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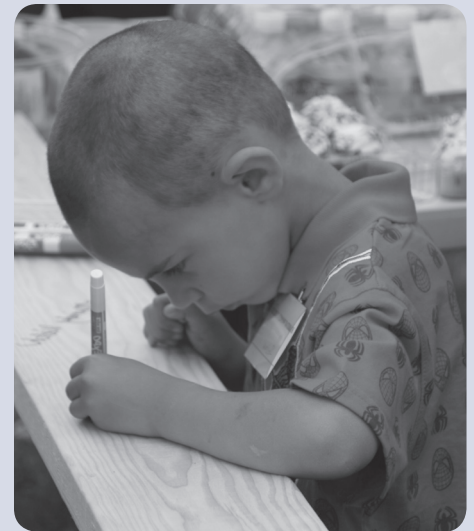
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You build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter

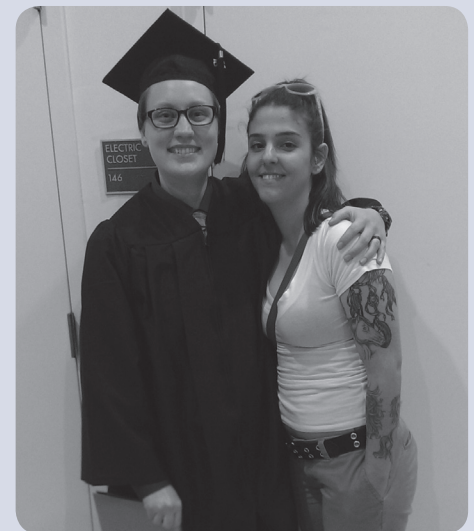
You build walls and raise roofs. You partner with families in need of safe and decent shelter. Through shelter, you empower. You contribute to providing a family with a home. A home provides stability and a strong foundation. Through the Habitat program, partner families learn how to maintain and pay for a house; to be self-reliant. Your work and your contributions are powerful. Habitat homeowners feel strong and stable. They have the power to take care of themselves and to build their own futures. Through safe and affordable shelter, you help families escape poverty. The favorite Habitat for Humanity International phrase “a hand up, not a hand out” has far reaching meaning. Habitat homeowners repay an affordable mortgage. They put in hundreds of hours of “sweat equity” to build their own home, working alongside volunteers from all walks

of life. Habitat families applying for homeownership go through a rigorous qualification process to assure that their finances are in order so that they will be successful homeowners. They are required to attend classes on budgeting and financial responsibility. Children who grow up in a Habitat home are more likely to achieve higher grades, to graduate from high school and to pursue higher education. They are more likely to be homeowners as adults as compared to children of renters. By supporting Habitat, you are breaking the cycle of poverty today and for generations to come. Your work and your contributions are powerful. Thank you for swinging a hammer, volunteering in the office, making a financial donation, helping at the ReStore . . . the rippling impact of what you do, of what you give is huge: You build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

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All Habitat family members contribute to sweat equity.



Congratulations graduates! Megan received her college degree this past year. Her sister will receive hers this May. These sisters grew up in a Habitat home.

The Journey You Lead

You turn blight into bright. Thank You volunteers and donors.



12 Western Avenue, Norwich
Abandoned for the past 12 years, a Habitat family will bring life and love to this home.



8 Winsor Avenue, Plainfield
Will provide refuge for a family of three generations.



42 Shawondasee Drive, Stonington
Will be home to the first Habitat family in Stonington.



127 Jefferson Avenue, New London
Second Habitat home on Jefferson Ave.



244 Washington Street, Norwich
1950's home will find new life through renovation in the center of Norwich.



18 Crescent Street, New London
A two bedroom ranch will nestle in this vacant lot.

Lives You've Changed Recently Dedicated Homes



43 Summer Street, New London - Foley Family



51 Fairmont Street, Norwich - Hernandez Family

Five Living in a Mold Filled Two Bedroom

I am a wife and mother of three beautiful children. Woodeloremah loves to read books, play basketball, and dance. Lorddoney loves to read books and ride a bicycle with his sister. Lenshamar loves books and singing to music.

My husband is employed at Foxwoods Casino as a Security Officer. I stay home with my younger child. I'm planning to go back to school.

We are so blessed to have the opportunity to become homeowners through Habitat for Humanity. I learned about Habitat from my son's school who sent a flyer home with him. When I received a phone call stating that my family was selected I was speechless. Thank you God.

My family and I are living in a two bedroom apartment, where my three children share a room. It is overcrowded. We are on the list for a three bedroom but it never happens. Even though we cannot get the three bedroom apartment the rent is still going up. My husband always says he wants to have his own home. We practically do everything outside of this house anyway. We are dependent on someone to fix things that need to be fixed. The landlord tells you what you can do, and the living environment is not clean or safe.

Having a Habitat house will make our life better



"Anything is possible. Never give up your dreams."
Martine, Lenshamar, Lorddoney, Woody and Lenes

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and be less pressure. For example, the energy efficiency is one of the biggest problems in our house. My husband and I have to open the windows to let air get into our apartment to reduce the mold.

Being approved for a Habitat home is a dream come true. My children are happy. Thank you Lord Jesus and Habitat for Humanity for making our dream come true. **Anything is possible. Never give up on your dreams.**

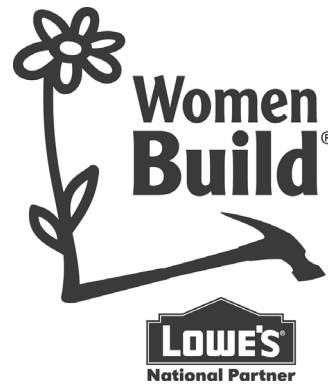
Let's Go Girls

On Saturday, May 7, the construction volunteer crew will be women. We will work at a local Habitat home build as part of Habitat International's Women Build initiative. Regardless of experience, join the crew and work side-by-side with women who want to break the cycle of poverty.

Habitat's Women Build program recruits, educates and inspires women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable homes in their communities. Through Women Build, thousands of women prove they have what it takes to pound nails, frame walls, raise roofs and create strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

More than 52,000 women from all 50 states have volunteered at the Women Build Week events. More than 16.1 million children are living in poverty in the United States. Mom is head of household for 1 in every 4 children living in poverty.

So, let's go girls! Please join generations of eastern Connecticut women as we help build a Habitat home for a hardworking and deserving family. It's one day. It will be a ton of fun. Grab the women you love and learn new skills. For more information and to register, visit habitatect.org or call 860.442.7890, ext 201



Need to get rid of that old car?



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 by Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut to build and repair affordable homes. So, what are you waiting for? Call today 1-877-277-4344 ...car gone tomorrow.



Nationwide Volunteers Mobilize Here Build CT 2016

This summer HFHECT is hosting a summer build program for seven nights (July 9-16) bringing a group of 20 volunteers from all over the US to build and enjoy the beauty of Eastern CT. Similar to the HFH Global Village Program, the group will transform a local blighted property that will become home for a Habitat family. The need for affordable housing in Connecticut is significant. Housing costs in our state are some of the highest in the country. In addition to a full week of building, the group will take-in local attractions such as Mystic Seaport, our beautiful beaches and night life at Mohegan Sun Casino and Foxwoods. The group will be led by Charlie and Carole Cocores, seasoned Global Village trip leaders. For more information contact HFHECT.



Charlie and Carole have traveled the world to change lives through safe and affordable housing.

Meet the Lawyrea Family

Soon To Be at Home at 8 Winsor Avenue

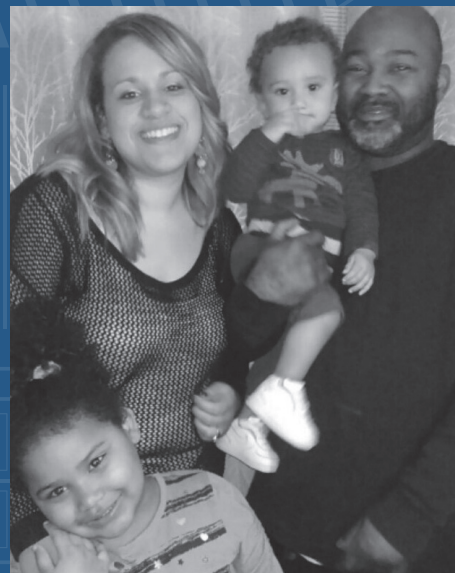
My name is Jeannette Lawyrea and my fiancé Tony and I have two beautiful children Isabella and Myles. This year has been one filled with many changes for my family. Among those changes has been Tony's daughter Jamia coming to live with us when she became pregnant. The six of us live in a small two bedroom apartment on a very busy road.

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As you can see, space is very limited for us, especially for two adults, a fifteen year old, five year old, 10 month old and a two month old.

Considering our current situation I was very interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity when my daughter brought home a flyer from school. I saw it as a great opportunity to better my family's current living situation and create more stability for the six of us.

I am extremely grateful and overjoyed to have been chosen to be a part of the Habitat family. I am very excited for my family to begin this journey to building and owning our own home where my children can grow.



Jeannette, Isabelle, Myles and Tony (Jamia not pictured) look forward to stability in their Habitat home. Thank you volunteers and donors.

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