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It's Here!

The modular house is here. The only thing we were waiting for was the foundation, plans for which were drawn by our former president Andrew Shawl. As soon as the permit was in hand, Construction Supervisor Phil Pattison put in the batter boards and the crew of Gallo Concrete (Tony and Dan; Mike; Luis and Steve) worked in the fierce July heat.



Habitat wishes to thank Paul Rixon and Ed Bixby at Fox and Fox Builders, LLC for helping with all the details. From the model (New Era 3-bedroom ranch) to siding and color choices, they made it all easy. Clockwise: 1) Shaw Crane Co. and the crew of Modular Home Erectors position the back module of the house on the foundation first. The end towards the camera will be sided after the modules are joined; 2) Precise work by Gallo, and careful shifting with a crowbar pay off in an exact fit of modules to foundation; 3) The front module is lifted onto the foundation; 4) The two modules are put together. Family selection will be made shortly. There is yard work, carpentry, painting and lots more to do. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Lorie Morris at habitatcapemay@yahoo.com.



Fun at 4-H

Camille Fitzmartin cycled to the Fairgrounds on July 19th in 90°-plus weather to host Habitat's information table at the Cape May County 4-H Fair. Thanks also to Judy DiDonato, Michelle Ferrero, Dottie Ward, Ann Lunetta, Tom and Pat Walker, Ralph Cooper, Lorie Morris, and Jeanne Pierce for their help.



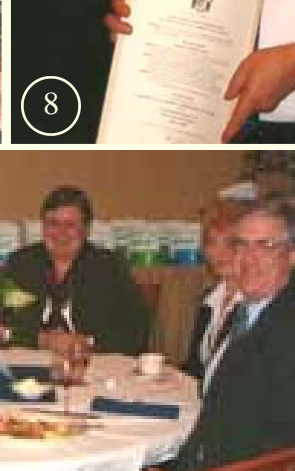
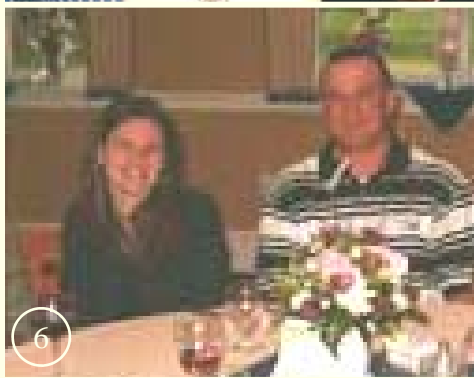
Hispanic Heritage Family Festival

Call for Volunteers

This year's Celebration of Hispanic Culture held on September 13th in Woodbine, 11:00-5:00, promises to be exciting with music and dance, vendors, and incredibly good food. Habitat for Humanity will have an information table at the event. Want to help out by hosting for a few hours? Contact Lorie Morris at habitatcapemay@yahoo.com.

Annual Dinner 2008

Photos by Ralph Cooper



Habitat Cape May County recognized friends and partners at the **Annual Dinner** held on 8 May 2008, at the beautiful Sand Barrens Golf Club in Swainton. Management and staff couldn't have been more helpful, and the food—Italian theme—was delicious. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by presentation of door prizes, raffle, and awards.



Opposite clockwise from top left: 1) Artist **Chris Martin** (left) presents her handmade quilt to happy raffle winner **Pat Howard**. Many thanks, Chris; 2) Habitat Partner Family **Karen Thompson** and son Jeremiah (seated) with Board Member **Virginia Chester**; 3) **Ann Leahy** (left) accepts Habitat's annual Thank You from affiliate president **Kathie Steiger** to the Cape May County Association of Realtors; 4) **Mayor Nate Doughty of Middle Township** is thanked for his continued partnership with Habitat; 5) Board Member **Ann Leahy**, contractor **Steve Stecki**, **Mayor Doughty**, Board Member **Kevin Deely**, and friends. 6) Habitat Partner Family **Dottie and Rich Ward**. 7) Kathie Steiger celebrates **Jim Sorenson's** special NJ Joint Legislative Commendation from **Senator Jeff Van Drew** for his untiring efforts. Jim was one of the founders of the affiliate; 8) **Senator Van Drew** (left) presents Board Member **Ralph Cooper** with a NJ Joint Legislative Commendation Assembly Commendation for his work on affiliate compliance.

This page: Partner Family **Tony White** and his daughters look on as (bottom left)



Kathie Steiger honors **Dottie McClain** as Board Member of the Year for her work on so many committees and projects; and (right) presents **Pat Henning** with a tee shirt and big Thank You for assisting the Board with the dinner. Lory Frame, new editor of the newsletter, was named Volunteer of the Year, and has since joined the Board. Special thanks to Cape Savings Bank, First Bank of Sea Isle City, Ocean City Home Bank, and Sturdy Savings Bank who sponsored the “theme baskets.”

2008 Golf Outing

Call for golfers, sponsors, and advertisers! Habitat Cape May County presents the Annual Golf Outing at the wonderful Sand Barrens Golf Club, on Wednesday October 8th. Registration and box lunch at 12 pm.; shotgun start at 1:00; awards and auction to follow. Prizes: Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Putting Contest, Low Gross, and Hole in One (win a car, courtesy of Burke Motor Group!) For brochure contact us at habitatcapemay@yahoo.com or call **463-0244**.





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Springer's Ice Cream celebrated Christmas in July to benefit Habitat for Humanity Cape May County. The halls were decked on the 25th as Ron (top, right), Dave (opposite, left), and elf Brianne Lansinger (bottom, center) were among staff either busy making ice cream or scooping it for customers, who will wait in line for the most famous ice cream in South Jersey. Now owned by Neil and Mary Humphreys, Springer's has been in business since the 1920's on Third Avenue between 94th and 95th Streets, an easy walk from the beach. The young people at Springer's donated all their tips which were matched by the store owners, for a generous donation of more than \$2,000. 🍪



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Virginia Chester Re-elected to Board



Photo Ralph Cooper

“There are a lot of Christian organizations but Habitat is my favorite because I lived in a chicken house till I was 15,” Virginia Chester told us. It was new, and no chickens had moved in yet, but, “None of the other kids would come visit me. Not even the dirty children with head lice! When my father got a new job we got a new house. And then everybody wanted to be my friend.” She loves people. She performed comedy and sang in a country western show at only thirteen, but her parents thought she was too young to accept the singing contract a radio station offered her. “Instead that lady got it that has the price tag hanging off her hat!” Virginia believes that, “Every time Habitat for Humanity builds a house, it reduces poverty. Paying your mortgage gets you equity. Paying rent just gets you permission to live there for thirty days.” Virginia is especially well-suited to the Family Selection/Nurturing Committee, with affection for people combined with her counsel that financial problems always involve hard choices. She’s been there, she knows. The legacy of the chicken house? Virginia likes a good sturdy door (“I don’t want anything cheap-looking on a Habitat house!”) and a lock with a lifetime guarantee. She pays for them out of her own pocket.