

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod
March, 2010 update

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Dear friends,

As I write this, the sun is shining; it's almost warm outside. The Habitat office is bustling! Hilary is working with a new member of our volunteer coordination team, Church Relations Committee is gathered in the conference room, and the office Family Selection volunteers are busy checking over the first wave of applications received for our 2010 Mashpee builds.

On the construction side, we have our building permit for Cross St., Dennis in hand; we are commencing the site and well work in Wellfleet required to secure the building permit. We have a team in Texas doing disaster relief re-construction for a week with the Fuller Center.

It feels like we are in full swing, but all that is preparatory to our 2010 new home construction season.

This year we will be starting six houses on six different sites in three towns (Dennis, Wellfleet and Mashpee), 4 – 6 weeks apart. The *planned* sequence of commencing volunteer construction is ---

Cross St., Dennis: April

Atwood Ave. Wellfleet: May

Hemlock La., Dennis: June

Mashpee houses, Fox Hill: July

Timberlane: (Women Build): August

Lakewood: September

We have blocked out approximately 7.5 months from start of wall framing to certificate of occupancy for each house

Vacation time for ALL construction volunteers. If you are a devoted construction volunteer and want to know when you can take your 2010 vacations without missing one bit of activity, **we are closing our site to ALL volunteer activity, as follows:**

APRIL: Closed from Friday April 9 – Monday, April 19

JUNE: Closed from Sunday June 13 – Monday, June 21

Those weeks, please help a friend, your family, go golfing, go swimming or sailing – put your feet up or do whatever you do to metaphorically “stop and smell the flowers.”

This year we will be turning a corner in how we handle volunteer sign-ups for each site day – using a web-based program popular with many local Habitat's called “Volunteer-UP”! We will be posting info on our website www.habitatcapecod.org about this soon

AND explaining it at our Community Kick-off/Volunteer Info evenings (listed below). There will still be the very human involvement of our volunteer coordinators.

For Wellfleet and Dennis, Joanne Broderick is the lead contact person for individuals (508 240 5860 joannebroderick@comcast.net). Hilary Greene (508 775 3559 x16 hilary@habitatcapecod.org) is the lead contact person for groups wishing to sign up. Mashpee contact info to be listed in future monthly updates.

So, please join us at our Volunteer Info/Community Kick off evenings, or at a Church Relations breakfast, or help us raise some money (kayak raffle, "you've got mail," etc.). Details on upcoming events and opportunities are listed below. – Vicki G.

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Spring Community Kick-off Celebrations/Volunteer info events – Save the Date!

Dennis – 7 PM, Tuesday March 23, Fellowship Hall at the Dennis Union Church
Wellfleet – 7 PM, Wednesday April 28, Wellfleet Congregational Church

(Our Mashpee event will be announced in a future update)

We will celebrate the start of volunteer construction of Habitat homes in each community, introduce the future homeowners – our partners in construction - and provide detailed information for volunteers and supporters. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

If you can help with the evenings hospitality by bringing a snack or dessert-type "finger" food, please let Hilary know (and thank you!) 508 775 3669 x16

hilary@habitatcapecod.org

Annual Spring Faith Breakfasts

You are cordially invited to attend one of our Church Relations Committee's upcoming annual gatherings. Come enjoy breakfast with us and hear about the work ahead in 2010. There will be a free will offering. Our volunteer shoppers, chefs, and table setters thank you for calling in your RSVP to: 508-775-3559.

- Thursday, March 18th at Dennis Union Church 8-9am
- Thursday, March 25th at First Congregational Church of Wellfleet 8-9am

- Thursday, April 22nd at Christ the King Church, Mashpee 8 – 9 a.m.

Haiti Fundraising Challenge

This challenge, described in a recent email to you, runs until March 31. It is part of a special collaborative fundraising effort by Habitat affiliates across the U.S. So far we have received \$1325 towards our local \$2000 goal. Please help us with a donation of *any* size made out to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod and memo'd "Haiti Relief." We have set up a temporary designated fund for these donations and will forward one check to Habitat International for Haiti relief work, early in April with all funds we receive in response to this appeal. We think it is an awesome idea to pool the collaborative potential of the approximately 1600 local affiliates in the U.S. Please remember that Habitat's efforts are towards 3 – 5 years of re-building – with a goal of serving 50,000 of the estimated 200,000 displaced by the recent earthquake.

Applications period *open* for Mashpee homes

Deadline 5:30 Tuesday March 30th!

A big thanks to everyone who has been helping us spread the word. We are getting a very strong response from applicants for the three Mashpee homes we plan to build this year. It is NOT too late, and there is always a chance – as long as the completed application (and documentation) is in our office by deadline. *To have an application mailed, call the Habitat office at 508-775-3559. Applications are also available at the Mashpee town Clerk's office.* We are building three 3-bedroom homes, each on a separate Town-donated site, construction commences in August and September.

You've Got Mail:

On Friday, May 28th Habitat will be hosting its *Inaugural Mailbox Silent Auction*. The fundraiser will be held at the Chequessett Yacht & Country Club in Wellfleet from 5-8pm. We're working with local artists whose work will be featured on the mailboxes. If you wish to share your talents or want to lend a hand with the event, please visit our website at [Upcoming Events- Mailbox Silent Auction](#) or contact 508 775 3559x14 or sue@habitatcapecod.org

Habitat's Kayak Raffle

Was featured in Habitat International's quarterly magazine, Habitat World (March 2010). Kudos to Pat Taylor and Bill Witmer for their contributions each year to make this possible and to all the volunteers who sell tickets at the various festivals, and to the volunteer coordinators who make sure each venue is "staffed" with ticket sellers. If you want to be on the list to help with the kayak raffle in the mid and lower cape areas, please contact Nancy Erskine 508 945 2163; nancybillersk@comcast.net.

Site support volunteer openings

Are you a well-organized person, with a welcoming manner? Then be part of a great team we have been assembling to make sure that every thing is organized and ready and welcoming on each of our six construction sites this year. Please contact Hilary to see what team or leadership slots are still open. Tasks and amount of responsibilities vary so there is a lot to choose from to suit your time and style. **Hilary Greene** (x 16 or

hilary@habitatcapecod.org) **Food coordinator** is one key position we are trying to fill for the Dennis builds: someone(s) to solicit and coordinate offerings for coffee breaks for our hardworking volunteers, as well as Saturday lunches, we hope!

Land & Office Space:

Our thanks to all who have been calling in leads

Keep those calls and emails coming! Our office space assessment team is just kicking into gear and will keep going until we have found the right space at the best price.

Our need for land suitable for Habitat homes continues in the “critical” zone. We welcome any leads, as well as your ideas for more effective outreach or other offers of help.

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;**

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