

Homeownership builds strength, stability and self-reliance.

# welcomehome

## Inspiration from Rabbi David Freelund

Chair, Faith Relations Committee

Some of us are secure in our belief in an afterlife. Others among us may have strong doubts as to what comes when our paths in this life come to an end. We can all be certain that how we conduct ourselves lasts long beyond the short years of our lives and continues to affect our world long after we are gone.

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Rev. Phil Mitchell, but with great gratitude I recall his impact on our corner of the world.

I only knew Phil as a retired minister, but those who were fortunate to have him as the pastor of their congregations knew a man who saw the human needs of those in his congregation as his true divine calling. His faith was always reflected in his caring and response in times when his presence spoke louder than words.

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#### BUILDINGHOMES CHANGINGLIVES PRESERVING COMMUNITY



#### Wall Raising Day

## Dickinson Drive, Marstons Mills

A round 8 am, we knew something special was happening. A small but dedicated volunteer crew had been setting up for a couple of hours already, then once we had almost everything in place, we looked around and noticed that there were dozens of cars on either side of the street. Someone just arriving said, "they're parked all the way down River Road too." A big crowd, soon to reach well over 100 people, was forming around us as we prepared to raise the walls on 4 new Habitat Cape Cod homes. A table set up for food and drinks was overflowing with fresh baked treats and juices, with more being carried in. The new Barnstable Police Chief and his officers arrived, followed by COMM Fire Fighters and Coast Guard, there to help with those heavy walls. Parents showed up with children and teenagers, eager to get on the schedule, if not today, then soon and for all summer. The outpouring of support from the community of Marstons Mills began turning what was a construction site into a true homecoming for the four new families. CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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## Our 30th Year

Summer - Fall Round Up

Capacity building has been high on our radar this year. By this I mean strengthening our capacity to maintain the volume of work that we have recently attained.

With the grand opening of our Falmouth ReStore on June 23, we now have two great locations working together to raise funds for the 10 homes per year we are building locally. We are outfitting our new leased warehouse-shop in Dennis for our construction program and we have been welcoming new volunteers to construction, ReStore, family partnership and other areas of our work.

We have continued our practice of bringing in some special "muscle" on wall raising days enthusiastically offering the men and women in local public and armed services a critical one-hour community volunteer opportunity that helps us to more safely build quality homes with volunteers. We are incrementally adding training components for volunteers and staff, even as we keep a sharp eye out for the range of leadership and specialized talent among those who are keen to assist Habitat Cape Cod. And on Sept. 23 we will be "rolling out" our own new Cape Cod Cycle Classic - The Ride

for Homes, with two beautiful waterside routes leaving from the Canal area in Bourne, with a choice of 10 miles or 40 miles (along the coast to Woods Hole) – open to cycling fund-raisers at different levels of endurance, with all funds to Habitat Cape Cod.

The local community has offered tremendous support for the homes we will finish this summer and fall in Brewster and Truro. We have appreciated the energetic and highspirited participation of the future home owners. Four new families are now working on their callouses and hammer muscles, alongside a group of terrific volunteers on Dickinson Drive in Marstons Mills. And walls will be raised on three homes in Dennis this fall. Behind the scenes, permitting, sitework, and fund-raising are in high gear for the homes we will build in 2019 and beyond.

I continue to be ever grateful for both our cherished longtime volunteers and donors, and the wonderful new-to-Habitat community members who continuously freshen and add to the resources, talent, energy, expertise and good will that drives the work we do together.

Vicki Goldsmith



every one makes a difference

Summer 2018



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Thank you to the Barnstable Police Department, the Centerville, Osterville and Marstons Mills Fire Department and the Coast Guard for helping to lift the walls in Marstons Mills this summer.

## **THE Habitat for Humanity**® of Cape Cod

#### Donate, Shop , Volunteer

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod opened its second ReStore in the beginning of May in Falmouth and is enjoying a steady stream of customers and donations.

Habitat has a 10-year-lease on the 10,000-square-foot building, thanks to the generosity of property owner Bob Burke of Jack & the Beanstalk, the neighboring produce stand across the street.

"He gave us a great rate and had the place built to our specs," noted store manager Peter Small. "He wanted to give back to the community."

The idea behind Habitat's ReStores (they are located all over the country) is to reuse and recycle merchandise, thus reducing items sent to landfill. ReStores sell donated, new and used items in good condition, including furniture, appliances and even home building supplies. "Treasure hunters" frequent ReStores, looking for something priceless being sold for a song.

Sales support Habitat's mission to

build affordable homes, a critical need on Cape Cod.

The inventory here is already turning over quickly (about every two weeks). A recent visit found three electric ranges (about \$145 each), a Jacuzzi tub (\$20), a large LG air conditioning unit (\$145), a beautiful, three-paneled stained glass entry door (\$275) and a mahogany dining set with six chairs for \$140. There were sofas and bureaus galore, rugs, china cabinets, end tables, coffee tables, kitchen cabinets and too much else to mention. By the time you read this, there will be a completely different look to the "showroom." Frequent shoppers know to stop by often and buy something that catches their fancy when they see it.

The ReStore offers free pick up of merchandise and drop offs are also accepted during regular business hours.

Peter, who was the assistant manager at the South Yarmouth ReStore, finds the Cape community incredibly generous.

Available volunteer positions at either ReStore range from customer service to receiving and preparing donations, and then moving the merchandise into display areas. If you're interested in volunteering, call 508-394-6400.

"Volunteering at the ReStore is a great way to meet new friends and have fun while doing some good for the community," says Peter.

For those interested in viewing merchandise on line, both locations have an active Facebook page under the name ReStore Cape Cod where new items and prices are uploaded daily.

Victoria Goldsmith, Executive Director of Habitat Cape Cod is grateful to the entire Cape Cod community for supporting Habitat's affordable housing efforts by supporting the ReStore ventures.

"Special thanks to our ReStore Advisory Committee, chaired by Lisa Bushy, whose vision and hard work led to the opening of a second store to help us continue to build ten homes each year with local families."

#### **Cape Cod ReStores**

South Yarmouth 28 Whites Path Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm

Falmouth 805 Gifford St. Ext. Tuesday - Saturday 9am-5pm

> 508-394-6400 restorecapecod.org

### FALMOUTH RESTORE Grand Opening



ReStore volunteer Karen Henderson helping out at the Falmouth store Grand Opening.



Katherine Brown of Recolor Paints and Falmouth ReStore Manager Peter Small. Recolor Paints reprocesses paint collected from landfills. Available at the Falmouth ReStore for only \$19 a gallon.

## every hand makes a difference

'Small Things'

Everywhere, the great events of the day. The mouse in her labor, the bee in his appointed task, the lake water caressing the bass, herring on the run, seagulls feeding. Meanwhile, small things, little holes in a board, filled with spackle, dried, sanded, tested with light, sanded again so the owner might never think of them, might only know a smooth day, unaware of the prayer that ensured it through this magic.

Chuck Madansky, Paul Hush Way volunteer



First Parish Brewster Team Day



Fun at the Falmouth ReStore



Truro Police Department Team Day



The Prep Team from Marstons Mills takes a break on Wall Raising Day



Harwich Girl Scout **Bookcase Project** 

## welcomehome Summer 2018



Office Team sorting applications for Dennis homes



Miter Saw Training Class led by John Karr in Brewster



Cape Cod Five Awarding Employee Chosen Grant



Don Dickinson's grandaughter Alexis volunteering on Dickinson Drive



Orleans District Court Team Day in Truro, organized by volunteer Wayne Chase, father of a Habitat homeowner

## Dickinson Drive continued from page 1

ickinson Drive was named after a much loved, long time volunteer, Don Dickinson. We can only imagine how he would have felt to see such open arms welcoming Habitat to their community.

How wonderful that in the decades to come the Dickinson family will be able to drive by or visit this neighborhood and know that these homes, on a road named for Don, are still providing comfort, security and stability to the families who live in them. His memory and legacy will live on in all the good that comes from that neighborhood.

Even if your name is not on a road sign, everyone reading this newsletter is an important part of Habitat Cape Cod. Your donation, action or kind words have made a difference and that has changed the course of lives and many lives to follow. Thank you for being a part of making this little corner of the world a better place.



Thank you to everyone who made this special day so spectacular and thank you to the Town of Barnstable Community Preservation Funds, Barnstable Affordable Housing Trust, Community Development Block Grant, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, Housing Ministries of New England, Eastern Bank and Cape and Islands United Way.

## Inspiration - continued from page 1

Rev. John Terry, who twice succeeded him in a pulpit, tells of Phil's actions one Sunday morning when Phil learned that a church member had suffered a stroke. He handed his notes to the student pastor and went off to be with the family in crisis. In deed and in word, Phil Mitchell was a vessel for God's love.

Phil Mitchell had been a member of the Habitat Board of Directors and the Faith Relations committee, tirelessly working for the benefit of Habitat, providing leadership and hands on motivation. His embrace of the mission of Habitat and our many volunteers, his inspirational devotions at meetings and on build sites, his heartfelt ambassadorship for Habitat, and his humble and gentle presence were a huge part of our success over these last years. Phil was instrumental in starting our trend of church-sponsored houses, which continues as Phil's outstanding service was recognized five years ago when he was the recipient of Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod's Ev Stoyle Spirit of Service Award.

Phil's good works were not limited to his ministry and work with Habitat. He was also a life-long Rotarian, active with the Cape Cod Council of Churches, and a president of the Housing Assistance Corporation. Through all of it, his gentle touch, warmth and encouraging words were a gift to all of us who knew him.

In Exodus 33, God tells Moses that no mortal can behold God's face and live. Instead, God tells him, "You will see My back, but My face must not be seen." The text of the Hebrew reads not "My back," but more literally "My afterwards." In this distinction there is a message of God's presence in our world. We may not always notice the Divine hand at the moment it moves, but in retrospect we can see God's effect in our world. So, too, it is for those who embody the spirit of God in their earthly deeds. Long after they are gone, the actions of the righteous continue to shape our world and make real the presence of God. We were truly blessed to have Rev. Phil Mitchell in our lives. While he may be gone, his deeds live on in all the good he did, and in the continuing inspiration his example set for all of us. May his memory be a blessing.

## Dickinson Drive, Marstons Mills

Site Supervisor: Barry Clickstein Volunteer Coordinator: Iris Clickstein Devotions Coordinators: Dr. Rob Parke and Rev. Chuck Wildman



Carl and Kelly currently live in Bourne, where Carl works as a test technician at Onset Computer and Kelly is the head cook at the Bournedale School, taking summers off to spend with their children. They and their three teenagers Carl, Emily and Michael are all "washashores" from Worcester, moving here a little more than a decade ago. They enjoy fishing, quahogging, trips to Six Flags amusement park and playing sports. The kids enjoy playing basketball, softball and volleyball.

"We are all looking forward to owning our own home and enjoying watching our children grow up on Cape Cod. We have always loved the Cape and the friends we have made here, and feel like it's a safe, wonderful place to raise a family. We are all outdoorsy and enjoy the construction process of building our home. "



Kelsey was born at Cape Cod Hospital and has lived on the Cape her whole life. She currently lives in Cotuit and works as an office assistant and in customer relations at Bernie & Phyl's Furniture in Hyannis.

Kelsey and her two children, Jaleel and Lennox, enjoy going to the movies, bowling, playing at the arcade and playground and of course, hitting the beach. She is thrilled that her son Jaleel will be able to stay in the same school system with the teachers and friends he loves after they move to their new home in Marstons Mills.

Owning her own home has always been one of her goals and the stability that provides will allow her to reach for another one of her life goals: going back to school to become an ultrasound technician.

"Thank you to Habitat volunteers, the opportunity to build and purchase a home for me and my children on the Cape where we have lived our entire lives is a life-changing event. This chance came at the perfect time, as we were very close to moving off Cape permanently away from our friends, family and entire support system, just to survive."



Rushell is currently living in Hyannis and works as a phlebotomist and patient services representative at Quest Diagnostics in Hyannis. She and her two small children, Leilani and Delani, love listening to music together and dancing. Rushell also enjoys cooking.

She would like to become a nurse. Paving an affordable mortgage will allow her to go back to school earlier than she planned. Rushell applied for her Habitat home after her co-worker Melissa (Chatham 2016 Habitat homeowner) suggested that she apply.

"To our little family, Cape Cod represents a safe and happy place. Our new home represents security and investment in our future".



Teisha and her family are originally from Jamaica and live in Harwichport, where Teisha works in customer service at Cumberland Farms. In the summer months she also cleans houses for Viking Shores in North Eastham. Teisha is happy to be in a position to purchase a home on Cape Cod, a place she has loved and worked for 10 years. She is proud to provide a home for herself, her son Shantario and her mother Novelette, where they can live, learn and thrive. Shantario enjoys playing soccer and working on his home with the construction volunteers; Novelette loves to cook and tell stories. They all enjoy family bike trips around the Cape.

"We feel both honored and so privileged to have made it through the vigorous application process and to have been one of the lucky four to have been selected to build and purchase a Habitat home. We are looking forward to the comfort and peace that will come with owning a home we can afford."

Families help build their homes alongside community volunteers and then purchase their home and pay an affordable monthly mortgage.

## Volunteer Corner-Ellen Covell, Credit Review Committee



ne of the key volunteer tasks at Habitat Cape Cod is a behind-thescenes commitment requiring number crunching, reviewing credit reports and tax returns.

This is the job of the Credit Review Committee and one of those longtime volunteers has been Ellen Covell of Eastham, who works as a Commercial Lender at Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank.

Ellen has been volunteering for Habitat Cape Cod for more than 20 years, first when she worked at Cape Cod Bank & Trust, then the past 14 years at Cape Cod Five, which has been a generous supporter of Habitat's mission to provide affordable homes on the Cape, where the need is critical.

"Habitat is a tremendous organization and they provide an incredible program for these people," says Ellen. "What I like about it is that it's not a hand-out; people contribute sweat equity, working to build and purchase their own homes. You go to the builds and you see whole families on site, pitching in."

Dealing with people struggling to put down roots here has been both a challenging and rewarding experience.

"It's a little diversion from what I normally do, as a Commercial Lender," she agrees, "but it's opened my eyes to the need out there. Sometimes, it haunts me. Typically, the applicants are 9 to 5 employees and people holding down more than one job to make ends meet."

Having a local person review the applicants is key. "We understand the seasonality of the Cape and the lack of full-time jobs that can sustain the cost of living here and the critical need for affordable housing,"

The teams of two scrutinize reams of paperwork to determine an applicant's qualifications to become a Habitat homeowner. There are tax returns, wage stubs, often from multiple employers for one applicant, credit reports and other documentation.

Her volunteerism for Habitat doesn't stop with the Credit Committee; she and her husband Peter volunteer on the "Faith Builds," organized with local churches. The Covells volunteer on behalf of St. Joan of Arc Church in Orleans.

"It's a lot of fun and so rewarding," she says. "It's fun to stand back at the end of the day and see what you've accomplished."

Ellen has been a superb volunteer leader of our Financial Review team for many years. She brings her professional expertise, compassion, and commitment to the Habitat's ideals to her volunteer work. We have a collaborative process where her wisdom and perspective is always highly valued in leading us to good decisions. And she is delightful and easy to work with!

## Kayak Raffle



Kayak Volunteer Jeanne Adams with Bill and Pat



#### \*\*\*Blast from the Past \*\*\*

Here's Pat back in 2006 when she was our Director of Construction! In this photo she is leading a Women Build Training session in Chatham.

Thank you to Pat Taylor and Bill Witmer for all their hard work throughout the year, building their gorgeous handmade kayak for Habitat and holding the annual all summer long raffle raising much needed funds to keep Habitat Cape Cod building affordable homes. Visit habitatcapecod.org or call Jess Lachey at 508-362-3559 x 18 for tickets.

## 'Lifted Like a Loon'

By Rev. Dr. Phil Mitchell



Rev. Dr. Phil Mitchell May 2, 1931 – June 22, 2018

"LIFTED LIKE A LOON" is one of a series of reflections written by the Rev. Dr. Phil Mitchell while on sabbatical some years ago. We hope that this story resonates with you as much as it did for us.

Normally our family vacations at Cape Cod, but our vacation in 1986 was different. We swapped cottages with a friend and stayed in a lovely, comfortable place on Lake Wentworth, New Hampshire. We had no idea of the wonderful surprise that would come to us.

We enjoyed a warm afternoon at the edge of the lake, alternately reading and closing our eyes to face the sun and soak in the warmth of it. All of a sudden, two loons appeared not more than twenty or thirty feet off the wharf. The first to spot them wanted to shout with excitement but couldn't for fear of frightening them away. We scrambled to our feet to see them and hurried to find our cameras as any tourist from New York is expected to do. The loons looked at us as long as they cared to, then ducked under the water to swim away.

We enjoyed the brief visit of those large water birds so much that I picked up a pamphlet on loons during the next trip to town. There was nothing difficult about finding the information. Loons are big business in New Hampshire - loons on beach towels, loons on note paper, wooden loons with wings that flap in the wind. Our daughter bought a T-shirt with a picture of a loon on it and the words: "Leave Us A Loon".

The loon is a large water bird about two and a half to three feet long with beautiful markings, primarily black and white. Loons are at home in the water, diving for long periods of time and swimming fast enough to catch fish. They are not at home on land, however, since they have no legs to speak of and their webbed feet are positioned near the back of their bodies. Since they cannot walk on land, they nest at the edge of the water. Loons don't fly well either. When they fly, they require a long stretch of water over which to take off. My pamphlet told me that loons sometimes struggle at the surface of the water for a quarter of a mile before they finally take off, their webbed feet paddling vigorously and their wings flapping wildly.

When we returned from our vacation, I talked with a member of our church about the loons. I knew she would like the story because she is wonderfully sensitive to the world of nature and knows a great deal about birds. She told me an even better story. She told me about a time when she was a girl and a loon landed in nothing more than a puddle on their farm. That was a mistake, an almost fatal mistake. The loon was stuck in that puddle. It made for a short "runway" and the loon could not take off. The loon swam around and around that puddle unable to leave it. What could it do? It couldn't help itself.

My friend told me that her father went down to the puddle and pulled the loon out. He must have done it with care since a loon can give a person a hard jab with its beak. He carried that loon up a tall ladder. After securing himself carefully on that ladder, he threw the loon into the air as hard as he could throw it. The loon started to fall a bit but flapped its wings as wildly as it possibly could. It struggled for flight, lifted up, and flew away.

When my friend told me her story, I thought to myself, "That is not only the story of a loon but the story of every person." We all find ourselves in positions where we cannot help ourselves. We move in circles unable to solve our own problems.

Thank God for people who have lifted you up, helped you to fly again to find new heights of hope and strength. Teachers provide necessary insights to free us from our confusion. Parents solve the unsolvable, lifting us from difficulty. Medical people help us when temperatures skyrocket quickly and we do not know what to do. And what of the friend who quiets our trembling, lifts our hope and sets us free? Think back. Remember. All such people are not very different from the man who picked up a loon from a puddle that was too small, lifted it up, and set it free.

Like the loon, we are often prisoners of our circumstances not knowing what to do, what to think, or how to feel. It is not uncommon in our helplessness to sense the hand of God reaching toward us - holding - lifting. It is as though God says to us, "I have come to lift you out of the puddle that was too small. I have come to lift you to a new life. "

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### every faith can be put into action

The Faith Community continues to enthusiastically support our work

To get involved in the 2018 Barnstable Faith Build (for a home on Dickinson Dr.) or the 2018 Yarmouth Dennis Faith Build (for a home on Janall Dr.) please contact Wendy Cullinan at 508-362-3559 x 11 or wendy@habitatcapecod.org



#### Thank you to our runners!

Salli Bruell, Connor Curran, Garrett Duffy, Terri Duffy, Abigail Field, Jessica Greeney, Meghan Grier Colleen Kiceluk, Kelly Kiceluk, Michael Kiceluk, Desmond McMahon, Patricia Monahan, Gail O'Rourke and Michael O'Rourke.

#### Payomet Performing Arts Center, Truro



Our friends at Payomet have generously donated a week of Circus Camp this summer to the children of the new Habitat families building in Truro. The students will learn aerial arts, acrobatics, juggling, mini-trampoline, physical comedy, improv, object manipulation, and rope climbing.



## Dream Builders Breakfasts



Thanks to your support **Lennox** will grow up in a home her mother helped to build.

Habitat Cape Cod is building more homes than ever before. And as we address the affordable housing crisis on Cape Cod, we've got to keep growing our circle of friends and supporters. Thank you to everyone who introduced us to their friends and family members at the Dream Builders Breakfasts this spring.

If you're interested in learning more or being a Dream Builders Breakfast host in 2019, please call Wendy Cullinan at 508-

362-3559 x 11 or email wendy@habitatcapecod.org.

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## The Ride for Homes



Team Captains Ron Winner and Nick Harmansky have mapped out a beautiful, 40 mile route with spectacular views, for our first annual Cape Cod Classic, The Ride for Homes.

It departs mid-way on the canal, goes to Woods Hole and back. And to be sure

there is something for everyone, there is an option of a 10 mile route along the Cape Cod Canal. Both routes finish at the Aptucxet Trading Company where we are planning a fun filled BBQ with music, games and awards for the riders and their families.

We hope you will join The Ride for Homes and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do the same. All proceeds support Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. To register, see the route, or to support a rider go to rideforhomes.com or contact Jess at iess@habitatcapecod.org or 508-362-3559 x18

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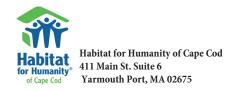








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Contact the ReStore at 508-394-6400

## **Annual Meeting and Appreciation Celebration**

Building a Better Future Together

Thursday, September 13, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Doors Open at 4 pm - Program Begins at 4:30 pm

West Dennis Yacht Club 259 Loring Ave, West Dennis



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