: *From hosts Martha and Roland Young: "You are invited to come to 83 Shore Drive in Dennis and wander about our yard anytime Sunday June 28th between 3 PM until 6 PM. On Saturday June 27th our yard will be all "spruced up" for the bi-annual Dennis Garden Club tour of several Dennis gardens and we thought that our garden would ungrudgingly provide some further pleasure on a second day; a "Second Harvest" so to speak. All yards are unique and God's handiwork is seen everywhere in color, design, texture, pattern and the life within all growing things. This invitation to share our garden is offered for your pleasure and for Habitat for Humanity's benefit. Donations will be accepted and will be given to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. If the sun shines we may even have some ice tea and cookies. Please park on the south side of Shore Drive facing east."*

Habitat is Partnering with TD Banknorth's Affinity Program

We're proud to announce a new partner in our fundraising initiatives. We've joined up with *TD Banknorth's Affinity Membership Program*, which provides local non-profits the opportunity to earn annual cash contributions. Here's how it works: TD Banknorth will contribute a percentage of the annual balance in every one of our members' accounts based on the average balance in your account(s). Checking, savings, money market, CDs and retirement accounts are all included. All you need to do is to let the TD representative know that you want your account linked to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod's Affinity Program. *Information regarding accounts included in the program is kept strictly confidential.* For additional details, please feel free to contact Amy Camenga, Business

Development and Sales Manager in the Harwich Port branch. Phone: 508-430-1638 or email: Amy.Camenga@TDBanknorth.com.

Chapter Meeting Information

Upper Cape meets on the first Monday of each month. 7 p.m., Mashpee Senior Center. Chapter Chair: **Bob Leary**

Lower Cape: next meeting to be announced.

Mid-Cape

Chapter Chair: **Marilyn Nouri** 508-385-8568;

Co-Chair: **Fred Yarger** 508-385-5407 fred.yarger@lycos.com

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Construction updates– x2, bad weather hotline - x3;

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Sue Daggett, Director of Resource Development and Communications x14

Hilary Greene, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs X16

Mike Williams, Director of Construction X17

Linda Caldwell X12

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