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Indian Trail Project

A wooded lot on Indian Trail, 1.2 miles west of Route 9, is the site of *Habitat's* next project. *Habitat* purchased the lot from an Indian Trail resident who gave us a discount because she liked our work. The lot is being cleared now; foundation and septic system will be done by March.



This time *Habitat* will build a modular home. It's an experiment for us, but the Atlantic County affiliate has had great success with these in the last few years, and all their new homes in planning are modular. Modular homes meet all local building codes and appreciate in value just as stick-built houses do, but they typically cost about 15% less, and they're built much faster.

It'll be a 1,044 sq ft, 3-bedroom design from *New Era* that will arrive in two pieces—or modules—by truck in late April. It will be hoisted onto the foundation by crane and put together in one day, a spectacle which will probably draw a lot of us to watch, as we have waited so long. After an additional two months' dry-walling, painting, flooring, siding, and other custom work at the site, it will be ready. July is the target.

New Board Members

Lorie Morris has recently retired from Upper Township School District as Middle School Librarian and instructor of their unique 8th grade Online Genealogy Research Program. Currently she is establishing her own genealogical research business. She joins the Board of *Habitat* as Volunteer Coordinator, maintaining a database so that whatever need arises, she can put her finger on the right volunteer with the right skills. She has already contributed enormously to



Will Haryslak, native of Avalon and head of his architectural firm since 1995, was on the Planning Board Dennis Township, donated plans to the Brendan Borek

High Tides Fund to help children with pediatric cancer, is a Board Member/Trustee of the Zoological Society of Cape May County, and advised Volunteers in Medicine. His interest in housing for low-income families led him to *Habitat*, where his advice on design, construction, and site feasibility is invaluable. He plans to be with us for many years.

Thanks to our new friends Lorie and Will.

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Neither Nobody Home, Nor Wrong Address, Nor Telephone Pole...

It was a comedy of errors (sort of) for Lorie Morris, Dottie McClain, and Chris Pelzer, who picked up eighteen baskets of turkeys and other perishables at the Church of the Resurrection in Marmora for our families just before Christmas. The recipients were ready and waiting. Everything went well at the first delivery, except that nobody was home. They left the groceries on the porch. They drove up and down a street looking for the second house number, until they discovered they were on the wrong street. Then they found Route 9 closed because a motorist had knocked over a pole. Signs said to detour west on Indian Trail. On and on they went. The ether was filled with worried phone calls about the Missing Caravan. When the team realized they would have to go halfway down one side of the cape and back up the other to get to the families, and it was getting late, they loaded all the boxes into Chris's car, and he delivered everything. Well done!

Cars for Homes



Got a car, truck, boat, RV, airplane, or farm/construction equipment you don't need anymore? Donate it to Cars for Homes™, and this *Habitat* affiliate will receive 100% of the net proceeds from the sale of any vehicle donated from our service area. Doesn't matter if it runs or not. Donate at www.carsforhomes.org or call 1-877-277-4344. More details next time.

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