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South Pond Road, Plymouth: In the Home Stretch

By Teresa Dollfuss

The current build on South Pond Road in Plymouth is nearing completion. It's hard to believe that home dedication time is almost near, after breaking ground on the home at the end of April last year.

An exceptionally warm winter has made things much easier on the construction crew and ensured this timely completion. All of the volunteers deserve a big thank you for their hard work and dedication, giving up much of their Saturdays to help build a home for a deserving family. Much appreciation also goes out to Doug Ballum, our Site Supervisor and dedicated volunteer of many years.

"As we wind down on the build, I continue to marvel at the dedication of our volunteers, some of whom have worked on our last four houses," said Habitat of Greater Plymouth's President, Nancy Morse. "It is truly an inspiration to visit the worksite each week and see the same faces pounding, sawing, painting, etc."

The building of this home wouldn't have been possible without the generous donation of the Pinehills Affordable Housing Charitable Trust (PAHCT), who awarded Habitat of Greater Plymouth a \$98,000 grant to complete the home. Thanks to their donation and the hard work of all the volunteers involved, Irene O'Hara and her two children are getting ready to move into their new home.

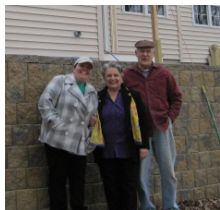
"Irene is getting very excited about the move and very appreciative of all that has been done for her," said Morse.

The home dedication ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 at 3 p.m. Please feel free to join us in celebrating and welcoming Irene and her children into their new home.



Photo by Emily Messier

What's For Lunch?: Volunteer Spotlight



Irene O'Hara,
Tom and Pat Mudgett

As we wind down in the building of the home on South Pond Rd. in Plymouth, we wanted to recognize our long-term volunteers, Tom and Pat Mudgett, who coordinated the lunches for the Saturday volunteers. It's not easy feeding a whole crew of hungry construction workers but Tom and Pat were able to find many volunteers who were willing to do just that each week since last summer. Tom also currently serves on the Habitat Board of Directors, and both of them spent many years working as construction volunteers on several of our earlier homes. We are grateful for their long-term commitment to HFHGP.

-Nancy Morse



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President's Perspective

By Nancy Morse

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is alive and well and moving forward! We are very excited about the upcoming dedication at the South Pond Rd. home in Plymouth, as the construction team puts the final touches on the retaining walls and interior finish work. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for June 9. Visit our website for more details.

In other areas of the Affiliate, we had a great turnout for our Annual Meeting on March 11 as we voted in our new board members. All board members from last year have returned for another year, and we have added four new members who have all shown a long-term dedication to our efforts. Their bios are found in this newsletter and we welcome them all and also thank our previous members for their continuing support of our mission. Jane B. Ford, teacher, writer, researcher and consultant to nonprofits, was our guest speaker and proved to be very entertaining and motivating. She challenged us to increase our presence on the internet and after the meeting several folks stepped up to help out and we now have a new committee for website support. Great job Jane and many thanks! Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not say a huge thank you for the generous gift I received at the Annual Meeting. It was quite unexpected but most appreciated.

While we always appreciate the long-term volunteers who have devoted so much time to our Affiliate, it is gratifying that we have many new volunteers who seem to appear just when we need them. We have several new members of the committee to plan the Annual Celebration and they bring energy and enthusiasm to our efforts. Our new website committee will help to keep us technically up to date and give our web-mistress much needed support. And, as always, our construction volunteers continue to amaze us! We have many new workers each week at the worksite and still we have many long-term folks who have worked on 3-4 homes. It makes a great combination with the 'veterans' helping the 'newbies'.

While we have no new home projects currently on the horizon, that doesn't mean we are not busy trying to find properties. We are looking at possible re-hab projects as well as donations of land. We are hoping to have news on that front by Fall 2012. In the meantime, our construction workers will get a much needed break!

Finally, I wish to thank each and every one of you who make our organization the success that it is. I continue to marvel at the dedication and commitment of so many people. May God bless you all.

Energy Expo: Going Green

Energy Expo, Sunday, September 23, 2012 from 1 – 5 p.m. at the new Plymouth North High School, Obery St., Plymouth, MA. The event is being sponsored by the Town of Plymouth Energy Committee, Town of Plymouth Schools and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Come hear about new ways to conserve energy in your homes and businesses, and join others in a tour of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified new high school which will open in September 2012. Our keynote speaker will be Rep. Tom Calter. Other speakers will include School Supt. Dr. Gary Maestas. There will also be vendors, raffle prizes and much more. Please plan to join us. Admission is free. Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available. Please contact the Habitat office for more information.

Annual Celebration - Art, Wine and Jazz

By Teresa Dollfuss

Join Habitat of Greater Plymouth for its Annual Celebration, scheduled for Friday, May 11, at the Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth. The event begins at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$50 per person.

After last year's success, there will be another art auction, featuring artwork created by local artists out of materials from Habitat's ReStore in Carver. The ReStore sells merchandise for 50-90% off retail price and includes anything from tables and chairs to doors and windows to light fixtures. Last year's art auction raised \$9,000 and featured items such as a beautifully handcrafted wooden box and handwoven decorations for the home.

The evening also features a wine tasting, courtesy of Long Ridge Wine & Spirits in Plymouth. Area restaurants and caterers are donating food for the event, including Alden Park Bar & Grill at Colony Place.

Four Guys in Tuxes: The Quintet is the musical entertainment for the evening. In the spirit of the event, Four Guys in Tuxes: The Quintet plan on auctioning off an event where they will perform. The proceeds will go to Habitat to continue its mission to provide housing for deserving families.

We will also be honoring the Pinehills Affordable Housing Charitable Trust (PAHCT) and Bridgewater Savings Bank for their continued support in our endeavors.

Soon after the celebration, Habitat of Greater Plymouth's ninth family will move into their new home in Plymouth. Come celebrate 15 years of building affordable homes with Habitat volunteers and supporters!

Visit our website for more information on the event and to find out how to purchase tickets.



A Child's Dream House

By Teresa Dollfuss



Imagine the look on your children's faces if they came home one afternoon to find a small house in the backyard. Now imagine the excitement when you say it's all for them. This is what Habitat of Greater Plymouth's Playhouse is all about.

Every year for the past few years, HFHGP has built a child's playhouse and raffled it off to one unsuspecting winner. Each playhouse is designed with the child in mind, a place where he or she can play after school with friends, a place where the imagination can run wild.

While it is called a playhouse, it doesn't necessarily have to be used by children. It can also be turned into a shed to accommodate tools for the Mr. Fix-It's or for those with green thumbs. Big enough for tools and whatever else you may want to throw into it, it's the perfect decoration for the backyard no matter what it's used for.

This year's playhouse will be built at Habitat's ReStore, located at 72 N. Main St. in Carver, and will be displayed there for a short period of time. From there, it will be displayed in numerous locations throughout the summer. Locations include the Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth for the Art on the Green event on June 16. There are also plans to display it in Plymouth's 4th of July parade and at Carver Old Home Day on July 28.

The drawing is tentatively scheduled for Mid-November, and raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Keep an eye on the website, www.hfhplymouth.org, to find out how to get your raffle tickets and win this wonderful prize.

Golfing for a good cause

By Teresa Dollfuss

Habitat of Greater Plymouth is currently in the planning stages of its 12th annual golf tournament, to be held on Saturday, October 20. The tournament will be held at Southers Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth, where last year's tournament was held. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate, especially those who enjoy a round of golf in a lovely setting.

Last year's tournament was a huge success, featuring contests such as closest to the pin and the longest drive. The sponsor of last year's tournament was DSW - Designer Shoe Warehouse and the course sponsors included Cape Auto, Plymouth Lions, Superior Taxi, Powder Horn Press and Empire Hyundai.

Winning first place in the tournament was the team of Frank DiCristofaro, Jr., Neil Alsteadt, Len Ruszczyk and Harry Sullivan. Taking second place was the team of Bill Slater, Bob Doucette, Terry Allen and Jim McGuiggan. Linda Gigliotti and Dan Cheney won the closest to the pin contest, while Mark Paronich and Janis Aten won for the longest drive.

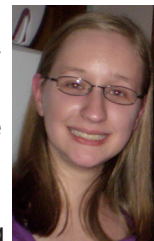
This year's tournament is bound to be as much fun as last year's so come join us at Southers Marsh on October 20. Information on how to sign up will be posted on our website.

New Members to our Board



Drew Cook: A student enrolled at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Drew joins us after being an active volunteer since Spring 2009. He was motivated to join Habitat as a volunteer when he decided to stop talking about what our government should do, and take action himself. He discovered that working with Habitat fit his skill set and schedule. A part of the building crew for our Grove Street, Mazzilli Drive and, now, South Pond Road, Drew says that he quickly fell in love with the volunteer crew due to their warmth, energy and willing acceptance. He is proud to call many of those same individuals friends today. Drew brings to the Board extensive business experience from his 6 years with Nestle Waters North America.

Teresa Dollfuss: After graduating from Westfield State College in May 2010, Teresa joined our Public Relations team in October of the same year. Her talent with writing, drafting press and keeping in contact with area news outlets was quickly apparent when she took leadership of the committee upon the departure of a fellow volunteer. Since then, Teresa has used her vast talents in communications to keep HFHGP in the news all year. Her experience in writing copy as a freelance public relations specialist for Cardinal Cushing Centers, and her cheerful, easygoing countenance has made Teresa a terrific addition to the Habitat family.



Shawn Gearin: Joined our ReStore team after looking for a project to do with his son. They first worked on the Mazzilli Drive build together. At the end of the build, Sean soon fit right in by using his talents in the merchandising, marketing and business arenas – as well as lifting, cleaning and organizing in our ReStore. He comes to us from a successful career in pharmaceutical sales and marketing and, when he is not coaching for Duxbury Youth Basketball and Football, one can find him working hard for HFHGP. Sean has proven to be a valuable addition to the volunteer crew as well as the ReStore Committee.

Arnie Thorell: We are pleased to welcome back to our Board a longstanding volunteer. Arnie has been involved with HFHGP for many years by working with local churches, participating in local festivals and being part of various event committees, including our annual golf tournament. Gifted with the talent of public speaking, combined with his passion for the Habitat mission, Arnie is a true asset to the Affiliate.



Habitat partners with Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless



Judy Erikson and Allen Hanford

Habitat of Greater Plymouth recently partnered with the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless in remodeling a kitchen in a home in North Plymouth. Allen Hanford and Habitat's Brush With Kindness team remodeled one of two kitchens in a newly purchased duplex in North Plymouth. The duplex houses eight formerly homeless men and two staff managers.

Brush with Kindness is HFHGP's special projects program, of which Hanford is the chair. Partnerships such as this enhance the ability of both organizations to make a difference in their community and to help those less fortunate.



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A Brush With Kindness

By Krista Vicich

Recently, teams of skilled volunteers completed projects for the Brush with Kindness program through Habitat for Humanity. While one team did a renovation in partnership with the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless, another team installed a handicap ramp for a homeowner who otherwise had difficulty leaving the confines of his home. For those who cannot afford to make minor repairs, the Brush with Kindness program is essential to keeping their living conditions pleasant and safe.

A Brush with Kindness uses volunteer labor, donated materials whenever possible, and no interest, short-term loans to make repairs on homes, helping low-income homeowners continue to live independently and securely in their homes. Homeowners pay a small deposit up front based on the estimated cost of the materials needed to do the project. Labor is donated by a team of skilled volunteers while the final cost of materials is paid back in order to fund a project for another homeowner.

The program focuses on minor home repair services such as landscaping, minor exterior repairs, painting, clean-up, and installation of handicap ramps for qualified individuals. Homeowners are selected based on income, need, and ability to repay the cost of materials used.

If you, or someone you know, qualify for affordable housing, own a home, and need assistance with spring cleanup or other minor projects, call our office at 508-866-4188 to request an application. A Brush with Kindness goes a long way!

Spruce up for Spring at our ReStore

By Krista Vicich



Warmer weather means cleaning up, cleaning out and tackling those redeco-rating projects that were planned by cozy fires during the winter weather. This means now is a great time to come visit the HFH ReStore, located at 72 N. Main Street (Rt. 58) in Carver.

The store manager, the ReStore committee, and volunteer team have been very busy collecting donations of gently used furniture, building materials, hardware and other household items. Rather than going to the landfills, the items are sold at discounted prices to those who need them for various projects. The income from the sale of inventory goes toward helping run the store, the Affiliate and building more affordable housing for residents in our area.

In fact, one never knows what they will find in the store among the doors, windows, cabinets and other items. This is most evident when looking at the artwork being delivered for HFHGP's upcoming Annual Celebration. The ReStore has donated items for local artists to take and turn into one of a kind art. The pieces will be auctioned at HFHGP's annual fundraising event on May 11th at the Pinehills Golf Club. Cabinet doors, ceiling fan blades and carpentry staples have been turned into unique wall hangings, sculptures and necklaces in the hands of such creative individuals.

Every Thursday is Seniors Day at the ReStore. All customers 62 years or older will receive 25% off their purchase total. Also, be sure to watch for announcements through the spring and summer – the team is busy planning special sales events that are sure to help you make your “to do lists” shorter.

So, when you are cleaning the clutter from your cellar or attic, why not give the store a call and see if some of the items can be donated. They'll even pick your items up if you don't have a way to bring them in. Do you need to fix that closet door, or replace that old window, or do you have an urge to renovate your kitchen? Whatever the project, pop by the ReStore – they may have just what you are looking for.

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Car donations support Habitat for Humanity's local and global mission of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness, and save you the time and energy of finding a buyer.

By donating a car to our vehicle donation program, you can help Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth build houses in partnership with families in need of a hand up – not a hand out. Your donated vehicle will help us build new homes, or refurbish foreclosed and abandoned homes in Plymouth, Plympton, Lakeville, Middleboro, Kingston or Carver. Plus, you may be eligible for a tax deduction (consult your tax advisor or the IRS for details).

For more information on how to donate autos, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles and other vehicles – running or not – to Cars for Homes™, Habitat's Official car donation program, call toll free (877) 277-4344 or visit www.carsforhomes.org. A donation is a great way to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth while doing some Spring cleaning.

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Friday, May 11, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth

South Pond Road Home Dedication

Saturday, June 9, 3 p.m.

Energy Expo

Sunday, September 23, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Plymouth North High School

Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m. shotgun start
Southers Marsh Golf Club, Plymouth

Playhouse Raffle

Drawing in Mid-November

Visit us at local summer festivals!

Join us for our Annual Celebration Friday, May 11 from 7 - 11 p.m. At Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth

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