



News To Come Home To...

Habitat For Humanity

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Habitat for Humanity lost a significant personage when its founder, Millard Fuller, died on February 3rd of an apparent heart attack, en route to the hospital near his home in Americus, Georgia. He was 74.



Millard Fuller
1935-2009

Fuller was born in Lanett, Alabama to a farming family, but seemed a born entrepreneur, making his first profit at age 6 when he sold a pig. He studied law but ended up a millionaire at thirty by publishing cookbooks with his law partner. Then he and his wife Linda decided to give it all away. They joined a religious commune in Americus, then went to Africa for the Church of Christ, for which he became director of development in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo). There he started a home-building project for local residents which must have been the root of his wider inspiration to building no-interest housing for the poor all over the world. When he and Linda returned to Americus in 1976, they founded Habitat for Humanity. About 300,000 houses were built by Habitat under his leadership.

“We want to make it socially, politically, morally, and religiously unacceptable to have substandard housing and homelessness,” He said. He is survived by his wife Linda, four children, and eight grandchildren. ❀



Family Promise® is Coming

As families face foreclosure and workers making minimum wage cannot afford to rent, 2 million more American children may become homeless in two years. Cape May County families were broken up or forced to take shelter in tiny motel rooms or shelters outside the county until now. Family



Promise, part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, is a coalition of local churches that provides beds and meals for homeless families almost in their own neighborhood. Guests are transported to a local Family Day Center in the



morning where they have breakfast, shower and do laundry, take care of the younger kids and get the older ones ready for school (they are transported by Family Promise), and receive guidance from a professional social

worker. Families may stay in the program as long as 3 months, but about 80% find permanent housing within 6 weeks.

The Cape May affiliate has twelve member congregations ready to start hosting. It has even found a site for the day center doors away from a coin laundromat, and is getting ready to add bathroom facilities. Target opening date is in May. Cape May Habitat is happy to partner with Family Promise by contributing to construction needs. ❀

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Happiness

is having a key to your own home. On February 28th, friends of Habitat for Humanity celebrated the affiliate's ninth Habitation, as Jeff Taylor, Chair of the Building Committee, handed over the key to the front door to William and Jacquelyn Holly.



Middle Township Mayor Nate Doughty (below) officially welcomed the family and expressed hope that many more habitations are in our future.

Longtime HFH supporter Senator Jeff Van Drew charmed the grownups. Gini Cooper of South Shore Stitchers, (center right with husband Ralph, our Public Relations Chair) presented Billy and Mia with handmade quilts (below), while at far right, partner family Rich and Dottie Ward came to support the new family.



Joann Ireland presented the Holly family with a Bible in a tradition that began with the first Habitation.

From there to here happened because of supporters like you, and because artists, craftsmen, students, public servants, and professionals of many kinds, who care about their community, made it happen.



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Thanks ...

To Dave Calvert and the Cape May United Methodist crew for exterior siding and porch.



To Ed Lanza, and teacher Mike McCarthy's students Bryon Bainbridge, Sean Eckel, Jonathan Hirriak, Michael Markwitz, Brittany Marella, Ryan Roach, Tim Roldan, Cody Smith, and Joshua Vasquez for fine work on the outside decks and steps.



To Suzy Boyer and women of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority for furniture and linens for the children's bedrooms.



To Ed Bixby, Fox & Fox, Paul Rixon; A. Gallo Concrete; Gutter Guys; Ann Carlino. Doug Frohock, Allen's Oil and



To Virginia Chester, for the Home Improvement Manual and great-looking lock on the door.



Propane; Mitchell Nichols, Excavating; Dave's Appliances; Chris Collins; Foreverpure Water Conditioning; Cape May County Health Dept; Broadley Mechanicals, AC Electric.

To Peri-Ann Richmond, for the wonderful children's art for the bedrooms.



To Phil and Lisa Pattison (daughter Morgan) who took care of too many important and sometimes arcane details to mention (what are batter boards, anyway?) Thanks to all our Board members, especially Dottie McClain who worked so closely with the Hollys, Jeff Taylor, Kathie Steiger, Will Haryslak, Joann Ireland, Ralph Cooper, and Ann Leahy.



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EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN VOLUNTEERISM

Getting involved builds hope as well as housing. Visit habitat.org to find out how you can help bring affordable housing to low-income families. Every dollar you donate now till April 15th will be matched. Click on the Hammer.



Grow and learn in Habitat's Global Village Program. Coming up in April and May are short-term house-building trips to India, Arme-



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL'S
Global Village Program



nia, Columbia, Poland, and Mississippi where you will build houses and become part of local communities.

Check out HFH's Youth Programs Web site that describes resources and programs for young people 5 to 25. Thousands of young people also volun-

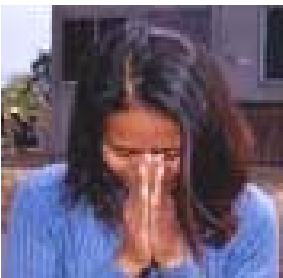


teer service during spring break to build

houses through the Collegiate Challenge, HFH's year-round alternative school break program. Global Village programs welcome young people, too. Join the team and work alongside peoples of another culture. Learn about the development challenges they face. Make new friends, change your life.



Join HFH's most famous volunteers Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter as they expand their efforts into the Mekong River valley that touches Vietnam, Cambodia,



Laos, Thailand, and Yunnan Province in China. The project kicks off with a week-long initiative in November of this year to help 300 families get into decent shelter, but that is only the beginning of a five-year project slated to work with 50,000 families in the five countries. Log on and learn more.



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