

Annual Habitat Dinner – Held May 10, 2007

Habitat for Humanity Cape May County friends and families gathered at the Bellevue Tavern in Cape May Court House on May 10th, 2007, to celebrate another year of successful working to provide housing for those in need.

Guests of honor at the dinner were Rich and Dottie Ward, the newest Habitat homeowner partners who moved into their Habitat house on Cochran St. in Whitesboro only a month before the dinner. Other Habitat families attending were the Thompson's and the Bortle's.

Distinguished guests included Mayor Nathan Doughty of Middle Township, 1st District Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew and Mathew Milam of Vineland, a candidate for the NJ Assembly from the 1st District, as well as many members of the affiliate's Board of Directors and volunteers and friends.

Also present were students and teachers from the Cape May Co. Special Services School who helped in building the Cochran St. house.

Board member of the year award went to long time Board member and affiliate public relations specialist Ralph Cooper. Cooper is the official photographer, our current newsletter editor, and he created and maintains the affiliate's web site, www.HabitatCapeMay.com

Volunteer of the year was Dave Calvert who faithfully brought a crew from the Cape May Methodist church to assist with building.

A special NJ Assembly citation was given to contractor Steve Stecki who stepped in to direct building operations when a former building supervisor had to leave.

New construction supervisor Phil Pattison and his wife Lisa were given certificates of appreciation for all of the work their entire family has put into Habitat.

The Board plans to begin work on its next house, slated for Indian Trail in Middle Township, this summer.

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