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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Inc.

Spring 2013

## ReStore celebrates 5 year anniversary

*By Shawn Gearin*

The Habitat ReStore in Carver celebrated its 5th Anniversary last year with an Open House and extended sale in November...five years of providing Carver and its surrounding communities with gently used items donated by community residents, small and large businesses alike.

Without the community, the ReStore would not function. The store is dependent on partnerships with homeowners, residents and other businesses in the surrounding area for donations. The first ReStore opened in 1992 in Austin, Texas.

Today there are over 500 stores spread over three countries. In Massachusetts, the first ReStore opened in 2007 in Carver, MA. That's right - the HFH of Greater Plymouth ReStore was the first in the state!! There are now 8 stores throughout Massachusetts and more than 20 throughout New England.

The ReStore program provides an environmentally and socially responsible way to keep reusable materials out of landfills. The Habitat ReStore sells new and gently-used home improvement items such as furniture, home accessories and building materials at a fraction of the retail price. All items are donated to the store either via homeowners or retail stores. Larger volumes of material are donated by businesses through the Habitat Gifts In Kind program. Additionally, the HFH of Greater Plymouth ReStore, located in Carver, recycles mixed metal materials, which also helps reduce the amount of material sent to landfills. Funds earned from sales go to help run the store, and fund Habitat building programs.

The store also connects to the community in ways other than financially providing for a build project. Recently, our Affiliate hosted an Energy Expo at the new, LEED certified Plymouth South High School.



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## Next Step Living to partner with ReStore

In honor of Earth Day 2013, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Carver will host an Energy Expo Day at the store at 72 North Main Street in Carver on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Boston based Next Step Living, facilitators of the Mass Save program, will set up an information and sign-up table to inform Massachusetts residents of the no cost home energy assessments available to them through their utility company. They will conduct brief information workshops at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the exhibit.

Next Step Living is a residential, energy efficiency and weatherization company assisting Massachusetts residents with a whole house approach to energy efficiency, safety and comfort as well as helping them lessen their carbon footprint. Next Step Living Outreach Assistants will also assess homes for solar PV eligibility and upgrades to existing heating systems for optimum energy efficiency.

For every home energy assessment scheduled, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth will receive \$10. For solar assessments and total climate control appointments scheduled, Habitat for Humanity will receive \$50 and \$25. Please join us on April 20 at the Habitat ReStore!



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## Habitat introduces new officers



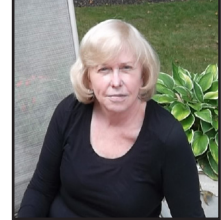
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**Steve Dubuque, President:** Serving as Executive Director of South Shore Housing for 33 years before retiring in 2009, Steve is no stranger to non-profit management. He has also served on the Board of Directors of multiple organizations, including Citizen Housing and Planning Association, the Southeastern Massachusetts Mortgage Review Board, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and the Carver Affordable Housing Partnership Committee. Steve hopes to see our Affiliate expand the number of projects we take on, whether it be rehabs or building homes, and hopes to continue to foster new partnerships with other local organizations.

**Rev. Bruce Bardon, Vice President:** Bruce has been involved with Habitat of Greater Plymouth for almost four years now. He currently serves as the pastor of United Parish of Carver for more than five years, and has also pastored churches in Sandwich, MA, New Jersey and Minnesota. His involvement in the community stretches beyond U.S. borders, as he has taken yearly mission trips to the Dominican Republic since 2000, helping to build a hospital to serve people who had no access to healthcare in the city of LaRomana.

**Drew Cook, Treasurer:** Just finishing up a Business degree from Eastern Nazarene College, Drew has been an active volunteer since Spring 2009. Starting as part of the building crew for several homes, he has expanded his involvement by chairing the Playhouse Committee, and becoming a member of the Board of Directors, Annual Gala Committee and Finance Committee. Drew brings extensive business experience from his seven years with Nestle Waters North America.

**Dawn Armstrong, Secretary:** Dawn is returning for another year as the Secretary for the Board of Directors. An Affiliate volunteer for almost three years, Dawn has become an integral part of our organization. Her continued success in acquiring sponsorships and donations for our fundraisers makes her an extreme asset. Her dedication knows no bounds, and we look forward to her continuing with us for many more years to come.

## Get your tickets for our Annual Gala



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is pleased to announce its Annual Gala, scheduled for Friday, May 3 at the Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth. The event begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$50 per person.

As with last year's event, this year's theme is art, wine and jazz, and features a silent auction of pieces created by local artists from items found in Habitat ReStore in Carver. A live auction will also be held, featuring two State House tours with lunch for four, donated by Rep. Vinny deMacedo and Rep. Tom Calter, Red Sox tickets, an African safari and other special offers.

The Johnny Souza band will provide the musical entertainment for the evening. There will also be a wine tasting courtesy of Home Spirits, Inc., as well as a dinner and dessert buffet from local restaurants. Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien joins us again this year as the celebrity auctioneer for the evening.

The artwork is currently on display at Stasinis Realty, located at 19 Main St. in Plymouth, and at the Independence Mall in the former Linens 'n Things storefront. Pictures will also be posted on Habitat of Greater

Plymouth's website.

Tickets are available at the Habitat of Greater Plymouth office, located at 72 N. Main St. in Carver, Engel & Volkers Real Estate, 29 Main St. in Plymouth, and at our website, [www.hfhplymouth.org](http://www.hfhplymouth.org).

## Hitting the Links - Habitat style

October 20th dawned a chilly morning, complete with thick dew covering the trimmed grass around the Southers Marsh Golf Course in Plymouth. It was a perfect morning to host the Affiliate's 12th Annual Golf Tournament. A rousing success, volunteers hosted a total of 15 teams for a fun, challenging round of golf among the cranberry bogs.

Congratulations to our winners for the event: **First Place Team:** Neal Ahlstedt, Frank DiCristofaro, Lenny Ruszczuk, and Harry Sullivan; **Second Place Team:** Sue Jannetty, Mary Ellen Lawrence, Stefanie Middleton, Julie Truelove; **Closest to the Pin - Men:** Matt Whitty; **Closest to the Pin - Women:** Stefanie Middleton; **Longest Drive - Men:** Andrew Bourchard; **Longest Drive - Women:** Connie Perkins; **Putting Contest:** John Vecchi.

Thanks go out to our many sponsors: **Event** - DSW, Inc.; **Cart** - Bridgewater Savings Bank; **Course** - Cape Auto Body & Service and Mid-Cape Home Centers; **Hole** - A & A Metro/Bill's Taxi, American Legion Post #40, Carver Institute of Rock, Debra Lentz Court Reporting Services, Engel & Voelkers, Ernie's Restaurant, Flax Pond Farms, Harlow's Hair Design, Mary Lawrence, Pilgrim Sands, Plymouth Lions Club, Plymouth Public Schools, Shepherd Funeral Home, Signs by Design, Upland Sportsman's Club.

Thanks also to Colonial Trophy for providing our first place trophies. We are grateful to Toyota of Plymouth for a Hole in One prize of a new car and the numerous donors who provided items for our silent auction. Special thanks goes to the staff of Southers Marsh Golf Course, who helped set up the event and who made everyone feel welcome.



Members of the First Place team receive their trophies from Affiliate Treasurer, Bill Slater.

## President's Perspective



First, as the incoming President of the Board of Directors, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to those who are stepping down from their current leadership positions: Nancy Morse, Dottie Kelley, Bill Slater and Steven Lunetta. Without their leadership and vision, the Affiliate would not be what it is today. While some may continue on as members of the Board, and others will be continuing as volunteers in various areas, their guidance is invaluable.

We look forward to continuing the efforts and work begun by past leadership to fulfill the strategic plan and expand our construction goals of building up to 4 homes per year. We are not forging into new territory; however we are being stewards of past and current initiatives. Going forward, I will be depending on the assistance of both the Board members and our Habitat volunteers and families to ensure I continue being a good steward to the Habitat mission.

- Steve Dubuque



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## Executive Director's Corner

### Homes, Communities and Hope...



Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat. If not for the teams of willing and dedicated workers, we would not be able to provide improved housing in our communities.

Looking out at the crowd gathered for the recent Volunteer Appreciation event, sponsored by our new friends at Sysco and the Radisson Plymouth Harbor, I was inspired by the number and diversity of roles people in our community play. We first think of the construction teams and Brush with Kindness swinging hammers, and that is right because that is the core of what we do - get together to build and restore homes.

In addition, there are other ongoing, vitally important things people do ranging from family selection and church relations, to finance committee and site selection, to name but a few.

Those of us who are honored to be staff take our role seriously. We are here to provide continuity and expertise, but it is all part of an incredible process that exists to facilitate the work of volunteers as they build.

Habitat is an outstanding model of involvement, of people helping one another, of building homes with our partner families. It is the true, selfless work of community where people lend a hand and make things much better all around.

By your steadfast efforts, you are building homes, communities, and hope.

- Jim Middleton

## Local Church makes Habitat its Mission of the Month

Habitat for Humanity was founded by Millard Fuller, a missionary who realized the need for affordable housing across the world. To this day, a key part of the Habitat program involves partnerships with local churches.

HFH of Greater Plymouth is pleased to announce a new partnership with the First Baptist Church of North Middleboro, thanks to the efforts of long-term volunteer and current member of the Board of Directors, Arnold ("Arnie") Thorell.

We were thrilled with the recent announcement that First Baptist chose our Affiliate to be part of their missions group, and to have been highlighted in the February Missions Newsletter as Mission of the Month. As a faith-based partner, HFHGP and the Church will work to educate the community about the need for affordable housing in Middleboro through various activities.



### A Brush with Kindness

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HFH of Greater Plymouth at:**

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## Work It Wednesday

Local business networking group, Work It Wednesday ("WIW"), hosted its 4th Annual Business Expo on October 17, 2012 at the USA Fitness Center in Carver. An exhibitor at the event for the second year, HFH of Greater Plymouth was also a co-benefactor of funds raised at the event.

Open to the public, the Expo brings together local businesses, organizations and surrounding community residents in an evening of networking, exhibition and fun. Participants can visit with a variety of business owners and restaurateurs, learning about new products and sampling wares. Great prizes were donated by the exhibitors and raffled at the event to benefit HFH of Greater Plymouth, the Jordan Hospital Breast Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Carver.

The October Event also marks the second consecutive year that our Affiliate has graciously accepted a donation from the Work It Wednesday group. In total, the group has donated over \$2,000 to further the mission of Habitat for Humanity in the local community. We look forward to a continued partnership with the Work It Wednesday Networking Group. We'd love to meet you at this year's event. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding this year's Work It Wednesday Expo.

For more information, please contact Christy Kendrick at 508-846-4522 or by email at [christy4acmeglass@aol.com](mailto:christy4acmeglass@aol.com).



*Christy Kendrick presents our Executive Director, Jim Middleton, with this year's donation.*

## ReStore celebrates 5 year anniversary

In continued effort to promote energy efficiency, the store accepted a Gifts in Kind donation of energy efficient light bulbs - in all shapes and sizes. On April 20, 2013, the store will be hosting a representative from Next Step Living for a seminar on energy efficient homes. Please come by to schedule a free energy audit at your home. For each audit completed, Next Step Living will donate \$10 to the Affiliate for their building programs.

This year, the store manager, Doug Raymond, was afforded the opportunity to attend ReStore University in South Carolina. ReStore University is a Habitat for Humanity International run series of programs designed to help train and educate store management. The opportunity allowed Doug to learn about updated policies, procedures and best practices for running a successful ReStore. The resulting suggestions and ideas presented to the ReStore Committee have brought about a number of updates and improvements to our store, including:

- ✦ Reformatting the set up and design of the sales floor, including dedicated departments for better organization.
- ✦ Clean up of older, unsellable or non-repairable merchandise through "Dumpster Therapy" - a phrase coined by Doug. Any and all items that could be broken down for recycling were dismantled by volunteers.
- ✦ Cleaner, more inviting shopping experience based on open space, less clutter and wider aisles for our mobility challenged customers.

Many of the new changes will allow the ReStore to successfully donate more toward Affiliate builds in the future. The overall goal for the next five years is to work toward fully sponsoring a single home build. It is also the hope of the ReStore Committee to search for a larger sales space in order to maximize the amount of merchandise available to our customers. The larger space would allow for an expansion in the list of donations currently accepted, including household items, lumber, and more overstock materials from area stores, as well as Gifts In Kind donations.

In the life of a successful business, the leaders must re-evaluate their methods from time to time and make improvements that can temporarily impact revenue. However, such alterations will often result in improved sales and a greater connection with the community. The ReStore staff, committee members and volunteers are excited about the current changes, and have initiated further upgrades to enable a deeper community connection.

If you have not already visited our store, please come by and see what we are all about. Spring is a great time to clean out your attics, closets and basements. It's also a great time to tackle those projects you've been putting off thanks to the cold, ice and snow. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Wine tasting by Home Spirits, Inc.  
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