

Christina and Chloe Macort are full of joyful enthusiasm as they anticipate building their home with Habitat's many dedicated volunteers.



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# Welcome Home

## 75<sup>TH</sup> HABITAT GROUNDBREAKING

*Major milestone for Cape Cod families*

A local family is about to embark on a major change in their lives. With hundreds of hours of their sweat equity and help from volunteers and donors, they will soon realize the dream of owning their own home.

On August 20 we will raise the walls on the 75th new Habitat for Humanity home on Cape Cod. This is a new beginning for the family and a major milestone for the volunteers, staff and the many hundreds of people who have supported Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod since its founding in 1988.

Christina Macort and daughter Chloe will be the newest Habitat homeowners.

"We congratulate the Macort's and look forward to helping them complete their new home by next spring," said Habitat Executive Director Victoria Goldsmith.

Meanwhile, our local Habitat for Humanity team will be stepping up efforts toward reaching the next major milestone: the 100th Habitat home on Cape Cod.

Special thanks to The Federated Church of Orleans for sponsoring this home.

**Building Homes...**  
**Changing Lives...**  
**Preserving Community**



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## 2nd Annual You've Got Mail

### Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Thursday, August 18, 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Cultural Center of Cape Cod  
307 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, MA  
Tickets: **\$40** each/**\$75** pair

**Call for your tickets today!**

See page 7 for more details



Artist: Toni Migliore, Sandwich  
Photo: Rick Knight

## Director's Note Changing Lives

One shortcut we often take in talking about our work is to tell our story by the numbers. And I would be lying if I denied the pride we are feeling at the prospect of raising the walls this August on the 75th volunteer-built Habitat home on Cape Cod.

But the real story of our work is the story of changed lives.

Among my favorite tasks as Director is the behind-the-scenes meeting where we sign the formal agreement with the successful applicant who has recently been notified that they will be building a home with Habitat.

Most recently Christina Macort and her daughter Chloe, gathered around our Board room table with several of our staff and volunteers, to review house plans and sign the agreement to formalize our partnership.

Christina spoke with awe of the good people who will be volunteering on her home, giving of their time to help her improve her circumstances.

Christina and Chloe live in a "top of the shop" one bedroom apartment in Orleans. The rent is huge compared to the income of a full time manicurist. Christina sleeps in the living room, leaving the bedroom for her daughter.

A spirited 8 year old and lifelong resident of Orleans, Chloe is a whiz at math and an enthusiast of most outdoor sports. A Habitat home will give her a yard outside her back door, instead of a parking lot.

The picture she drew while the adults talked was a reproduction of the house plans laid out in front of her mom. A young humanitarian, she donated her hair to "Locks of Love" last year, inspiring her mom to do the same.

Christina aspires to a career in biomedical engineering. On top of her full time job, she has been pursuing her associate's degree at Cape Cod Community College hoping to graduate on the honor's track. She will be taking the fall semester off to make time to help build her home and fulfill all her sweat equity requirements.

But it all works into her plan for a better life and a better future. With stability of home and an affordable payment, she will have the "breathing room" to pursue the education that will pave the way for a better life for her and daughter.

Please join us as we raise the walls on #75 – located at 49 Nickerson Rd. Orleans. Arrive before noon, Saturday August 20.

Please call the office if you need more information.

- Vicki



**Chloe's response to news of her future home.**  
Photo: Gerry Moynihan

## On the Drawing Board for 2012

An update on homes planned for volunteer construction in 2012.

### **N. Sunken Meadow Rd., Eastham:**

Our plans, revised to protect the endangered broom crowberry plants, are now under final review by the MA Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. Once approved, local permitting applications will proceed to allow construction of two homes beginning Spring 2012. See news of Faith Build 2012 on page 7.

**Flintlock Lane, Bourne:** We have reached agreement with neighbors and the Zoning Board of Appeals for this one-house project on our 2012 building schedule.

**Glenwood Ave., Falmouth:** We have begun engineering and other work needed to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the two homes our volunteers will build next year.

**Mashpee:** Project permitting is well underway for homes on Park Place and Tri Town Circle. We are in mediation related to the Zoning Board of Appeals denial of our application to build a home on Russell Rd.

**Tree Top Circle, Marstons Mills:** off the drawing board. The sites offered by the Housing Authority have all failed the feasibility testing by our wetlands scientist.

**Home applications:** We open applications for Habitat homes after permitting issues are resolved and approximately six months before commencement of volunteer construction. Current information is always posted on our website or available by calling the office.

## Yarmouth Land Purchase Update

With the support of \$240,000 in Yarmouth Community Preservation Funds, we have begun our search for building lots in Yarmouth.

We hope to secure land that will sustain the building of at least 8 single family homes.

We are interested in smaller lots that may be scattered throughout the town, or a larger lot suitable for a small subdivision.

We may seek density variances as long as the parcel has good title and is otherwise buildable.

Our land acquisition volunteers have organized into review teams to assess land that comes to our attention.

Please call any leads in to office manager, Anne Correiri. (508) 362-3559 x10.

## ReStore Coming

### *Materials and Product Needed*

**Stay tuned for the announcement of our Grand Opening this Fall!**

We are very excited about opening a ReStore on Cape Cod. But, we need your help! Please consider donating to the Restore. We accept donations of new and used residential building supplies and household furniture that we determine will sell in our retail store.

For a complete list of items and detailed descriptions, please visit our website at [habitatcapecod.org](http://habitatcapecod.org) or call the office at (508) 362-3559 with questions or to offer your gently used items.

#### **All items we take must be:**

- Structurally sound and complete
- Functional without need of any repair
- Cosmetically appealing
- Sellable by local and Habitat International's experience

#### **Below is a sampling of categories of items we will sell in our store.**

Appliances, Architectural Items, Bathroom fixtures, tubs and sinks, Cabinets, Ceiling Fans, Ceiling Tiles, Countertops, Drywall, Electrical Supplies, Fasteners, Fencing, Fireplace inserts, stand alones, mantel, tools and gas logs, Flooring, Furniture, Hardware, HVAC, Insulation, Landscaping Supplies, Lighting, Lumber, Mirrors, Outdoor Living, Paint, Plumbing, Roofing, Sheds, Shelving, Shingles, Showers, Shutters, Siding, Sinks, Tile: Wall/Floor, Tools, Wallpaper, Windows.

#### **As of this time we will not be accepting the following items:**

Upholstered furniture, Electronics, Dishwashers, Appliances over 7 years old, Small household appliances, Dishes or other house wares, Carpeting or rugs, Mattresses or bedding, Clothing, Curtains or other window coverings, especially window blinds, Gas powered anything, Opened cans of paint, Pre-hung doors, and building components that do not meet current code.

Overall, everything must be in good to excellent condition, without need for repair. ReStore will be an awesome fundraiser for Habitat and a great way to practice "green" living on Cape Cod.

Volunteers needed: contact Hilary Greene, Coordinator of Volunteer programs, if you have an interest in being a ReStore volunteer. We will have a variety of volunteer positions: sales clerks, stocking, store set up and other.



## The story behind Habitat's Kayak raffle

### A Hand-crafted Work of Art

#### *On display throughout Cape Cod*

You will see it almost everywhere. It is the beautifully hand-crafted, brightly-polished, cedar kayak to be raffled off this fall to help raise funds for new Habitat homes. It is a work of art, as well as a recreational, human-powered paddle boat. This year, the kayak raffle will take place October 16, in connection with Wellfleet OysterFest, at the Wellfleet town hall parking lot. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Our summertime traditional raffle began more than 10 years ago, with Habitat volunteer, Bob Szerejko, who not only supervised home construction, but crafted a canoe to raffle each summer. After raising enough to build several houses with his annual canoe raffle, Bob was ready to "retire" from this valuable volunteer work. Happily for us, two other construction volunteers, Bill Witmer and Pat Taylor, turned a fondness for crafting with wood to Habitat's advantage, and the canoe raffle became an annual kayak raffle. Each kayak takes about four months to build. After the kayak is finished, Bill and Pat spend weekends at craft shows, festivals and other events to sell raffle tickets. Many other Habitat volunteers also help sell tickets.

The kayak is shown at many venues several times a week throughout the Cape. Please check our website or call the office for information about when the kayak raffle will be near you.

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## New Office Open House



Volunteers and families gathered to celebrate the official opening of our new office in Yarmouthport.

### MATCHING GIFTS

#### Double Your Donation!

Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Some provide matching funds to support employee volunteer hours. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift!

To find out if your company will match gifts to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, please visit our website for a complete listing or call Sarah Tribuzio, development director at (508) 362-3559 x14 or [sarah@habitatcapecod.org](mailto:sarah@habitatcapecod.org).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# Dave King

Dave King has worked with Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod since his 1996 retirement as a college biology professor because of Habitat's sense of partnership.



Dave King

*"I've really learned over the years that the whole idea of partnership is what forms the foundation of Habitat," said King, an Orleans resident. "The homeowners come on as partners with their sweat equity. The volunteers are partners with the homeowners. Volunteers working on construction, committees, and other areas, as well as the staff, are all partners in the mission of Habitat. That's what's so special about Habitat. It's not, 'I'm doing this' and 'You're doing that,' we're doing it as partners."*

King became involved with the first Habitat home to be built in Orleans in 2000. Now King and that first Orleans Habitat homeowner, Deidre Root, will be co-partners with another new family starting to build the third Habitat home in Orleans – and Habitat's 75th on Cape Cod.

"Now she's coming back to partner with and help a new family," King added.

After leaving Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA after 31 years, Dave and wife Christine King, both biologists, joined the Federated Church of Orleans and changed careers from teaching to doing volunteer work. (The Federated Church is the sponsor of this 75th Habitat Home currently beginning construction in Orleans.)

David served as a trustee for the church, maintains its website and data base; and Chris serves as a church treasurer and volunteers for the Nauset Together We Can Prevention Council, which operates a skateboard park and for a time operated a youth center for young people on the Outer Cape. Dave King started what became a 13-year commitment to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod.

First as a home construction volunteer, Dave King has progressed through numerous roles with Habitat, including construction project manager, land acquisition committee, family selection committee, human resources committee (formerly the personnel committee), member of the board of directors and its governance committee, and currently is co-chair of the family partnership committee.

"Sometimes, you feel like you are doing a lot for Habitat, and then you see other people doing ten times as much," King noted.

He added, "What keeps me so involved is the wonderful people."

### Vacant Building Lots Needed

Besides volunteers, Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod needs vacant buildable lots.

We could help eight – or more – families a year build their own homes. We have a large group of committed volunteers, but available building lots are needed as well. If you know of someone with land for one or more single family homes, please contact Habitat Cape Cod at (508) 362-3559.

### How to Volunteer

If you have a specific skill and time to donate, please visit our website, [www.habitatcapecod.org](http://www.habitatcapecod.org) and click on volunteer opportunities. Or contact Hilary Greene, coordinator of volunteer programs, at (508) 362-3559.



### Red Cross Training

21 of our volunteers received their 2 year first aid certifications and we hope to have more classes in the future. The trainer was a certified instructor from the Red Cross.

## Pilot Home Repair Program Begins with \$15,000 United Way Grant, and \$25,000 funding from the Town of Dennis

Building on years of experience by volunteer crews performing many types of home repairs and accessibility improvements, Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod is now taking small, but important steps in refocusing its repairs program on Cape Cod toward critical needs of low income homeowners.

The new initiative is supported by \$15,000 grant from Cape and Islands United Way, as well as \$25,000 recently voted by the Dennis Board of Selectmen.

Victoria Goldsmith, executive director said, "It is our ultimate goal to build our capacity in this area so that critical repairs for low income homeowners, who truly cannot afford to do otherwise, will become a regular and continuing part of our program alongside new homes. There is a huge community need and we have a growing, highly-skilled volunteer corps."

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She added, "This first year we will be working in partnership with a couple of agencies, serving clients already on their waiting lists. At this point, we are not accepting applications from the public. Our current funding leads us to focus on areas of Dennis and Harwich.

"As we fine tune policies during this year, the repairs program will include sweat equity from the homeowners, as well as no-interest loans for repayment of materials costs. This, along with continued fund raising, will allow us to not only continue the program, but expand it to other areas of the Cape."

In recent years, Habitat's repair efforts have been limited by lack of funds for materials. This new program will be in step with Habitat's national Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, geared at broadening community impact by focusing on repairs in addition to new home building.

"Small, smart steps" will be the primary focus, such as handicap accessibility and exterior home preservation. Repairs will include ramps, entry way repairs, replacement of rotted wood, limited roof repairs, weatherization (where not covered by other agencies), siding replacement and window replacement.

The repair program will serve as a companion to the local Habitat affiliate's core building program, enabling Habitat to serve more families, increase opportunities for volunteers, particularly in the off-season of construction, and expand the base of sponsors and supporters.



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## Faith in Action

**Tithe News:** HHCC tithed \$20,000 on unrestricted donations received during the recent fiscal year, ending June 30. These funds were designated to support home building in Haiti. Tithing, a core tenet for local affiliation with Habitat for Humanity, recognizes that even as we deal with severe housing need in our own communities, we are blessed with abundance compared to the massive slum conditions around the world. 90% of Habitat homes are built overseas (at about one tenth of the cost of new homes in the U.S.). All tithe funds go directly to serving families overseas through our partner Habitat affiliates in other countries; none of these funds go to Habitat International administration. Last year, over 3000 families around the world were given a hand up, with the help of U.S. affiliates.

**Haiti Update:** Haiti will be hosting the Carter Work Project this November, with the construction of 500 homes on newly acquired land outside of Port au Prince. Two of our lead volunteers will be participating, sending news back and sharing news upon their return. Facebook users are invited to "friend" Habitat Haiti to keep up on progress there.

## Faith Build 2012

In May, over 20 churches and other faith groups gathered at the Eastham United Methodist Church to plan an interfaith support of a home that will be built in Eastham in 2012. Their goal is to raise \$25,000 collectively through fundraising events such as dinners and concerts, a silent auction, and a walk-a-thon. The committee is hard at work planning for these events and mobilizing volunteers. Stay tuned for more details!

## Building on Faith Week September 18th - 24th

Habitat for Humanity International has designated the third week in September as its annual "Building on Faith" week. Churches have always been the cornerstone of Habitat support, and affiliates invite people from all faiths to partner in the construction of decent, affordable housing. This month we will be mailing "Building on Faith" packets that will include a special Litany for shelter to all our faith partners. We are so thankful for all the support we receive from our many faith communities!

## You've Got Mail

**Fundraiser and Silent Auction:** Thursday, August 18, 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Cultural Center of Cape Cod: 307 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, MA  
Tickets: \$40 each/\$75 pair

The event will feature a silent auction of hand painted mailboxes, individually designed and painted by nearly 50 local artists filled with gift certificates to local restaurants, private tours and tastings, theatre and symphony tickets, limited edition artwork and much more!

Wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served at the beautifully restored Cultural Center of Cape Cod, an art gallery itself, located at 307 Old Main Street, in the charming Bass River Village just off Route 28 in South Yarmouth. Catering for the evening is under the direction of the Island Merchant restaurant in Hyannis and its new affiliate Summer Stock restaurant in Dennis.

Sponsors include Brown Jug Wine Shop in Sandwich, Eastern Bank, Snow's Home and Garden in Orleans and Summer Stock restaurant in Dennis.

**Purchase Your Tickets Today!** Online at [www.habitatcapecod.org](http://www.habitatcapecod.org) (be sure to note event tickets) or call (508) 362-3559

## THANK YOU

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We apologize for any mistakes or omissions and ask that you kindly report them to the development office at (508) 362-3559 ext. 14.



Artist: Claudia Borden, S. Dennis  
Photo: Rick Knight

### Recent Grants

The following businesses, foundations and organizations have generously given to Habitat from April 1 - June 30, 2011:

**Bennett Charitable Foundation**  
\$25,000 for Orleans House

**Cape Cod Economic Development Council**  
\$20,000 for ReStore

**Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation**  
\$2,000 for ReStore

**Rotary Club of Orleans/Nauset**  
\$250 in memory of George Kass, former Habitat Board President and dedicated volunteer

*Thank You.*

### Rachel Kirchgessner's fabulous Annual Yard Sale!

To benefit Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod will take place in Harwich over the weekend of Sept. 17 and 18. Saturday: 8 – 4. Sunday: 8 – noon. Yard sale location is 5 Windjammer Road, located off of Park St. which is off of Route 124.

To donate items for the yard sale, please call Rachel at (508) 430-0360; she will return your message. No appliances or televisions, please.

### Did You Know...?

Rents and homeownership prices continue to be out of reach for many Cape Cod residents. Despite steady incomes from jobs our community relies on, families face reoccurring crises in their housing situations. According to the 2010 HUD Consolidated Plan authored by the Barnstable County HOME Consortium:

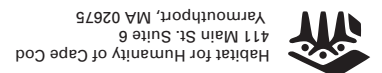
- Since 2005, low income households with housing problems has increased by 34%
- Over 4,000 Section 8 households are on a waiting list for affordable housing
- Massachusetts is one of most expensive markets in the country and Cape Cod is 10% more expensive than rest of the Commonwealth
- Wages on Cape Cod are 35% lower than the rest of the Commonwealth - \$37,691 vs. \$55,244 respectively

Special thanks to **Grouper Design** of Yarmouthport for donating their time and expertise to the design and production of our Welcome Home newsletter.

**WHO:** Habitat Friends and Supporters  
**WHAT:** Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod's ANNUAL MEETING  
**WHEN:** Thursday, September 22  
 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Yarmouth Senior Center  
 528 Forest Road, West Yarmouth  
 Please RSVP to [office@habitatcapcod.org](mailto:office@habitatcapcod.org)  
 or (508) 362-3559 and let us know  
 what you will be bringing to share!

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