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**Habitat For Humanity**  
*Cape May County, NJ*

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*Board Profile:*

**Chris Pelzer Joins Habitat as new Board Member**

The Habitat Cape May Co. Board of Directors welcomed new member Christopher Pelzer at its July meeting. Chris has been involved with Habitat for several years, most notably as the one offering the opening prayer at our last few annual dinners.

Chris is a life long resident of Whitesboro in Middle Township and a long time member of Christ Gospel Church where he teaches a Sunday School class for teenagers. He works at the Soltz Paint Company on Shellbay Ave.

He and his wife Kippie, a social worker who is enrolled in Rutgers' joint social work/law program, are the parents of nearly 8 year old Emmanuel and 3 year old Emmajah.

"I want to help people improve their lives because of what Christ has done in my life," says Chris. "I believe in theology with practicality."

Chris is the founder of HOPE (Helping Others Prosper Effectively), a non profit which focuses on mentoring, educating and entertaining older teens and young adults.

**Goal To Complete Cochran St. House In Coming Months**

This has been a summer of intensive work at our Cochran St. site in an all out effort to complete the project this summer.

Steve Stecki and Ed Lanza headed up the effort and have been greatly assisted by a crew from the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May headed by Dave Calvert.

Homeowners-to-be Dottie and Rich Ward have also been working hard and have even drafted some of their friends to assist.

**Annual Golf Fund Raiser Set for Avalon GC Oct. 13th**

The annual Habitat for Humanity Benefit Golf Outing will be held Friday, Oct. 13th, 2006 at the Avalon Golf Club.

Registration is 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Various sponsor packages are available.

Please contact Dave Rippert at 463.5260 for more information.



Representatives from the Cape May County Special Services School District were honored at the Habitat Annual Dinner for the district's overall support this past year. Pictured, from left, are Mike McCarthy, student John Clayton, Ed Lanza and Barbara Michaelski, along with HFH Board President Kathie Steiger.

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*Volunteers & Partners Recognized*

# Annual Habitat For Humanity Dinner

Habitat supporters filled Atkinson's Restaurant's new dining area on the evening of May 3rd for their annual dinner and awards ceremony. Once again, Kathie Steiger, newly elected president of the Cape May county affiliate, chaired the dinner.

Highlights of the evening included the annual flag salute led by homeowner/ partners' children,

speeches from invited guests, and many awards to Habitat members and friends.

Nate Doughty, mayor of Middle Township, spoke and received a certificate of appreciation for his support of Habitat. Middle Township recently donated a building lot to Habitat. The lot is on the same street in Whitesboro where the affiliate has built several other houses.

Sandra Conrad, director of the Caring for Kids child abuse prevention program spoke about the connections between poverty housing, stress and child abuse and neglect.

NJ State Assemblymen Jeff Van Drew and Nelson Albano presented an Assembly Commendation to Joann Ireland, immediate past president of Habitat Cape May County.

Barbara Michaelski and Ed Lanza of the county's Special Services School District were honored for their help with the house Habitat is building on Cochran St. in Whitesboro.

Also honored were Jeff Taylor, Board member of the year, and Broadley's Mechanical, business supporter of the year.

## Volunteer Coordinator Needed for Habitat Cape May

Habitat for Humanity Cape May County needs a Volunteer Coordinator to manage volunteer resources according to skills and interests.

The selected individual will:

- Coordinate volunteer participation in ongoing Habitat building projects.
- Work with the Habitat construction site manager to assure on site safety and supervision
- Develop and coordinate non-building site volunteer opportunities.

Interested candidates can contact Joann Ireland, Habitat Vice President, via e-mail at [jireland@avaloninternet.net](mailto:jireland@avaloninternet.net) or leave a message on the Habitat Voice Mail @ 609. 463.0244.

## Extraordinary Gift Program

I would like to participate in the Habitat Gifts Program to support housing projects in Cape May County.

My gift is enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 My Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town / State / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Habitat KUDOS ...

#### Women's Group In Sea Isle Help Habitat Cape May

The Sea Isle City Women's Civic Club has selected Habitat for Humanity of Cape May County as the benefiting charity of their 2nd annual card party luncheon to be held in September '06.

Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased by calling Angela, 263-1048 or Mary at 263-3841.

A recent press release photo in area publications featured Joy Sumski, President of the Women's Civic Club, Ann Leahy of the Habitat Board and Angela Bacher, Card Party Chairperson.

Contact Habitat and learn how your organization can build a supprting partnership in Cape May Co.



**ANNUAL HABITAT DINNER FOR 2006** included a wide range of speakers and participants. Pictured, clockwise, from the upper left corner: Board Secretary Jeff Taylor receives “Board Member of the Year honors from Kathie Steiger; Cape May County Association of Realtors volunteers Ellen Shaw and Diane Kelly received special recognition from Habitat President Kathie Steiger; Sturdy Savings Bank was recognized for the bank’s annual planning and support for the Habitat Golf Outing. Pictured, from left are Steve Nelson, Nancy Hagan, Danette Ritchie and Dave Rippert; Sandra Conrad of Caring for Kids was one of the dinner speakers; Joann Ireland, past Habitat President, received recognition from First District Assemblyman Nelson Albano, left, and Jeff Van Drew; Middle Twp. Mayor Nate Doughty received Habit appreciation.

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Volunteers Dottie McClain, left, of Broadley's Mechanical and Ed Lanza of the Cape May County Special Service District were recognized by Kathie Steiger, President of HFH Cape May Co. during the annual dinner.



John Vile and Dave Calvert cut some lumber to size.



Steve Stecki reviews the house plans on a June workday.



Homeowners Dottie and Rich Ward brought along friends Jerry Pellegrino(top) and Patty Menasion to help.

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