Our Mission: Moving from action to faith, Morris Habitat for Humanity advocates for and builds affordable housing to enhance lives and strengthen the community in partnership with volunteers and families in need.

Welcome to Morris Habitat for Humanity

Morris Habitat for Humanity has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1985. Our goals include: to focus public attention on the need for affordable housing for families who live and/or work in Morris County; mobilize the resources of Morris County to address this need, and work with the community and Habitat families to build low-cost housing.

Our fourteenth year of accomplishment has built 41 homes and preserved 42 homes in the Morris County area. Additionally, we have served 101 international families through our faith to action to our parent organization, Habitat International. Ten of those homes were built in La Ceiba, Honduras, our sister affiliate.

We invite people of all walks of life to build and renovate homes with families in need. Our homeowners are unique, hardworking and deserving members of our community. Many of our families hold important jobs in the Morris County area, such as hospital workers, home service workers, landscapers, security guards, clerical and local corporate and business employees. To qualify for Habitat homeownership, our families:

...are living in inadequate or substandard conditions.
...have incomes that are too low to secure conventional financing from traditional lending institutions, but sufficient to pay a small down-payment of $1,000 and make monthly mortgage payments required for a Habitat interest-free loan.
...demonstrate a willingness to partner with Habitat, take financial management classes, and fulfill 300 hours of "sweat equity" per adult family member working on their home or other families' homes.

The Hemner Family:

Kelly and her sons, Sage and Seth, expect to move into their new home in Stanhope soon. Kelly works full-time with developmentally disabled children, but has already spent several hundred hours building her home. She is looking forward to starting a new family as a homeowner. As she knows the long-term benefits of homeownership: stability, safety and security— is the best gift for her children.

Our Programs

Home Repair: Preserving homes for low-income elderly or families with a disabled member.
• Serves International families through tithing of unrestricted funds to build worldwide.
• are central to Habitat's work. Through program support and creating initiatives that engage volunteers in Habitat's mission, we seek to educate and be advocates for our work.

Youth United:

advocacy, home building and fundraising activities.

Our Vision for the Future—Five-year Strategic Goals—2010-2015

The five-year strategic planning goal for Morris Habitat for Humanity (MHfH) is to become a strong, well-run organization, able to sustain the operational level and many of the characteristics of a Neighborhood Builder as described by Habitat for Humanity International. As MHfH continues to grow, it is essential that board members, staff, and volunteers, recognize and renew their commitment to this mission and its vision.

—Blair Schleich-Bravo, Executive Director, Morris Habitat for Humanity
2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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2009 Goals and Accomplishments:
1. Support families' ability to stay in their homes through a strengthened Home Repair Program. —Accomplished
2. Develop and expand opportunities for property site acquisition to ensure a supply of properties to meet families served objective. —Accomplished—
3. Establish committee to complete the second 5 Year Plan for 2010 to 2015 —Accomplished, 5 year strategic plan created
4. Generate $1.60m through the Development Plan —Full short, but raised $1.28m
5. ReStore revenue goal of $450,000 with net profit goal of $150,000 —Accomplished and exceeded goal by 85%
6. Complete the feasibility study of a Deconstruction Program accomplished —New program will be launched in 2010
7. Create a fact sheet that Board Members and volunteers can use to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing in NJ. —Accomplished and ongoing
8. MHfH staff educates the Board about the (Council on Affordable Housing) COAH regulations —Accomplished and ongoing
9. Implement the Public Relations plan (on going effort) —Accomplished and exceeded goal
10. Evaluate personnel adequacy and work activities for MHfH —Accomplished and ongoing, New organizational chart created
11. Update job descriptions for regular volunteers —Accomplished
12. Offer two or more volunteer training sessions/training seminars for key functional groups —Accomplished and ongoing
13. Complete survey of volunteers —Accomplished and ongoing
14. Team continuity and volunteer leadership development —Goal carried to 2010

Financials (unaudited as of 12/31/09)
Cash inflow.................................................$1,280,546
Financial contributions.........................$689,463
ReStore sales.............................................$519,083

From 1985 to 2009
41 Homes built/renovated
(includes 2 “Homes in a Box” for Beaumont and Houston, Texas)
161 People housed
42 Homes preserved
101 Families served through tithe

Under Construction
7 Homes under construction
(Willow St., Morristown—2 units, Brooklyn Rd., Stanhope—1 unit, Stanhope—1 unit)
12 Homes in site development
(Morris Ave., Stanhope—6 units, Peer Pl., Denville—6 units)
8 Homes in planning stages
(St Olives—6, Jefferson—1, Pequannock—1)

ReStore
Celebrated 2nd Anniversary.
Depends on a regular staff of 30 fabulous volunteers to help run the store.
Exceeded 2008 revenue goals by 50%
Took almost 200 tons of usable materials out of the waste stream and resold!

Our Vision:
For five years between 2005-2009, Morris Habitat for Humanity (MHfH) will work to serve an additional 55 families, through building 30 new homes and preserving 25 homes, and increase it’s fund raising efforts by raising an additional 3%M. These goals will be attained through focusing our efforts on the following planning themes: Community Building and Sustainability, Financial Stability, Advocacy, Organizational Effectiveness.

Working to Meet Our Vision:
2009 Results:
2009 Results:

Construction Management

Volunteers
Number volunteers..................................2,649
Non construction (includes ReStore)...........1,322
Construction............................................1,327
Number volunteer hours........................28,152
Non construction (includes ReStore)...........18,979
Construction............................................9,953
Groups at construction site.....................115
Number attended Volunteer Orientation.....239

Financials
Cash inflow.................................................$1,280,546
Financial contributions.........................$689,463
ReStore sales.............................................$519,083

To Date Results:
58 additional families
16 new homes
42 preserved homes
$3,789,931

2009 Results:

2009 Results:

Morris Habitat builds hope, community, and partnerships while building homes for families in need!