

**Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod**  
**November 2009 update**

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**Application deadline for Wellfleet and Dennis: Nov. 9** – There is still time! Historically there has certainly been more than one last minute application that has led some good family to successful home ownership with Habitat. Please help get the word out through your communities about the **3 bedroom home we will be building in Wellfleet; a 1 bedroom and a 2 bedroom, in Dennis**. Anyone interested should call our office immediately to get an application!

**“Conventional Affordable” homes for sale:** Well of course our Habitat homes are “affordable,” so this gets a little confusing – but, as some of you know, we planned Gomes way as a mixed income all-affordable home ownership neighborhood. 8 of the homes are Habitat for Humanity homes – sold to families with incomes at or below 65% of median income and built with community donations and by volunteers and the future owners, and sold with our own no-interest Habitat mortgage.

We planned an *additional* five homes as NOT-Habitat homes, for families at or below 80% of median, financed them with a construction loan, subcontracted the labor (and we will get paid off at time of sale, as purchasers will get conventional bank mortgages). We are marketing them through Housing Assistance Corporation. This is just a marketing contract; they are not “HAC

homes.”. For any interested buyer, the remaining two-bedroom is selling for \$140,200; the three-bedroom for \$159,000. An eligible family of four would have an income not exceeding \$62,100; a two member family - \$49,700. To apply for these homes, contact Karen Davis, Housing Assistance Corp. 508 771 5400 x 287 These are the same quality, fantastic, energy-efficient, solar-paneled homes we have built with the Habitat families – so it’s a great opportunity for someone to own a wonderful home in a great new green neighborhood. Please help us spread the word!.

**Gomes Home Tours, an invitation:** Please note that because we are NOT opening homes for viewing during the dedication, **we are offering home tours by appointment between now and Nov. 12. Please call the office to make arrangements** to meet with me (Vicki), Hilary or Sue or one of our lead volunteers for an individual or small group tour of the site and several houses.

**Gomes Way Homes Dedication:** As you’ll note, this is set up differently than any of our earlier dedications.

**Which event? You are welcome to go to either or both events.**

**1:00 PM – 2:15 PM**

**PRAYERS OF DEDICATION**

**Location: Gomes Way (outside, only)\***

We welcome you to join us as we offer a prayer of dedication for the neighborhood and at each of the new homes on Gomes Way.

**This is a purely outdoor event for the purpose of offering a prayer of dedication for the neighborhood and at each house. No speeches or house tours. Parking** – please carpool if you can and follow the directions of our good volunteers. **Very bad weather** – In the event of very very bad weather, we will cancel *this* part of the dedication only. Call our weather line after 11 a.m. that day (508 775 3559 x3) or use your common sense. We do not want to be wet and cold and miserable for the celebration at St. Peter’s.

**2:30 PM- 3:45 PM**

**PROGRAM OF DEDICATION**

**Location: St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 310 Rte 137, Harwich**

**Light reception to follow\*\***

We welcome you to join our celebration of the completion of eight Habitat for Humanity homes. Help us “welcome home” our terrific family partners in this project. Join us in celebration and appreciation of what the people of our community have accomplished together.

**\*\*We would welcome contributions of finger foods and baked goods** for the reception. Please contact Hilary [hilary@habitatcapecod.org](mailto:hilary@habitatcapecod.org) 508 775 3559 x16 with any offers.

**Harwich Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** will be held this year at Pilgrim Church in Harwich Port at 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 22. This promises to be an extra special gathering this year with the added element of thankfulness for all the generosity and good works brought forward by the successful collaborative sponsorship of #8 Gomes Way by the Harwich Faith Communities. The churches have extended a special welcome to the Gomes family partners, and, of course, the community. The special offering that day will be donated to Habitat, for which WE are very thankful.

### **Cheers and Kudos:**

**Kayak Raffle:** Thank you to all the volunteers who sold over \$28,000 in raffle tickets at 37 events! We offer a special shout of appreciation to Pat Taylor and Bill Witmer who not only built the kayak but staffed all of the events from Brewster in Bloom in May to the Wellfleet OysterFest in October. 66 Volunteers helped Pat and Bill sell over 17,000 tickets at the events throughout the Cape. With a beautiful kayak, great venues, great volunteers and a terrific public, this was a record breaking year by far, for this annual fundraiser for Habitat. The winners are Elizabeth & Mordy Kubany of Maplewood, NJ!

**Habitat Relay Teams: Here's a big cheer to volunteers who are big hearted AND swift! Team #1** finished **FIRST OVERALL**, out of 200 teams in the October 24 **New Balance Marathon Relay** (26.22 miles). It was comprised of 3 Habitat construction volunteers, Joe Navas, Tom Deeg, and Geof Newton. The time for the marathon was 2:29:16, beating the next relay team by more than 7 minutes. **Team #2**, older and wiser but a little slower, finished **FOURTEENTH OVERALL** in 3:11:40, and **FOURTH** in its category (out of 100 mixed open teams. It was comprised of 5 Habitat construction volunteers, Mary Ellen Ross, Mike Sellars, Dennis Clark, Nick Harmansky, and Adam Ross. Their ages ranged from 51 to 65, except for Mary Ellen who is not yet 40. **Our thanks also to all who pledged and contributed.**

**Thanks Scoopers!** For the past few years, Jan and John Newton, owners of **Short 'n' Sweet** Ice Cream Shop in South Chatham have donated the proceeds from their final day's sales to Habitat. We are grateful for this annual event and special donations—over the past four years their contributions come to a little more than \$3,300. That's a lot of scoops!

Last month **Cape Air** celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by sending a team of nearly 50 employees to participate in a Team Build Day on Gomes Way. In addition to the tremendous volunteer effort, Habitat received a check for \$8,632 that was generated by a local Cape Air fundraiser and matching corporate gift. It was a GREAT day and we are honored that they chose to celebrate the occasion with us.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Thank You Event** such a memorable night. It was a night for great food, networking and a chance to express our gratitude to the business community. Special thanks to our sponsor and host **Shepley Wood Products** and to Ron Winner, Dave Hammett, Bev Roy, Christine Twombly and Lisa Bushy for their leadership and support.

**Special Events Planning Committee – new volunteers welcome:** In the spring of 2010, we will be hosting a series of fund and friend raisers in the towns of Dennis, Wellfleet and Mashpee. If interested in joining this group to hear more and to lend a hand, there will be a meeting at Bev Roy's home (227 Chatham Road, Harwich) on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. For more info and to RSVP, please contact: [Sue Daggett](#) or call the office at: 508-775-3559 ext. 14.

**Annual Meeting Awards** - We were pleased to award some special honors this year. **The Ev Stoyle Spirit of Service Award was given to long time Habitat volunteers Bill and Judith Page of Sandwich.** We were especially honored that Jan Stoyle was the one to announce and pay tribute to the winners of this annual volunteer award. **The Habitat Partner Award was received by the Town of Harwich** for its many contributions and support of the Gomes Way project. **The Golden Hammer award was given to BizChecks** – a payroll company that has made a substantial contribution to our affiliate of Habitat over the years, by handling all our payroll activities pro bono.

**A Note to Harwich Town Meeting Voters:** The Harwich Housing Committee asks for your support of their **land articles on Nov. 12 Town Meeting. For more information** in advance of Town Meeting, about the parcels and their proposed use, the committee has scheduled **an open hearing on Monday Nov. 2, at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall.** The parcels are on the west side of Depot Rd. between Route 39 and Route 28. (Map 63, J1, j2, j6, combined total approximately 8 acres).

## **Chapter Meeting Information**

**Upper Cape meets** on the first Monday of each month. 7 p.m., Mashpee Senior Center. Chapter Chair: **Bob Leary**

**Lower Cape:** next meeting to be announced.

### **Mid-Cape**

Chapter Chair: **Marilyn Nouri 508-385-8568;**

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