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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Inc.

Spring 2016

West Wood Village home donated for a Veteran



In the spirit of strong community support for Habitat's Veterans Build in Plymouth, the Affiliate has received a generous commitment to donate a home in the lovely West Wood Village 55+ community for a qualified Veteran. Responding to the need in the community for decent affordable housing, especially for Veterans of all ages, a local real estate firm came up with a creative way to bolster our efforts help veterans.

As Habitat Executive Director, Jim Middleton, tells it, "This outstanding gesture will support Habitat and the Veterans in two ways. First, by providing a home at a reduced cost for a Veteran who is age 55+; and, second, by generating much-needed funds to support the building of homes for returning Veterans in partnership with the

Town of Plymouth."

Having been awarded land by the Town of Plymouth to build three affordable homes on Long Pond Road—two of which are for Veterans—Habitat has been working for two years to develop the site plan, build its network with the area Veteran community, and raise funds for construction. When Plymouth realtor, Rick Osmond, heard about the project, he immediately wanted to help. He approached his partners and the current residents of West Wood Village who enthusiastically agreed to the plan.

Osmond & Associates, LLC, of Plymouth acquired the last four parcels in the resident owned community of manufactured homes. The company will build all four homes and donate one to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth—the other three will be sold at market prices to contribute funds that will make the gift possible.

Drew Cook, Habitat of Greater Plymouth's board president, says, "We deeply appreciate this generous gift that recognizes our community partnership to honor those who have served. We look forward to using this thoughtful contribution to further our mission of building decent affordable homes."



Photo of West Wood Village courtesy of community website

Community Building and Partnerships-- The New Year of Progress!!



As the calendar turned a couple months ago, a number of touching events came to pass. It was as if the spirit of Habitat for Humanity had been working in the wilderness for a long time and with the returning light of the New Year things were happening!!

First, two days before Christmas we received stamped drawings for the Long Pond Road affordable and Veterans home lots. This allowed us to submit to the Town of Plymouth and begin the official permitting process. With luck on our side, we will have the permits within months and can begin to think of building the homes and seeing those happy families enter their new, more secure lives!

Then, just as the holidays were coming in December we had a call from Gregg Brasso of the WATD Veterans Voice radio program. He said, "There is a family that wants to do something in memory of their father, maybe something with the Veterans homes? Would we talk to them?" Den Forbes, member of the Board of Directors, and I went to Boston, met the son and heard a moving story of their father. We are now working with the family on a proposal to honor their father's memory with a bench in the back yard of one of the homes where generations will sit and enjoy the surroundings. What a way to pay our respects and make life more pleasant for those who sit, contemplate, and enjoy their home!

In early January, Krista had a phone call in the office from Mike Carver of Mike's Fresh Seafood Market in Middleboro. Mike wanted to pass along a donation. When I visited him I learned he had done some fun events for Habitat fundraising in the past, and had conducted a Holiday Lobster Raffle in his shop where he raised a nice donation towards our mission! We talked some more and we are now putting plans together to do another event this year—Welcome Back, Mike!! You are a good, long-time friend of Habitat and it is a pleasure to be working together again.

About a week later Shawn Gearin, a volunteer with the ReStore and member of the Board of Directors, came in from the ReStore and said there was someone named Bob who wanted to talk about helping someone in need. Would I have a minute to speak with him? Well, it turned out to be Bob Merritt, our founder!! What a pleasure to speak with him and see if we can find a way to help with his project. He mentioned Steve Dubuque, former affiliate President, whom he had spoken with about the situation...What a powerful team; something will get done for those people who need it—even if it is not "technically" a Habitat project!

A little further into the month, I met with Rick Osmond who along with his real estate partners has offered us a home as a gift in West Wood Village, a lovely 55+ community in Plymouth. We signed papers that will end up with a house going to a deserving Veteran in that development. The current residents are excited and all look forward enthusiastically to seeing this thoughtful dream become a reality later this year.

A couple of times in January, I have been called into the ReStore to help out as the store was very busy. Even though there are permits to work on, building projects underway, Gala sponsor requests to follow, grants to write, and a multitude of other tasks at hand I always enjoy the customers in the store. Glad to help out for an hour here and there—and even more glad to know that we are doing our part to recycle and reuse through the great work of the ReStore. And I am happy that the store is loaded with customers!!

Now we are all seeing positive signs that the hard work of recent years is going to pay off. We have new and enthusiastic sponsors, we have big projects just around the corner, we are hearing from businesses that are interested in what we are doing, old friends are showing up, employees in Town Halls are looking out for us to see if they can lend a hand to Habitat as we help their neighbors. The New Year brought new light, new hope.

So, that's Habitat spirit alive and doing very well. There are probably twenty more stories from the last few months that I could tell. There are hundreds of Habitat stories from all the volunteers, homeowners, and community people. That is what we are here for. We bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope! Let's do even more in this important year ahead!!

- Jim Middleton, Executive Director, Habitat of Greater Plymouth

Habitat announces “Hearts and Hammers” Spring Gala

Habitat of Greater Plymouth is pleased to announce its ‘Hearts and Hammers’ Annual Spring Gala, scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016 at the 1620 Hotel in Plymouth. The event begins at 6:00 p.m., and tickets are \$50 per person if purchased before April 1, and \$60 per person after April 1. To purchase a full table, the price is \$450 with a full table seating 10 people.

Sponsored by Dennison Lubricants, SHP Financial and Mountain One Bank, this year’s gala features dinner, live music, silent and live auctions and raffles. This year’s live entertainment is courtesy of Brandy, a Boston area band.

Live auction items include:

- a South African Safari trip
- a week in a thatched cottage in Ireland in October 2016
- a Disney package
- a Wall of Wine
- Dinner for a year (12 gift certificates to restaurants)
- White Cliffs golf for four
- a handcrafted bird bath
- \$500 Visa gift card

Habitat is still currently accepting sponsorships for the gala and ads for our program. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to purchase an ad, please visit Habitat of Greater Plymouth’s website at www.hfhplymouth.org, or call the office at (508) 866-4188.

Get your tickets before April 1 and pay only \$50! Tickets are available by emailing the Habitat Office at rsvp.hfhgp@gmail.com and on our website.

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Mamma Mia's in Plymouth hosts Community Event for Habitat

Mamma Mia's restaurant locations in Plymouth recently held a community support event on November 10 for Habitat of Greater Plymouth, where 15% of that night's dinner checks were donated to Habitat. On that evening in November, almost 50 Habitat volunteers and friends enjoyed a fun dinner at the participating locations, on the Plymouth Waterfront and at the Pinehills. The owners and staff of Mamma Mia's generously supported Habitat's Veterans Build by donating a portion of the proceeds, which amounted to \$400 to help support Habitat's mission. Their hospitality made a great time for all!



Mamma Mia's presents donation check to Habitat of Greater Plymouth Executive Director, Jim Middleton.

Habitat of Greater Plymouth announces Community Partnership with SHP Financial



From Left to Right: SHP Financial Founders, Matthew Peck, CFP®, Derek Gregoire, and Keith Ellis, Jr. with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Past President, Nancy Morse, and Executive Director, Jim Middleton

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is pleased to announce a new community partnership with SHP Financial, a Plymouth-based financial planning and wealth management firm. This new partnership is dedicated to expanding affordable housing for families in need in the Plymouth area.

SHP's founding partners Matthew Peck, Derek Gregoire, and Keith Ellis, Jr. all agree, "We have been blessed with success for our clients and ourselves even through difficult economic times, and we believe it is important to share what we have to help others." Their generosity will help to provide a foundation for Habitat and its volunteers to be even more effective, particularly with its upcoming Veterans projects.

Nancy Morse, Past President of Habitat's board of directors, says, "We are pleased and honored to launch this community partnership with SHP Financial. Their enthusiasm and commitment will add greatly as we continue to build a base for the larger projects ahead." She adds, "Both organizations believe it is essential to put our core values into action to help with basic human needs. By joining together we can do so much more to create decent, safe, affordable homes."

Habitat receives \$500 donation from Mike Carver's Fresh Seafood Market

Habitat of Greater Plymouth recently received a \$500 donation from Mike Carver's Fresh Seafood Market in Middleboro, Mass. Owner of the restaurant, Mike Carver, presented the donation to Habitat of Greater Plymouth's executive director Jim Middleton to be used toward Habitat's mission to build decent, affordable housing in the Plymouth area.

The donation came as the result of a Lobster Raffle held at Mike Carver's Fresh Seafood Market through the Christmas holiday season.

"It was very popular with the customers because the funds were going to Habitat," said Carver.

We are extremely grateful to Mike for his generosity, and look forward to working together more in the future!



Mike Carver, owner of Mike Carver's Fresh Seafood Market (right) presents donation check to Habitat of Greater Plymouth Executive Director, Jim Middleton.

Critical home repair project gets underway on Carver Street

Volunteers once again picked up their hammers and saws for the benefit of a family in need. Late in 2015, our team began a small addition for a family of 6 in Halifax. In need of space as their children grew, the family employed rooms in the home that weren't meant to be living quarters, which created safety hazards. The addition will not only add some much needed living and work space to the kitchen and dining area of the home, but will rectify the stairwell issue making the access to some of the childrens' rooms much safer. The project also allowed our team to employ the new building method developed by Homebuilt.



Coming Soon to Kingston!



Sample idea of a Cape-style home.

We are getting closer to the groundbreaking for our next home on Brentwood Road in Kingston. The home will be a three bedroom, two bathroom cape style with a crawl space foundation. In order to accommodate those with physical disabilities, one bedroom and one full bathroom will be on the first floor, along with the living room, dining room and kitchen.

Located on a wooded lot, the property is bounded on one side by a small stream and is located close to schools, libraries, and shopping. We anticipate starting the family selection process sometime in the spring of 2016.

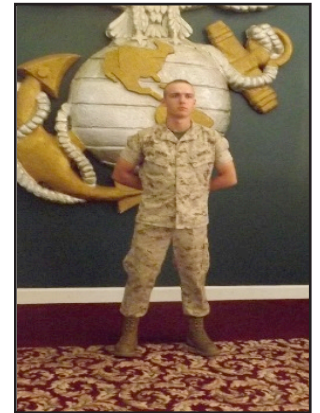
Family News

While our volunteers build the physical structures of the houses, we are always excited to see how the families turn the house into a home. Children who live in safe, stable homes are less likely to face insecurities, are healthier and face less developmental delays than those who come from homes that are unsafe, overcrowded or who have to move frequently.

It is amazing to us how quickly the children who have moved into homes built by our affiliate have grown up. We have seen them go from small children to well-adjusted adults. We have seen families grow with the addition of newborns. Nothing warms our hearts more than hearing from our families who are bursting with pride at their latest accomplishments.

Our newest families in Plymouth and Carver are no exception to the proof that Habitat builds homes, communities and hope.

The O'Hara family recently shared the news that their son has successfully graduated from boot camp (right). Just entering high school when they moved into their new home, Joe was a quiet soul who loved playing with his little sister. After struggling a bit through high school, he opted to join the US Marine Corps. Congratulations, Joe!!



The Patterson family is excited that their youngest, daughter Makenna (left), has been accepted to Franklin Pierce University. Her first choice school, Makenna has worked very hard to achieve this goal. In addition to receiving her acceptance letter, she has been awarded two scholarships toward her tuition. Congratulations, Makenna!

INDOOR YARD SALE



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29 Carver Road
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\$75 Registration fee per table
Email: hfhgyardsale@gmail.com

Donation Drop-off
Friday, April 1, 2016
2:00pm to 7:00pm

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Saturday, April 2, 2016
9:00am until Noon



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One House At a Time

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BUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS through partnering with *deserving families* to provide *safe, decent, affordable housing* via our new build and repair programs.



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For more information: 508-866-4188

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Please *SHARE* with us to provide assistance to local families, including veterans.

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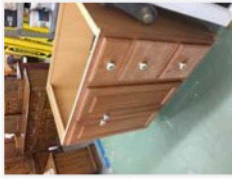
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BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING WHEN YOU DONATE TO



The ReStore serves the community through reducing waste, re-using materials, and recycling products. This discount home supply store will help build more homes, serve low-income families, and provide a resource for organizations and families in the Plymouth area and throughout Massachusetts.



Get involved...

- **DONATE:** New and gently used items are donated to the ReStore from local homeowners and businesses.
- **SHOP:** Proceeds from the sales go toward the construction of Habitat homes.
- **VOLUNTEER:** We need reliable people to work in our store and help with pick ups.

I have a donation....

- We accept furniture, appliances, cabinets, doors, hardware and more.
- Donations are tax deductible

To schedule a free donation pick up or for more information call the store at 508-866-4199.

Come visit us!
72 N. Main Street
Carver MA 02330

"Hand up, not a hand out"

- Families are selected for homes based on need for decent housing, ability to pay for a mortgage and willingness to partner with Habitat by completing 250 hours of sweat equity in addition to other requirements.
- HFH of Greater Plymouth serves the towns of Carver, Kingston, Lakeville, Middleboro, Plymouth and Plympton.



You can help Habitat for Humanity build homes, communities, and hope without lifting a hammer! The ReStore sells donated building materials, appliances, and furniture with profits funding the construction of affordable housing in Douglas County.

Get involved today!

Help us build a world where everyone has a decent place to live!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Call 508-866-4199

for more information

Taylor Rental Donates Vehicles to ReStore

Recently our ReStore was the beneficiary of a donation of two trucks, a 2001 F-250 pick-up and a 1999 Ford E250 Cutvan. With a little refurbishing, these truck will expand our ability to collect donations for the store and ferry materials to our job sites.

We are tremendously thankful to Weymouth Rentals, the Taylor Rental retailer, for thinking of the ReStore when making the donation. We also extend our deep appreciation to Bob Devereaux, manager of Taylor Rental, and Michelle Constantino, former HFHGP Development Director, for helping make this donation possible.

With the potential increase in donations provided by the addition to our fleet, we are in need of volunteers for the ReStore. Drivers and helpers are needed! Please contact Gary Miller, ReStore Manager at restore@hfhplymouth.org or at 508-866-4199 ext. 203 for more information.



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- **TICKETS DEADLINE: APRIL 22, 2016**

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To reserve a full table or purchase tickets contact the **HABITAT OFFICE**

at 508-866-4188 or email hfhplymouth1@verizon.net

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