

# Christmas Cards



## Make a difference with a gift that lets hope shine.

Make a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut and we will provide you with attractive, full color, professionally printed holiday cards. You may use these cards to tell a friend, co-worker, client or relative that they inspired you to make a gift in their honor to support a family's dream for simple, decent shelter.

Please complete the attached order form and send it with your tax-deductible donation. There is no limit to the number of holiday cards you can order; however, a minimum donation of \$5.00 per card is suggested.

Upon receipt of your donation, your cards and envelopes will be sent to you immediately, giving you time to personalize and send them.

Deadline for all orders: December 6, 2014.

We, along with our home buyer families, wish you a happy holiday season!



# ReStore

By donating to and shopping at the ReStores, you help keep thousands of pounds of usable goods out of landfills while helping create safe, decent, and affordable housing in partnership with local families in need. **SHOP, DONATE OR VOLUNTEER** at either of our two locations!

Since the first HFHECT ReStore opened in 2008



12,313 Donations



Volunteer & Shopper Support



8 Homes Locally  
17 Homes Internationally

## Did you know HFHECT has 2 ReStore Locations?

Visit both locations for unique finds and great deals on new and gently used furniture, appliances and building materials.

82 Boston Post Road  
Waterford, CT 06385  
860.437.3422

808 Norwich Road  
Plainfield, CT 06374  
860.564.7507

Wednesday — Saturday  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm



Habitat for Humanity®  
of Eastern Connecticut

860.442.7890

Have you seen our new website?

Please note, you may need to upgrade your browser to Internet Explorer 10 to see it properly.

[www.habitatct.org](http://www.habitatct.org)  
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# DOOR to DOOR

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## Building More than Houses... Building Momentum

July 1, 2013 began a new era as Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Connecticut and Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut officially merged to create Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut.

The past year has been one of building momentum for Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut. The northeast ReStore relocated to Plainfield, in the former Agway location. The southeast ReStore celebrated its first year in its Waterford location in May. Two home rehabilitations and two new home constructions were completed and sold to local families.

Five foreclosed, vacant homes located throughout the service area were generously donated to the affiliate. HFHECT has now completed 64 homes and has enough properties in its housing stock to reach its 90th home.

Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut continues to move forward with positive momentum,

thanks to its volunteers, donors, community partners, and homeowners. Whether it is through driving a nail, donating goods to the ReStore, making a donation of funds, or paying your Habitat for Humanity mortgage, you are helping to serve more families in need of safe, decent housing. Thank you.



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HFHECT is deeply appreciative of the time, commitment, and guidance the outgoing board members have provided the affiliate. Your involvement has made a profound impact on the affiliate and local families.

## 2014 Frederick Moyer Concert

Please join us for an afternoon of piano music with renowned pianist Frederick Moyer!

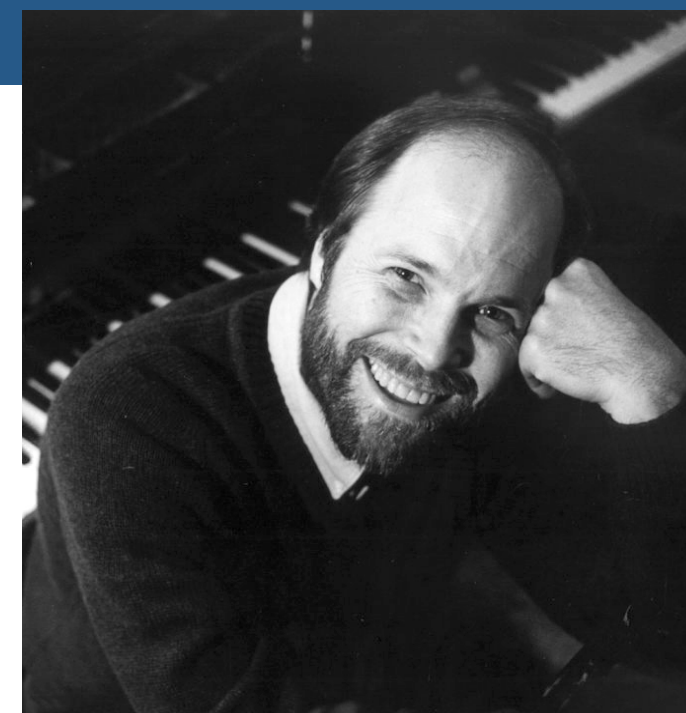
Mr. Moyer has performed several concerts for Habitat for Humanity and always delights his audiences.

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 4:00 pm

The Tang Center at The Rectory School  
Pomfret, CT

Tickets: Adults: \$25.00  
Seniors and Children (12 and under) \$15.00

To purchase tickets, please use the order form inside, order online at [www.habitatct.org](http://www.habitatct.org), or call 860.442.7890



## Construction Projects That Need Your Help

Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut has been blessed to receive several donations of vacant homes, and this fall the affiliate is working throughout the service area on home rehabilitations. We look forward to transforming the vacant houses into vibrant homes! If you would like to help on any of these homes, please visit [www.habitatct.org/volunteers](http://www.habitatct.org/volunteers).



90 Van Den Noort Street, Putnam



76 Mechanic Street, Killingly



6 Clairmont Court, Norwich

## Completed Homes

Habitat for Humanity has completed two new home construction projects: 344 Maple Avenue in Montville, 111 Flanders Road in Niantic, and one home rehabilitation at 151 Lincoln Avenue in New London. All of these homes represent an incredible community effort combining generous funding, donations of property, and of course, thousands of volunteer construction hours. Thank you for helping to make these homes possible!



111 Flanders Road in, Niantic



151 Lincoln Avenue, New London



344 Maple Avenue, Montville

## Meet the Families

### Rosado-Gonzalez Family



My name is Yahaira Gonzalez and my husband is Josue Rosado. We have five children; Eunice -14 yrs. old, my second oldest is Denice - 12 yrs. old, Joshua - 9 yrs., Elizabeth-6 yrs., and Joseph Luis-1 yr. My husband is currently employed at New London Housing Authority. I am a stay-at-home mom, planning to pursue my dream of becoming a social worker.

I was born in Puerto Rico, but raised in Massachusetts. Josue was born in Puerto Rico, but raised in New York City. As children, we struggled. We both had dreams to graduate college and work on our dream career, but life was too harsh and took us on a different path. We met and fell in love young. I had my first child at the age of 19. I was living with his parents and we struggled along the way. Our path led us to New London. As time passed and our family grew bigger, we were accepted to live in New London Housing, where my husband decided to work. My family and I started visiting church and, little by little, things started to change for the better. As a firm believer of Jesus, we knew that blessings were on the way.

Our dream was always to become a homeowner. My children, husband and I never gave up hope that we would soon have a house to call our own. Soon after this I heard about the program, Habitat for Humanity. I decided to give it a try. I never lost hope that this would be the blessing we were all waiting for. I went to the class in Norwich and applied. When we received our second application everyone was very excited. Months passed by and we waited patiently never losing hope. The phone rang one day and we received the call that we got the house. Tears of joy filled my eyes as I told my family the great news. We are finally going to be the homeowners we always wished to be. I truly want to thank first and foremost our God for this blessing and Habitat for Humanity for giving us the opportunity of making our dreams come true. God bless you all.

### Robidas Family



Hi! My name is Lorielle. I'm 31 and a single mother to 3 great kids. They are Jillian who is 11 and is following in my footsteps by being involved with music and acting; Samuel who is almost 9 and is a sports fanatic; and Jonah (we call him Jones) who has the funniest personality I've ever seen in a 3 year old. We are so blessed and humbled for the opportunity to partner with Habitat. Our own home! I still can't believe it! God is so good and we definitely wouldn't be on this journey without Him. We are excited every day! Being involved with Habitat has brought my family closer and has caused my children to be proud of what I am trying to accomplish for them. It will be a stable home that I will be able to provide for my family, something I was unable to do on my own. It is a scary thought to be on my own, but not so scary when I think about all the support we will have from family, friends and our new Habitat friends. I am so glad to be a part of the mission and look forward to the future!

My son Samuel made me a Mother's Day card that said, "Thank you mommy for everything you are doing so we can have our house!" It brought tears to my eyes and made me all the more assured that this is the journey God intends us to be on.

## Bid to Build

The Sixth Annual Bid to Build Event was held on Friday, May 2 at the Waterford ReStore. Habitat for Humanity supporters gathered to enjoy refreshments and the music of *That's What She Sang* while trying their luck in the basket raffle and bidding on local contractor services in the live auction. Funds raised will support home construction and rehabilitation projects locally.

Thank you to all who helped to make this a fun, festive and successful evening!

### Bid to Build Totals

- Over 100 attended
- 15 contractors donated services
- Event raised \$10,371 net

## Did you know?

23% of households within New London and Windham County live at 50% or less of the Area Median Income, which is \$38,100 for a household of 3.



Of those -

74% experience a housing hardship (incomplete kitchen, incomplete plumbing, overcrowding and/or cost exceeding 30% or more of income)



44% spend 50% or more of their income on housing.



Only 27% spend less than 30% of their income on housing.

## Habitat for Humanity® Cars for Homes™

The Cars for Homes Programs accepts so much more than cars! Cars for Homes will pick up and auction your unwanted car, truck, RV, boat, motorcycle, or farm equipment—running or not—and donate the proceeds to HFHECT. For more information call 1-877-277-4344 or visit [www.habitatct.org](http://www.habitatct.org) and click on the Cars for Homes logo on the right.

### Frederick Moyer Concert

Adult tickets at \$25 each  
Senior/Youth (12 and under) tickets at \$15 each

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### Christmas Card Order Form

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ holiday cards.  
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