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## The 1st LEED Certified Habitat Home in New England

By Cathy Rose

In January, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth proudly announced that the first home built by a local Habitat received high honors for energy efficiency.

The third Gold LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) home in Massachusetts was awarded to 11 Braley Road in Plymouth. This is also the first Habitat-built home in New England to be recognized at any level for the energy and environmentally friendly technologies used in its construction.

LEED for Homes is a national third-party certification system for energy efficient, healthy, green homes. Gold is the second-highest level that can be achieved.

The LEED program awards a series of points for compliance with regard to a list of energy saving parameters which include: reduced waste sent to landfills, conservation of energy and water, healthier and safer air quality for residents, reduction in harmful greenhouse gas emissions, qualification for rebates and other incentives to go green, and demonstration of commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility.

The process for HFHGP began in 2006 when Dr. Gerald Lemay, a professor from UMass Dartmouth, offered to help Habitat build an energy efficient home. The University had participated in a Collegiate Challenge which required them to build a solar home and deliver it to Washington DC to compete with other colleges. The same contractors who built that home graciously donated time and talents to the Habitat home. The land was donated by the Town of Plymouth as part of its affordable housing effort.

Between 2006 and January of 2009, energy-efficient and environmentally sound construction was the order of the day.

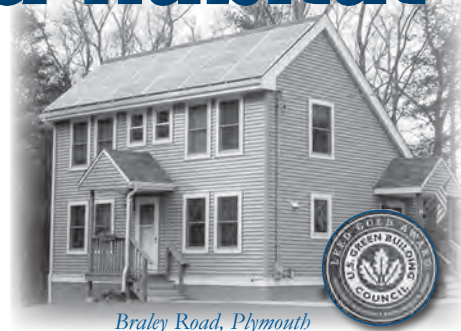
The Construction Committee of

HFHGP followed the United States Green Building Council guidelines and the home was awarded a total of 68 points for their hard work. They were supported by the LEED for Homes Provider, Conservation Services Group.

The home at Braley Road features specially designed and insulated wall panels, photovoltaic solar panels on the roof and radiant floor heating. The PV panels were funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

For the Scarpino family who live in the home, this translates to electric bills much lower than what they were paying prior to moving in to the Habitat build home. The radiant floor heating helps to keep everything toasty. "With this heat we never have any cold parts...drafts...or areas that are warmer than others," Jackie Scarpino says. She and her children are warmer and spending less. In these days of rising energy costs, it's a win-win situation.

Jackie says that while the technologies in



Braley Road, Plymouth

her home have saved her "a great deal of money", the most satisfying part of being a part of a Habitat for Humanity build was the experience of building her own house. "There are so many pieces of my home that I was a part of building and that gives me more joy to know that I did this with the help of so many amazing people — people who I laughed with, prayed with and even shed a few tears with."

There are several other Habitat homes registered and heading for certification.

Nationally, the number of Habitat for Humanity homes with LEED certification is 58 with 87 registered for future completion.

For information on the LEED for Homes program, visit [www.usgbc.org/LEED](http://www.usgbc.org/LEED). ♦

### Volunteer Spotlight Doug Ballum, Site Construction Manager

By Nancy Paige Emerson

"Seriously, he encourages a team spirit," says Joanne Re about Site Construction Manager Doug Ballum. "He finds a meaningful task for everyone."

When he took a lunch break after fetching strapping and a beam, Doug reiterated that concept several times. "We're a team," he says. "It's all about character. I always taught my children to give back to society."

Doug, a construction consultant, first worked for Habitat at the urging of his friend Larry McCarthy who told him of the need for his skills on the house on Braley Road in Plymouth. "My dad was in construction. I enjoy building and I love helping people."



Photo by Cathy Rose

Doug Ballum

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# The President's Perspective

*"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times..."*



Judy Randall

The opening line in the *Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens pretty much summarizes

es how so many of us are feeling today. The steady drumbeat of bad economic news combined with a declining economy leaves most of us frustrated, fearful, or frantic. If we still have a job, we worry how long it will last. If a member of our family has lost work, we wonder how we'll make ends meet until a new job is found.

Fed by a sense of individual powerlessness and helplessness, anxiety has become the dominant mood of the land.

In these fearful times we can retreat into anger and apathy or we can band together and work to make a difference. There is a growing awareness that we're all in the same boat and even if our feet are dry today, we have no sense of security as we watch the decks below us sink beneath the waves. The blunt truth is that we need each other more

than ever if we are to survive.

Habitat for Humanity offers a beacon of hope in difficult times and what we've been doing is building a better world one house at a time. Little by little Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is replacing the culture of greed with a spirit of giving and shared responsibility. We are empowering families and volunteers to make a difference our own lives and the lives of people around us.

Something strange and wonderful happens when we replace apathy with action – we get back so much more than we give it is almost embarrassing. Every nail we drive home moves the house we are building another step towards completion but it also strengthens our connections to each other and the community we call home.

The power of people happens every day, in many different ways. It was a Saturday morning, fog was rising on the bog and you could see your breath in the chilly morning air. I got on my coat and drove over to the Women Build in Kingston.

As I pulled up to the construction site I was amazed to see a group of 20 people all

bundled up hammering away. While I was talking to the Chair of the Construction Committee, a group of 12 young people came onto the site bearing sandwiches, hot chocolate and cookies.

They were members of a youth group from the First Parish Church in Kingston. Their church had volunteered to provide a meal to the workers at the site. It was so rewarding to watch the connection and bond forming between the kids and the volunteers. The young people witnessed adults in action, working on behalf of others with no thought of personal reward.

The quiet lesson of compassion was being taught without words and the young people "got it". They felt the spark and made the connection and that day became part of the process of paying it forward. The kids learned about the workers as the sandwiches they had made were consumed with appreciation and gusto. The young people met the family that would soon live in the home being built and the family experienced a connection with a community that extended far beyond the work site. ❖



*The Youth Group of the First Parish Church, Kingston and the President of the affiliate on the right after they delivered a hearty meal of sandwiches and hot chocolate and homemade cookies to the crew at the Women Build on Grove Street in Kingston.*

## Update from Fund Development

By Cathy Rose

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth was the recipient of several generous donations over the last few months and held several successful fund-raising events.

The Plymouth and South Shore Association of Realtors ended 2008 on a high note by presenting HFHGP a \$10,000 check in December. The PASS Community Service Committee duplicated the popular "Dancing with the Stars" with their own "Dancing with the Realtors" by pairing 16 members with professional dance instructors. This was the second event PASS organized to benefit Habitat for Humanity in 13 months. To boot, PASS contributed a third generous donation of funds to HFHP once the event was closed. Thank you to PASS!

Also in December we participated with the Carver House Tour where Marianne MacLeod and her committee raised \$1,784 dollars! Touring beautiful homes and a church decorated with the festiveness of Christmas in Carver was lovely and resulted in even more funds to help provide homeownership opportunities, one family at a time. Thank you to Marianne and her committee for their continuing success!

A beautiful, hand-made quilt that had been on view for several months, making appearances at various fairs and festivals helped to raise another \$2,390 on a raffle.

In early 2009, HFHGP's ReStore was the recipient of a generous donation of beautiful furniture and accessories from Steve Minsky of Pilgrim Furniture. The sale of this quality merchandise helped push ReStore into better than expected sales. Thank you to Steve

Minsky and Pilgrim Furniture!

The affiliate has been selling its own **line of hand cream** since December and all profit goes to building homes. The hand cream which sells for \$10 each (plus postage) has a lime blossom, bergamot and ginger scent that is loved by both men and women. The hand cream is manufactured by a leading beauty company in California that supplies hand creams to all the top salons and department stores. All orders are tax deductible and can be placed with Nancy Muckle at nmuckle@aol.com or by calling 781-258-9050. Hand cream is being sent all over the United States and everyone is reordering the cream due to its popularity. Place an order as a gift for a friend, relative or business colleague. ❖

## Upcoming Events On the agenda...

Tickets are now available for the **"It's All About Me!" Women's Expo**, generously sponsored by Mutual Bank. Taking place on at Plimoth Plantation on **May 31, 2009**. The Expo will feature an informal luncheon, a Fashion Walk, women's health and beauty products and services, crafts and more! So grab your mom, sister, daughter and friends and head on down to the Plimoth Plantation for our largest and most exciting fundraiser this season from 12-4 on May 31, 2009. You'll have a great time and help Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's mission of building safe, affordable homes for our partner families, one at a time. Tickets are available through our web site, [www.hfhplymouth.org](http://www.hfhplymouth.org), at the Habitat office and ReStore, (both in Carver) and Mutual Bank branches.

On **August 10** there will be a **Golf/Tennis Tournament** at

the Pinehills in Plymouth. This is the first charity event for the Pinehills' Charitable Housing Trust with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth being the recipient of the proceeds.

A House Tour at The Pinehills is also slated for the day. Stay tuned for further updates!

We're also looking forward to our annual Art, Wine and All That Jazz event taking place at the beginning of October – those plans still in the works.

Check our web site at [www.hfhplymouth.org](http://www.hfhplymouth.org) for information as it becomes available. And we'll make sure we

remind you in the local media.

Don't forget to come see our float in the Plymouth Fourth of July Parade where we will partner with Coldwell Banker.

With the support of the business community, local churches and people in general we are hoping to make 2009 financially successful - and fun too - for everybody while working toward keeping the drills and hammers busy at our builds. In the end, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is still all about building a safe, affordable home for a family in need, one at a time. We need your help. ❖

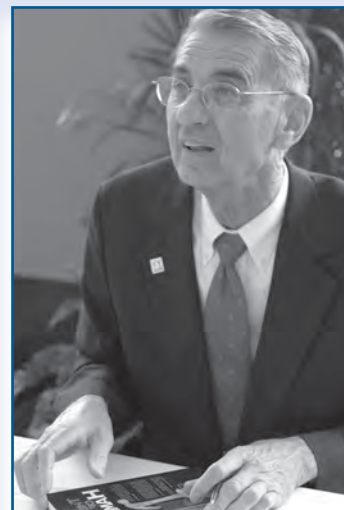
## Millard Fuller (1935-2009)

by Reverend Dick Coleman

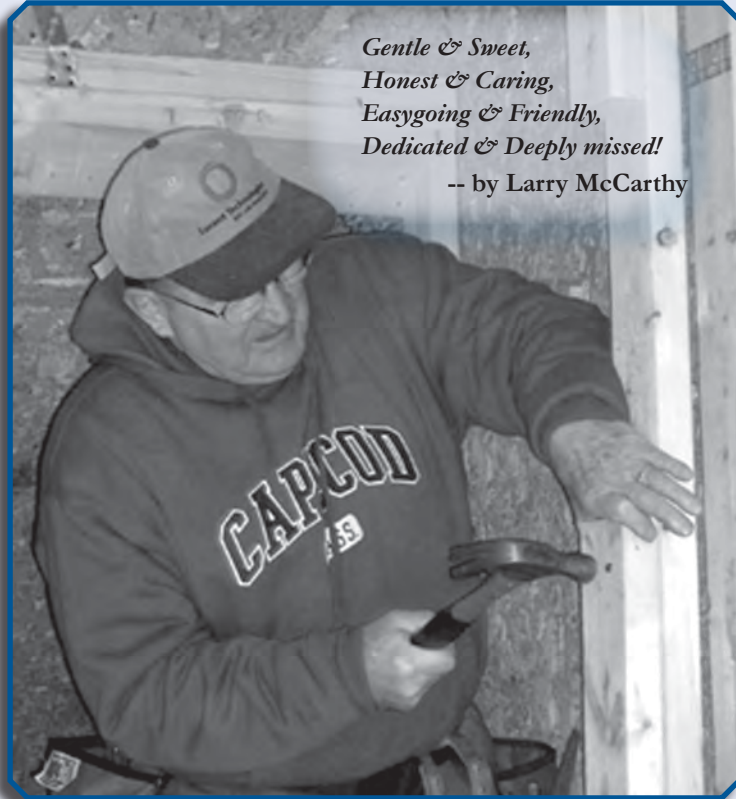
Millard Fuller's story is well known and if you do not know it, visit the web. My most memorable contact with Millard was 25 years ago when I had taken a senior high youth group to Americus, Georgia, to help build a Habitat house in the town where the International-National office had established itself.

A lanky man with an effervescent personality came to speak to our group one evening. He began with a brief history of Habitat, beginning with an experiment in racial integration and "partnership housing" at Konina Farm in rural Georgia, and ended with an expression of his sincere gratitude for our presence. I remember to this day his personal challenge to resist living in the most expensive home you can afford but to live modestly befitting a consciousness of how most of the world lives. The house we were building stood within 50 feet from the shack where the partner family was presently living. We had to pinch ourselves to fully realize that families across America, and even in the little town synonymous with Habitat, did indeed live in shacks without electricity and running water.

Millard and his wife Linda devoted their lives to serving others, becoming an inspiration to thousands upon thousands, a testament to what "one" individual can do (300,001 homes and still counting!). A true example of what it means to live out the Christian faith. And in all of this, enjoying life to the fullest; or as John writes in his Gospel, living the abundant life in Christ. ❖



# A Tribute to Ted Clough



*Gentle & Sweet,  
Honest & Caring,  
Easygoing & Friendly,  
Dedicated & Deeply missed!*

-- by Larry McCarthy

“My home will always be a memory of Ted. He was an amazing volunteer who helped me in so many ways, from start to finish he was there till the end. Though he has passed away I will hold his memory close to my heart for he was a part of my family’s new beginning coming true. Again, I would like to say THANK YOU to all.” -

- Jackie Scarpino, homeowner of Braley Road, Plymouth

I knew Ted Clough for 30 years. I played ball with Ted. We were just casual friends. But last year I got lucky. I worked with Ted for one wonderful year on Braley Road. All -- volunteers -- are -- special. Ted was the most special of the special. He came every Saturday with joy in his heart. Ted was always there for the right three reasons, CHARITY . CHARITY. CHARITY .. He was there to help. He didn’t need credit. He didn’t need glamor. He didn’t need thanks. He just loved to be helpful. He loved to be needed. Ted was needed then. We will always need Teds . Ted would do anything we asked. Ted took the trash. Ted swept the street. Ted wheeled the bricks. Ted dug the trenches.

Ted passed the tools. Ted lifted the walls.

Ted spread joy all day every day.

The perfect volunteer is a “Ted”.

Ted will live on forever in our volunteers.

Our best volunteers are “Teds”.

We will remember him always in all of our “Teds”.

God, we thank-you for sharing Ted with us.

-- By Doug Ballum

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That is what it is all about,” Doug says.

Although a few of the women on the Grove Street, Kingston, site took a course at Lowe’s, most are learning on the job. “It’s practical,” says Alexandra Liu who was working on site with two other Northeastern students. “If I have a house, I need to know these things.” Vrunjal Parikh smiles. “I’ve never actually held a drill before. It’s fun. I feel stronger.”

In addition to teaching Habitat volunteers to work drills, saws, and numerous other tools, Doug chats and jokes easily with them and they with him,

creating camaraderie to warm everyone on a 26-degree day.

“We do well,” says Doug as he gives generous praise to several working onsite. “Karen Kelley gets contributions and donations. Verizon made a contribution in Bill O’Neill’s name. Northeastern sent three women today and other area colleges send students. Sue Pa-meaka works with her daughter Kelsey, a high school senior earning community service credits. Despite the cold, most of the 25 volunteers will return many Saturdays until the house is finished.

Finishing is, however, not a quick process. “It will take a good year,” Doug says, “because we only work Saturdays.”

For Kathy Silvia, even that

pace is welcome as she and her family have been chosen to live in this house. “It’s amazing to see it go up,” she says as she works to complete her 200 hours on her own house. “Every week there’s something new.”

Every week – through rain, hail, sleet, and snow, according to Joanne Re who is working for the first time on a Habitat home – Doug will be present to work, to teach, and to encourage his team. As I left, he was standing on a scaffold holding one end of a large beam

on his shoulder - supportive of the details and the project as a whole. ❖



Joanne Re, and Doug Ballum.

# Affiliate Welcomes New Board Members

*We are welcoming 9 new board members!*

**Gary Wentz** - Gary recently moved to Plymouth from Illinois where he was a member of the Board of the Illinois Association for Retarded Citizens. He is also the founder and director of the Mile High Youth Gliding Association in Colorado which teaches at risk 14-18 year olds to fly gliders and obtain their pilot's licenses. He says it's a novel way to teach math, science and personal and community responsibility. He currently works for the United States Courts for the First Circuit in Boston. He has brought his vast legal experience to the Board.



**Deborah A Etzel** - Deb moved to Plymouth last year from Connecticut, but spent most of her time before that in Illinois. There, Deb became active in her community in the areas of education and women's issues. She joined and held leadership positions with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) both at the local and state levels, the League of Women Voters (LWV) and the board of a family services agency. Deb was elected to the local school board, twice and was President of that board for three of the terms. Deb brings with her extensive knowledge of mathematics and statistics and looks forward to aiding Habitat for Humanity Greater Plymouth drawing on her experiences in grant writing, data management and board development.



**Paulette Saggio** - Paulette joined Habitat about a year and a half ago, is now on the Board and also on the Family Selection and Nominating Committee. Previously she has been the secretary for the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Hull Conference for the last 10 years. She works for Randolph Savings Bank as their Senior Mortgage Account Executive where she is responsible for organizing and conducting first time home buyer seminars as well as originating mortgage loans. It's easy to see what her experience brings to our affiliate.



**Stephen Dubuque** - We're welcoming Steve back to Habitat - he's been working with us since the beginning of our affiliate! In addition to his vast knowledge of Habitat, he brings a wealth of non-profit organizational experience to our Board. From his start in upstate New York where he worked with a Self Help Housing Program, to joining HFHGP this year, he has served on numerous boards. Professionally, he was the executive director of the South Shore Housing Development Corporation for thirty-three years. In this capacity he oversaw tremendous growth in SSHDC until he retired earlier this year. Steve and his wife, Linda, live in Duxbury. Welcome back Steve!



**Cathy Cavicchi** - Cathy became involved with Habitat through South Shore Savings Bank where she works. By attending functions and hearing what colleagues that have worked with Habitat had to say, she felt it was a great organization that she wanted to work more closely with. She has become our Treasurer! Cathy has worked in the Plymouth office of SSSB since 2005 and lives in Plymouth with her husband and 2 children. She is looking forward to playing an active role in the "wonderful work being done by Habitat."



**Debbie Glass** - Debbie has been a realtor for 16 years in Carver. While vacationing in Mexico, she and her husband stumbled upon an opportunity to feed the homeless who lived on a garbage dump. Ministering to these people forever changed her view of home ownership. As she put it, "what we count as an investment they would see as a privilege." The experience led her to start donating 10% of her income to the less fortunate. Habitat for Humanity has been the recipient of her generosity for many years. Debbie chose us because of our local appeal and because we provide housing to those who otherwise might not real-



ize the dream of owning their own home. Visit her web site [www.GlassHouseMa.com](http://www.GlassHouseMa.com) for more details.



**Cathy Rose** - Cathy came to Habitat about a year ago as a member of the Public Relations Committee. She wrote for the last newsletter and over time became the new PR Committee Chair when Diane Phinney completed her term. With a degree in journalism and knowledge in printing and mailing she brings experience with the news media and public relations to the position. She became a Board member in December, filling a position of a resigning member. Since, she has also become the Secretary for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.



**Louise Kimball** - Louise has been a resident of Plymouth for more than 6 years after moving from Boston. She works as a Patient Coordinator at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine and has been known to pick up a golf club from time to time. She got involved with Habitat after attending an event last summer when she was intrigued by the many ways a person, under the Habitat umbrella, can help others - whether it's working on site, passing out lunch or serving as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Directors. By profession and personality, Louise's compassion for others is unending.



**Nancy Morse** - Nancy is returning to the Board after a two-year hiatus. A former president of the affiliate, Nancy is probably better known to most as a champion co-chair of the Construction Committee. With co-chair Steve Dyer, she worked tirelessly to make sure the Braley Road home was not only LEED Certified, but certification came at the Gold Level! Nancy has been with the affiliate since 1998 and we're very pleased to welcome her back.

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# Viabile in Our Economy

By Cathy Rose

Doug Raymond, HFHGP's ReStore manager, reminds us that the ReStore is more than just somewhere to find a good deal on a door or window. It's also a way to support Habitat's continuing mission of building affordable housing for people in need, a single home at a time.

The ReStore, located at 72 N. Main St. in Carver, is the first of its kind in Massachusetts – and to date, the only one. The Habitat ReStore retail operation provides a valuable source of cash flow through the sale of donated new and near new products from all sources. The donations, in some cases, are used in a Habitat Home, reducing the cost of the build and therefore lowering the eventual mortgage the new homeowners will take on upon completion. A bonus is helping to prevent landfill growth as well. HFHGP is dedicated to the philosophy of reduce, reuse and recycle.

With generous donations from local contractors, local businesses (like Pilgrim Furniture) corporate stores (like Lowe's and Home Depot) and the public's purchases, ReStore has turned back more than \$28,000 to the affiliate in its almost-two year existence. Inventory started in 2008 with about 400 items, at a modest \$13,000 value – mostly Pella windows, doors, some lighting fixtures and molding. At the end of 2008 the value of the growing inventory of more than 900 items increased to \$46,000. Solid growth in some unsteady times.

Then the economy took a turn for the worse. As it seemed to be heading continually down, the ReStore offered an opportunity to the area to still purchase quality product and spend their money on a good cause at the same time. Doug said in hard times the good bargains the ReStore offers can turn the heads of folks who otherwise may not have visited the store. Quality merchandise, low prices, good cause – a win-win situation all the way around. People are also stopping by to check out what is on hand at the ReStore – inventory is always changing – before going to the larger stores. Often they were pleasantly surprised to find what they needed – for a lot less.

What many people may not know is that the ReStore is also a drop off location for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. Begun in 2004 by Norwell's own 13 year-old Brittany Bergquist and her 12 year old brother Robbie, the program has grown to be nationwide. Americans replaced an estimated 130 million cell phones in 2008. By donating your no-longer needed cell phone to Cell Phones for Soldiers, the phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to US Troops overseas. Drop by and drop off your cell phone and give a soldier the gift of being able to talk to their loved ones while they serve to protect the United States of America.

Donating your cell phone will keep them out of our landfills – and that's what we're also trying to do with mercury. Did you know that the ReStore will also provide quality thermostats for a modest fee in return for mercury thermostats that are turned over for proper disposal? In this way Doug and his team is working to keep mercury out of our environment. The store will also take your donations of new or slightly used home products or building materials etc. Call the office and speak to Doug about your possible donation.

To volunteer at the Restore, or for more information, visit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's web site, [www.hfhplymouth.org](http://www.hfhplymouth.org) or call 508-866-4188. Better yet, stop by! The ReStore is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 to 5. ❖



*A view of products available for purchase at the ReStore.*

## Staying Green in Kingston

By Cathy Rose



As with the Braley Rd home, the Women Build site at 138 Grove St. in Kingston is also registered with LEED for Homes. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. All along the building timeline, there are certain milestones and parameters that must be followed to obtain a certification from the program. With the success of the Braley Road construction, HFHGP has gained more experience and confidence in its energy efficient decisions.

The Construction Committee, led by Co-Chairs Nancy Morse and Steve Dyer, makes sure the build stays on track. The level of certification is not determined until all is said and done.

Despite temperatures hovering around zero, snow and plain old winter weather, the dedicated women and their male mentors have been drilling, sawing, hammering and freezing their way through the construction.

The Silvia family, who will be the homeowners of the Grove St. home, will enjoy a reduction in their utility bills with improved energy efficiency. Jason and Kathy's youngest child, Jonah, is physically challenged and his parents are relieved their home will ease some of their worries. As Kathy says, "He's a tough little man and doesn't

usually seem bothered by all the stuff he has to do. I should take a lesson from him!"

She says the first thing she wants to do when construction is complete and they take ownership is "enjoy putting all our stuff in a permanent place in the house and enjoy watching my kids settle into a space of their own."

In November, with a big HEAVE HO! volunteers, led by their trusty leader Doug Ballum, Site Supervisor, hoisted up the last of the outer walls for the first floor. In April vinyl siding is already being installed.

There is a lot of work yet to do, but with the good weather coming in, many of the challenges will be reduced and the work can continue under better conditions. The Silvias are grateful to the many volunteers who have given their time & expertise to help build their home. Kathy praised them all by saying, "The volunteers are the most dedicated group of people I have ever met. They are exceptionally driven and are a great inspiration to me." ❖



*The Women Build on Grove Street in Kingston.*

# Inviting in Holiday Cheer: Volunteer Spotlight, Marianne MacLeod

By Laurie Bowen

The excitement builds near the end of November. The identity of which warm, inviting houses will be part of the Carver Holiday House Tour is kept secret until the day of the event. The spirit of giving permeates this celebration, and for the past eight years, Marianne MacLeod has given her time and energy to making it a memorable experience for families.



Marianne MacLeod

According to MacLeod, "The Philosophy of the Carver Holiday House Tour is to provide a festive event, bringing neighbors & friends together to share their traditions in celebration of the Season. The goal each year is to raise community awareness in addition to funding for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth."

Attendees are welcomed into six private homes as well as a church, typically on the first Sunday in December.

"The Carver Public Library graciously opens its doors every year as the Carver Holiday House Tour headquarters," MacLeod explains, "where a Habitat for Humanity corner is set up with story boards to display pictures and current activities along with Habitat-related items for sale."

Some of the items raffled off to benefit Habitat for Humanity include gift certificates to local restaurants, beautiful gift baskets, toys, and hand-crafted items. These are also available for sale on the tour.

And, in order to involve even more members of the community, MacLeod explains that "A new addition to this event over the past few years has been a display of book 'trees' that students from the Carver Elementary School prepare." The small trees, on display in the Children's Section of the Library, give clues that represent the title of a book. Visitors are invited to enjoy the beautiful trees and guess the book titles during the entire month of December.

Immediately following the tour, participants are welcomed to join in a sing-a-long at the town gazebo beside the Library. According to Marianne MacLeod, "students from the Carver Middle School and/or High School lead everyone in singing holiday favorites. Hot chocolate is also served to help keep everyone warm!"

Marianne MacLeod is quick to point out all of the invaluable help that the event receives from the community. She is very grateful to The Carver High School National Honor Society members who volunteer by greeting visitors at the homes on the tour along with assisting at the tour headquarters.

The library "headquarters", where MacLeod and other committee members do much of the planning for the event, opens for purchasing advanced tour tickets and raffle tickets on the Saturday before the tour.

On the day of the event, tickets



One of the houses on the Carver House tour in 2008.

for the tour and raffle items can be purchased. Also, maps are distributed that reveal the locations of the homes.

All proceeds from the tour go directly to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Habitat is truly indebted to Ms. MacLeod for donating her time and energy for such a wonderful event.

Note: The committee continually seeks to increase community involvement. Anyone interested in joining the committee, any local organizations that wish to participate or businesses that would like to donate to the raffle are asked to contact Marianne MacLeod at 508-866-5938. ♦

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## Departing Board Members

We want to thank each and every departing Board member for their contributions and look forward to continuing our relationship.

**Carol Johnson** - Carol has been involved with Habitat for many years and in 3 states. Carol became a Board member not too long after joining the Family Support Committee. Carol's main concern has, and will always be, the well-being of the partner families. Her concern is not only with the building of their home, but also finding ways to strengthen them as families and educate them as new homeowners. Carol plans to stay with the committee. She says Habitat is a great organization and it is great to see it move forward with a strong new Board.

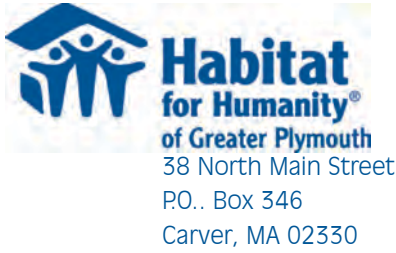
**Eleanor Hanford** - Eleanor has been with Habitat for several years, first as a Site Committee member and then as Chairperson of the Site Selection Committee. The legal thoughts and knowledge she brought to the committee were invaluable. She was very involved in researching land and contributed to the successes of Habitat. Her husband Allen is also a volunteer with Habitat as the head of Special Projects Committee. Her stepping down will give her plenty of time to visit with the grandchildren she loves. Everyone wishes her good luck and good health.

**Diane Phinney** - Diane's first experience with Habitat was in Ohio on a WomenBuild project. She got hooked on the mission, especially

the "handup, not hand out" philosophy, and the positive effects Habitat has on its partner families and the community. After moving to MA in 2002, she volunteered on the PR committee. In 2003 she took on the role of PR Chair, joined the BOD and served on Family Selection. Later she became Board Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee. She treasures the wonderful friendships she's made through Habitat. She may be leaving the Board but she plans to continue to stay involved by serving on the ReStore Committee and working on fundraising events.

**Dottie Kelley** - Dottie has been a member of the Board for the last 6 years, the Executive Committee for the last 3, and says it's been a pleasure. Although she's leaving the Board, she plans on attending some of the Board meetings as the Chair of Family Selection. She's been with HFHGP since before we became an affiliate. After the very first selection process she stepped up to being the Chair of that committee, and has been with it ever since. Dottie may be leaving the Board, but she's not going anywhere.

**Eunie McCarron** - Eunie has been with Habitat for quite some time, and a Board member for a year. She was a member of the Family Support Committee and has been partnered with Jackie Scarpino and her family who now live in the Braley Road home. She has enjoyed the volunteerism and contributing to the affiliate's success. Eunie is resigning from the Board for personal reasons, but she is staying with Family Support and is looking forward to putting in some time at the Grove St. home in Kingston. Eunie says the part she likes best is "doing some nail banging". ♦



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# **Women's Expo**

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