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Habitat Urgently Seeks Buildable Land and Fixer Up Houses

Until 2004, all of the land that Habitat Cape May County built houses on was donated. Some was given by municipalities; some by banks; some by generous individuals. Donated land meant Habitat could limit the price of a house to our homeowner partners to the cost of some of the materials and some of the labor. Things have changed!

Because of the current real estate market, Habitat is no longer receiving donations of land or fixer up houses. We are having to purchase buildable lots; and none is available for less than 10's of thousands of dollars.



Lots like this one, in an area we've built in before, are selling for \$50,000 and up.



This is the first house we built. It's in Whitesboro, a town that's been helpful to Habitat Cape May County.



Our second house was built on Tennessee Ave. in Whitesboro.



House #3 was built on Wildwood Ave. in Whitesboro.

You can help us. If you own a buildable lot or a fixer up house you are willing to sell us at a fair price, call Habitat at 463-0244. Or if you know of a buildable lot or fixer up that's about to go on the market, let us know. Our goal is to buy two lots and build one house each year. Families living in substandard housing need our help. And yours.

Annual Dinner Informative, Entertaining

Habitat volunteers and friends gathered at Cape May's Pelican Club for our 2004 annual dinner meeting. The keynote speaker was Patricia Devaney, director of the Cape May County Department of Human Services. Pat presented a fact-filled picture of housing and housing needs in the county. Those needs are great. She also talked about a current planning process designed to meet the needs of the county's homeless population.



A view of the ocean was the backdrop for a dazzling display of door prizes



Children of Habitat partner families helped out throughout the evening..

Awards went to Don Olcese, board member of the year; Gerry Krupa and Bill Williams, volunteers of the year; the 1st Methodist Church of Wildwood Crest, church partner of the year; and to new "honorary" board member Mary Smith. The children of Habitat partner families once again led the group in the pledge of allegiance and drew the winning tickets for an amazing array of door prizes provided by local banks and merchants. Board vp Kathryn Steiger chaired the event.

Kudos to...

William Power* Louise Griffiths* Madelyn Calloway* Manny & Gloria Fernandes* Bill & Nina George* Kathleen Hogarty* M/M James Wheaton* Cape Savings Bank* St. Simeon's Episcopal Church Women* 1st Methodist Church of Wildwood Crest* First Presbyterian Church of Cape May* Church of the Resurrection* St. Casimir's Church* Ray & Marianne Lombardi* Cape May Co. Board of Realtors* Avalon Real Estate* Freda Real Estate* NJ Realty* Suncoast Mortgage* Chris Clemens and Co.* Robert & Cynthia Scully, Jr.* Sol Needles Real Estate* Ellen Shaw* Joyce Manzoni* Horace Haffert* Ingeborg Campbell* J.P. Collins Co.* James Davis* Andrea Reu* Dr. C. Cilento* Arthur Lefkoe* Avalon Carpet* Joseph Popper & Son* 1st Bank of Sea Isle City* Crest Savings Bank* Sturdy Savings Bank* Walter Builders

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