



Serving Northeast and Western Monmouth County

Year- End Newsletter ~ 2016

Dear Friends of Habitat for Humanity,

The holiday season is upon us, along with our homeowners, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of your support this year. Because of your generosity, the Nolan and Rivera families have new homes to celebrate future holidays. They wish to express how your support has changed their lives.

"Because of your generosity and the guidance and support of the people of Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth, my family will be able to experience things we haven't been able to; have family get-togethers and our own personal spaces. This is what your contribution helped to do for our family and so many other families. We are so very grateful. THANK YOU!"

~ Samantha Nolan ~

The Nolan family currently lives in a small one bedroom apartment. Their two children, Travis and Alexandria sleep in the living room while Michael and Samantha sleep in the bedroom. They are not able to eat dinner together as a family since they do not have a kitchen table. **Thanks to your support**, they will be able to enjoy family dinner and gatherings.. together.

Like the Nolans, the Rivera family along with their son, Zaivion, currently live in a one bedroom apartment. Zaivion's bedroom is in the dining room while Jessica and Daniel have the bedroom. Jessica looks forward to her son starting in a new school and having the opportunity to play in his own backyard. **Because of your support**, the Riveras are able to give their son a brighter future.

"The fact that you helped us with this journey is what really makes this program possible. It is what gives us the chance to have a home of our own. You can't begin to imagine how much that means to my family. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, because we couldn't gotten this far on our journey without your continued support."

~Jessica Rivera~

We want to thank you for helping all of our families have a safe and affordable place to live, part of our Christian mission to build homes, communities and hope. If you have not had the opportunity already please consider making your [year-end gift](#) to support our mission in 2017. Wishing you all a safe and blessed holiday. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

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Giving families a head start

Habitat helped the Rivera & Nolan families build a safe, healthy place to live.

Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth hosts two home dedications for the Nolan and Rivera families this fall

In November and December, Habitat for Humanity staff, volunteers and Habitat homeowners celebrated two home dedications. Home dedications are an important part of Habitat for Humanity, they are intended to bless and welcome home the family to their newly built home. The Nolan family home, the most recent House that Youth Built, was recently completed in Long Branch. The celebration included the City of Long Branch and the many students from Long Branch High School and from around the community that helped build the two-story home. In Freehold, the Rivera family had a similar ceremony to bless their newly built home on Center St. This year's House that Youth Built, included many in the faith community who assisted with the build. Both families will look to move into their new homes in the next few weeks. In addition to sweat equity hours, each family received a 30-year, 0% interest mortgage. A list of supporters for each home are listed on page four.



Monmouth County youth partner to help build homes for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County is committed to supporting learning opportunities for youth. In addition to service learning projects, local students participate in a variety of projects to support the affiliate and partner families. Thank you to the following programs and schools for their participation in 2016.

- Asbury Park High School Spot Program
- Brookdale Community College
- Colts Neck High School
- Freehold Borough High School
- Georgian Court University
- Long Branch High School
- Manalapan High School
- Marlboro High School
- Matawan High School
- Monmouth University
- Neptune High School
- Ranney School
- Rumson-Fair Haven High School

Habitat and Guild of Creative Art host Art for Homes events in Shrewsbury

Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County and the Guild of Creative Art hosted their first art exhibition collaborative, Art for Homes on October 28 and again on December 6. This exhibition marked the 4th Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. Artists were tasked with creating art that symbolizes Habitat for Humanity and the impact Hurricane Sandy has made on the community and its residents using building items such as a hammer, nails, etc. or a construction plan of one of Habitat's homes.

The partnership created an evening of community and promoted Habitat's mission through the power of art through the Guild. The evening included live entertainment, a silent auction, food and refreshments. Proceeds from the auction supported Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County and the Guild of Creative Art.

Over the next several weeks, the remaining art will be on display at the Guild, patrons can stop by the studio in Shrewsbury to purchase!

To view the October's Art Show Work click [here](#).

To view the December Event click [here](#).

Artists: Robert Almeida, Vicky Culver, MaryAnn Goodwin, Evangelia Papamarkou, Donna Arvelo, Richard Darge, Paul Hansen, Shivani Patelz, Leslie Backlund, Karen Dooney, Pat Hutchinson, Mary Polese, Marilyn Baldi, Eugene Dudas, Jim Inzero, Mike Quon, BD Cros, Val Dyshov, David Levy, Cecilia Swatton, Sherry Blossom, Shari Epstein, Vince Matulewich, Rick Tierney, Jason Caponigro, Effy Flaychil, Randy Mayer, Rebecca Vele, Donna Colasurdo, Janet Furlong, Pat Meko, Zach Wilson, Duncan Culver, Ray Gabler, Tova Navarra, Tera Yoshimura



Habitat begins Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in Long Branch

For several months, Habitat staff have hit the streets of Long Branch, visiting over 300 residences to spread the word about the Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in progress within our target area in the city. Our surveys have identified over 60 residents interested in providing their ideas or concerns via our survey, receiving future information and/or participating in the planning process for the neighborhood.

The team is currently identifying residents willing and able to serve as part of a resident steering committee that will help guide the Neighborhood Revitalization process. This committee will identify and prioritize the needs of the neighborhood and residents; work to develop the plan goals, objectives and strategies; and to identify and motivate other residents to get involved with Neighborhood Revitalization efforts.

The work involved in Neighborhood Revitalization will be a multi-year process divided into two phases: the planning phase and the implementation phase. As we continue to work in identifying resident leaders and key stakeholders, we are also working to identify and, in some cases, apply for potential funding sources that will help meet the needs of residents.

Are you a resident of Long Branch? You can participate in our survey, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR_longbranch.

A very special THANK YOU to all of our supporters, volunteers, and committees that have contributed to our mission to build homes, communities and hope throughout Monmouth County.

Below is a listing of our supporters by project and event.

2016 House that Youth Built – Long Branch

- American Honda Foundation
- Walmart Foundation
- OceanFirst Foundation
- T&M Associates
- State Farm
- Wells Fargo
- City of Long Branch
- Marlboro High School
- Rumson Fair Haven High School
- Ranney School
- Freehold Borough High School
- Long Branch High School
- Monmouth University
- Verizon of Freehold
- Brookdale Community College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Asbury Park Spot Program
- South Brunswick High School
- Neptune High School
- Hope for Children Foundation
- OceanFirst Charity Challenge Donors

2016 House that Rock Built – Freehold

- 95.9 WRAT
- Monmouth Mall
- T&M Associates
- Credit Suisse
- DCH Honda of Freehold
- Wells Fargo
- OceanFirst Foundation
- Kearny Bank
- Amboy Bank
- KRFC Kitchens
- Carl's Fencing
- Seaview Orthopedics
- First Atlantic Federal Credit Union
- Surf Taco
- Russo Seamless Gutters
- Mini of Monmouth
- Home Point Financial

Thank you to the following supporters for their commitment to support the 2017 project:

- State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grant
- City Of Long Branch

Your financial support allows Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County to help families open the door to a better life through homeownership, while building stronger, stable communities.

Sandy Recovery Critical Home Repair, A Brush with Kindness and Ramps & Rails

- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Red Bank Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund
- Thrivent Financial

Thank you to those who have committed to supporting the 2017 project:

95.9 WRAT, Monmouth Mall, Kushner Companies, Pine Belt Chevrolet, DCH Nissan Freehold, T& M Associates, OceanFirst Foundation, Kearny Bank, Amboy Bank Foundation, Wells Fargo, KRFC Kitchens and Bath, Woodhaven Lumber, Carl's Fencing, Preferred Party Rentals, Fortified Roofing, Russo Seamless Gutters

With Special thanks to 95.9 WRAT, the Monmouth Mall and all of our participants, committee members and construction volunteers that make these projects possible.

every connection

creates the opportunity to build
a better life.

2016 House that Faith Built – Freehold

- Thrivent Financial
- Colts Neck Reformed Church
- Reformed Church of Freehold
- Millstone Presbyterian Church
- Middletown United Methodist Church
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Red Bank
- Presbyterian Church Shrewsbury
- Trinity Episcopal Red Bank
- Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
- United Methodist Church of Red Bank
- Saint Mary's Catholic Church
- Tower Hill/First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank
- St. Mina's Coptic Church
- Johns Hopkins University
- Brookdale Community College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Verizon of Freehold

2016 Golf for Homes

- Earle Asphalt Company
- CDM Smith
- Saker ShopRites, Inc.
- T&M Associates
- Circle Construction Group
- Dev Foods, LLC
- Dover Contracting Company
- Parade Management LLC
- OceanFirst Foundation

With special thanks to Bella Vista Country Club, committee co- chairs Don Thoms and Bob Goldzman. committee members, volunteers, golfers, tee sponsors and contributors to our silent auction and gift basket raffles.

With special thanks to our Carpenter Club members and the Habitat for Humanity Faith Based committee for their year round support of our faith based programs!

We build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

We wish to thank the following organizations that have hosted or supported events in 2016!

Holiday Cheer Raffle Reception

- Guild of Creative Art

Holiday Gift Wrap Event

- Monmouth Mall
- FoodBank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties

Community Cocktails

- Danny's Steak House - Red Bank
- Kitch Organic – Red Bank
- Ocean Place Resort – Long Branch

Central Jersey Bike Club Annual Farmlands Tour

- Central Jersey Bike Club

Women Build Week

- Lowes Home Improvement

Art for Homes

- Guild of Creative Art
- Local artists

A Taste for Homes Sip & Paint

- Pinot's Palette – Red Bank

OceanFirst Crowdrise Challenge

- OceanFirst Foundation

2016 A Taste for Homes event at the Oyster Point Hotel

Sponsors

- T&M Associates
- 95.9 WRAT
- Geod Corporation
- TD Bank
- AJ Perri
- CentraState
- SESI Consulting Engineers
- UBS
- AON
- SMOLIN
- Vertical Source Inc.
- Roger K. Stein, CPA

Our 2016 Restaurant Listing:

Ama Ristornate, Angelica's Restaurant, The Bistro, Teak Restaurant, The Cheese Cave, The Danish Café, Danny's Steakhouse, Dive Coastal Bar, Kitch Organic, Lil Cutie Pops, The Lusty Lobster, The Boondocks Fishery, Robinson Ale House, Spice and Tea Exchange, Langosta Lounge, Local Smoke BBQ, Yvonne's, Booskerdoo Coffee, The Tasting Room, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Purity Vodka

A special thanks to the Oyster Point Hotel, Donna Beriont – DNB Events, event co-chairs Kim Stulb and Kris Novakowski, A Taste for Homes Committee members, and Gift Basket/Silent Auction items.

SAVE THE DATE!!

We are so happy to announce we will host our next A Taste for Homes event at the Oyster Point in Red Bank on May 15! Keep an eye out for more information on the restaurants that have partnered with us and tickets for the event!

Corporate Work Team Listing

- Markel Corporation
- John Hopkins University
- Princeton University
- Apple Inc.
- Naugatuck Community College
- French & Perello Associates
- AM Wins Brokerage of The Mid Atlantic
- T&M Associates
- Credit Suisse
- BNY Mellon
- Vonage
- Gap
- J.P.\ Morgan Chase
- Menasha Corp
- ACI Payment Systems
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Morgan Stanley
- Tri- Lift NJ
- Connect One Bank
- Wells Fargo
- Garden Club of Fair Haven
- Garden Club of NJ
- Farmers Mutual Insurance
- Verizon of Freehold

Additional Support:

- Monmouth Park Charity Fund
- Jules Plangere Family Foundation
- Jon Ben Snow Memorial Trust
- The City of Long Branch – Property Donations
- 95.9 WRAT – Media Partner
- A Beasley Media Company – Media Partner

None of our work would be possible without the armies of construction volunteers, ABWK volunteers, board members, advisory board members, committee chairs, ReStore volunteers, corporate work teams, staff and donors that help us fulfill our mission to build communities, homes and hope throughout our service area. As an ecumenical Christian organization we are committed to supporting the community in which we live and work. THANK YOU again for all that you have done to support us in 2016.

We look forward to working with everyone on an even better 2017!

On January 28, stop by and help us celebrate our 2nd Anniversary on South Street! Stay tuned for more info.

We look forward to serving you in 2017! The ReStore will be open normal business hours starting January 4!

