

DOOR to DOOR



Your Habitat. Your stories. Thank you, volunteers and donors. ■ Fall 2016

Who Is Habitat For Humanity of Eastern Connecticut?

Along with nails, paint and boards, to create a Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut home, it also takes hard work by future homeowners and volunteers. Furthermore, support from donors, businesses and community groups, committees meeting regularly and board and staff expertise are essential to guide the process.

Every Habitat home represents the labor and dedication of so many people, all working with a common goal: helping another family build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Who Buys a Habitat Home, How and Why?

A soon-to-be homeowner like Jessica who helps build and pays an affordable mortgage. Jessica and her three children are currently preparing for HFHECT homeownership. As a “partner family” they participated in a rigorous application process, guided by the family selection committee.

Selection criteria centers on (1) need for decent housing (2) ability to pay an affordable mortgage and (3) willingness to partner with HFHECT to build a place they can call home. Partner families are required to complete the partner family program. This includes participating in numerous educational sessions such as financial management and



Partner families perform 400 hours of sweat equity which can take many forms.

Jessica helping to build her family's home. Her sweat equity is sweet! Jess and family take ownership of their Habitat home in November. Congratulations, Mitchell family.

budgeting, first time homeowner, conflict resolution, insurance and wills and pet ownership. They are also required to help build their home by working at the construction site. The partner family program is designed to ensure the success of the homeowner family over the long haul.

Who Builds a Habitat Home?

HFHECT builds or rehabilitates five homes annually and concurrently. Volunteers come from all walks of life, with or without experience; retirees, college students, faith groups, companies and civic organizations participate in team Build Days.

Volunteer committees select families, support families, plan events, select properties, review finances and guide the ReStores. There are ten volunteer committees that serve HFHECT.

Hospitality volunteers like Michele and Deb from the events committee provide refreshments and welcome at new home dedications. At the conclusion of each build, everyone involved throughout the build celebrates the family's accomplishments at the dedication.

Supportive businesses and corporations include Whirlpool who donates appliances for each Habitat home and Lowe's whose generosity is infinite.

**Donors
like you
who
give
— regardless of
the amount —
keep the
mission
thriving.**

Thank you for being part of HFHECT and for helping families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build better lives for themselves and a better world for us all.



Thank you Lucas, Dino and one of the HFHECT Women Build 2016 Teams. Women Build is an annual nationwide event sponsored by Lowe's.



Parishioners Jerry, Dave and John check in with Dino at a First Baptist Church of Lebanon Build Day. Thank you FBC of Lebanon for holding volunteer Build Days several times a year.



Dedicated volunteers, Michele and Deb, make dedications happen. Thank you.

Two More Families Are Almost Home

The Mitchell Family

My name is Jessica Mitchell. I am the proud mother of Brooke, Madison and Tyler. Tyler is autistic; he sees the world and relationships in his own way.

While visiting my sister in Connecticut in June 2015, my husband told me he wanted to end our marriage of ten years. My sister and her husband took us in.

Since, I enrolled my children in the local schools, completed the CNA course, and found a full-time job. The school sent home flyers about Habitat's Homeowner information meeting. During the meeting, I became confident that this could be the security my family needed after so much insecurity.

A home of our own means security for my children.

A home of our own means security for my children, someplace to enjoy fellowship with friends, host holiday



Brooke, Madison, Jessica and Tyler

gatherings and spend evenings playing games as a family. Accepted as a Habitat partner family, we have a beacon of light moving us forward and an end in sight to our current situation.

God has taught me so much about my own strength. I'm thankful for His comfort and for Habitat's dedication to helping families like mine reach their dream of homeownership.

The Moses Family

My name is Brandishea Moses. I'm a single mother of two wonderful children. Shya loves to read and she is in the gifted and talented program at school. My son, TuQuan, has tremendous energy and loves music. I work full-time at Dime Bank and I attend New England College of Business. My career goal is to become a Commercial Loan Officer.

My children and I had been dealing with mold, dust, unsafe areas and moving from apartment to apartment. My son was constantly getting sick due to the mold. So, we had to move in with my parents, two sisters and a brother. I decided to apply for Habitat.

Not long after doing my full application and a home visit,

I love that I will be helping other families with their dreams of becoming homeowners.

I received a phone call stating that I was accepted. I screamed loudly with joy and thanked Habitat and God. I am excited to start our new journey



TuQuan, Shea and Shya

and that my children will have a place to grow and make unforgettable memories. I am excited to be involved with such a terrific organization and great people. I love that I will be helping other families with their dreams of becoming homeowners. We are truly blessed!

You are cordially invited
to witness
Blighted to Beautiful
as we dedicate
244 Washington Street
Norwich
Sunday, November 21, 3 p.m.

The first Habitat home
in Stonington
Let us Rejoice and be Glad
at the dedication
42 Shawondassee Drive
Stonington
Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m.



Putting faith and love into action.

Faithful Framers contemplating their next transformation at 244 Washington Street.

The backbone of construction crews at every HFHECT job site is a group of not-so-regular guys who show up regularly. Weekly, twice weekly, whenever they are called upon, the 'Faithful Framers' have been transforming blight into beautiful for years. From distinguished careers as engineers, architects, teachers and scientists, these guys are spending their well-

earned retirement days working hard, turning blight into beautiful and building homes for those without. Sporting hardhats, tool belts and smiles, the Faithful Framers are endeared and respected. They put faith and love into action regularly. They inspire everyone around them and you'll have the chance to meet them.

Big huge thanks to everyone who participated at Bid to Build 2016

You contributed to helping deserving families achieve homeownership. Hardhats off to you.



Auctioneer extraordinaire Brian taking bids for a hot auction item, Whaling City Weekend for Two.



Bud trying his luck at Corn-hole toss.



The ladies are having a blast.

Attention Habitat Believers and Charter Oak Credit Union Members

Double your gift. Double your impact.

Charter Oak Credit Union is supporting charities that are meaningful to their members by matching member's charitable gifts. Your gift to HFHECT up to \$100 will be matched by COCU.

Be inspired to make a gift to HFHECT today and in turn help families achieve homeownership. There are so many deserving families that need you. Be their hero. Be their champion.

Donations of \$25 to \$100, made by November 23, will be matched in increments of \$25 (\$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100).

Doubling is easy. Visit CharterOak.org/content/Matching-Gifts and complete the Charter Oak Matching Gifts Request Form. Send completed form with your gift to Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut, 377 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320. For more information, contact HFHECT, 860.442.7890, x204.



It was a full house of big hearts.

Bid to Build 2017

Where hardhats and high heels converge.
Friday, April 21, 6:30 – 9 p.m. – Save the Date

Car, truck, boat or other vehicle you would like gone?

Just a phone call away

Habitat for Humanity Cars for Homes will pick it up, take it away and provide you a tax receipt. Regardless of its shape, it's this simple. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the sale of your donated

vehicle will be used to help a hardworking family achieve homeownership. Call today...gone tomorrow.

1.877.277.4344

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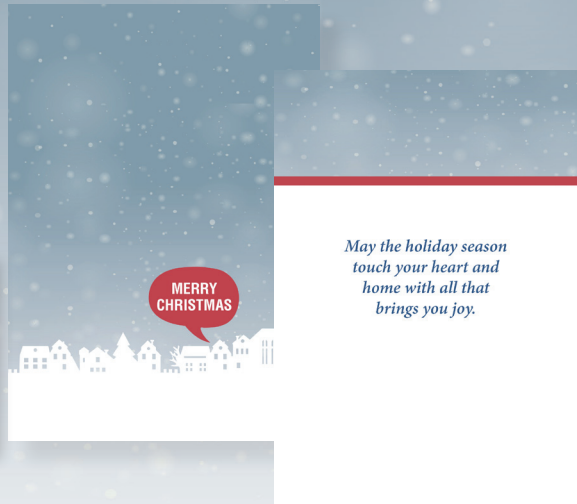
Important message to donors:

Giving to **Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut** (HFHECT) means that you are **creating change LOCALLY**. Thank you for supporting eastern Connecticut. Our families need us. Our communities need us. Feel a tremendous sense of pride when you see a HFHECT project because you helped families here in eastern Connecticut. Thank you.

Visit the local Habitat website at habitatect.org

Christmas Cards

A donation has been made to Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut in your honor to help fulfill a family's need for a safe and decent home.



Make a difference with a gift that lets hope shine.

Tell your loved ones that they inspired you to make a gift in their honor supporting a family's dreams for simple, decent shelter. Make a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut and we will provide you with these professionally printed Christmas cards.

Upon receipt of your donation, your cards and envelopes will be mailed to you, giving you time to personalize and send them to your loved ones. Please complete the order form and send it with your donation. A minimum donation of \$5.00 per card is suggested.

Deadline for all orders: December 5, 2016

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Please send # _____ holiday cards and # _____ "In Your Honor" card inserts

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please remit payment and order form in enclosed envelope

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

The Board Room

Our leaders. Our champions.

Thank you.

The Rev. Thomas Hogsten, Groton, president
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The Construction Crew

With hardhats and big hearts.

Dino Tudisca, director of construction services
Dale Brown, site leader
Lucas Girard, site leader



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