



Habitat Newsletter

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Exciting Growth

Habitat for Humanity International marked a major milestone on October 3, 2011, when it dedicated its 500,000th home in Kenya. The milestone home represents the steady increase in Habitat for Humanity's scale and scope to help more families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing. In 2005, Habitat International celebrated its 200,000th home. Six years later, Habitat International has more than doubled that number through new, rehabilitated, repaired and improved homes.



HFH-MC has experienced a period of exciting growth along with Habitat International. Since 2005 we have built or rehabilitated 44 homes and weatherized 32 properties, more than quadrupling the number of families served in Montgomery County in six short years.

Next year we celebrate 30 years of building families, communities and hope and our work is not done. There are countless families facing housing challenges in our community and we hope you will join us in offering innovative and effective affordable housing solutions for families in need in our community.

Weatherization

Qualified Montgomery County homeowners can apply for weatherization services from HFH-MC. Applicants must have a need for weatherization services, such as:

- air leakage from doors and/or windows.
- high electricity, gas and water bills despite conservation efforts.
- uninsulated attic and/or crawl spaces.

Additionally, applicants must be unable to afford to do the repairs themselves. Applicants must be willing to partner with HFH-MC and contribute the required Sweat Equity hours (up to 10 hours including homeowner education).

Those interested in applying should contact Teresa McCoy at 301.990.0014 x19, or download the application at www.habitat-mc.org/homeownership.

2011 HFH-MC Accomplishments

4 Rehabilitations

2 Homes under construction

32 Weatherizations

3.6 Families helped in El Salvador





Pride Build and the Holiday Season

By Michael Meller, Pride Build Steering Committee Chair

It is heartwarming to be part of the sharing and genuine warmth that Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County brings to all of their efforts. Pride Build is yet another impressive example! This collaboration with the LGBT community highlights how HFH-MC welcomes everyone, knowing that we all have special and unique talents, which when combined make the greater community stronger and richer.

For almost a year, we have worked shoulder to shoulder raising funds and renovating a distressed house. Through these efforts, we have had a lot of fun, but more importantly, we have learned so much more about each other and why embracing diversity is essential for the health and well-being of any community.

The Pride Build Steering Committee, our sponsors, friends and families are very proud to be giving a helping hand to our partner family, Tesfaye and Yalemwork and their two beautiful daughters. We look forward to seeing them flourish in their new home.

Women Build Update

By Sarah Allan, Women Build 2011 Committee Member



Launched last year, the Women Build program demonstrates the amazing power of women helping other women. In 2010 we held several innovative and fun fundraising events, contributing \$30,000 to the renovation of a 2 bedroom townhome in Silver Spring for a single mother and her daughter.

This program year we have another family under our wing and have expanded fundraising efforts for their home, which is larger and needs over \$100,000 worth of work. Women Build is up for the challenge, and is drawing in even more local supporters, especially those from women-owned or women-focused businesses. Women Build will be fundraising and working on construction through March of 2012. There's always room for more if you'd like to join the fun! Please contact Amanda Fein at amanda.fein@habitat-mc.org for more information.

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