

## 2010 House Dedication



One of the happiest events in the Habitat life is the dedication of one of its homes. The latest, our eighth, proved to be no exception. During the event, on September 12<sup>th</sup>, our president, Rev. Erick Olsen, presented the keys to this attractive three bedroom home to Jennifer Shippa and John Clouser and their daughters, Megan and Kaitlynn. Forty or so friends and family helped add to the celebration as did Hal Lefferts and his guitar.

The house is located in the Lime Rock Station section of Falls Village, near the Housatonic Valley Regional High School where Jennifer is employed, so she looks forward to being able to walk to work.

## "The Habitat Hutch"

Our affiliate of Habitat for Humanity has made a name for itself through our annual fund-raising tag sale held for the past seven years at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. Five years ago we opened our resale store, This 'n' That, in Canaan. This summer we expanded our "empire" even further. On August 7 "The Habitat Hutch" opened its doors in P.D. Walsh's Country Store in the old town hall building in Falls Village. Trish Walsh opened The Country Store this summer and offered us a spot where we could "peddle our wares." We jumped at her generous offer and "set up shop" in a corner of the store. In keeping with the theme of the store we sell our more antique and rustic items there. Both The Country Store and The Hutch have been well received by the community. In addition to housing The Hutch, Trish accepts consignments and currently represents 75 local artisans. She features a

different artist every month (John Pirnak is showing his paintings during November and December) and has live music every other Saturday night from 6 - 10. Stop by The Country Store, say hello to Trish and Keeper (her faithful canine companion), and take a look at The Hutch. Tell her Judi sent you. Hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10 - 5, Saturday and Sunday 10 - 6. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.



Trish Walsh and Judi Moore

Last summer I received an email from Callie Carter.

Callie wrote, "My name is Callie Carter. I am nine-years-old. I live in Falls Village and I am interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity. I read about ways that kids my age can help on the national website but I didn't see anything



Callie Carter

on the NW Connecticut website. Could you give me some advice about how I could help in my area?

Here are some of the ideas I was thinking about:

I could raise money, I could help in the This 'n' That Store, if they let young people help, I could volunteer at the big tag sale, and if there was a way I could help on a site, I would like to learn about that too."

Callie and her mom came and helped at our annual tag sale. Callie then went on to install an art show in her home, where she included several pieces that she has created at home, school and camp, using a variety of mediums. She

collected donations from the people who came to the show and sent the funds on to Habitat. When I went to visit Callie and see her show, I asked how she decided to help support Habitat. She explained that spending time in New York City, she felt bad for the kids there who did not have a place to live. She wanted to work to convert a building in New York into apartments for families, but decided to first work to support Habitat Northwest Connecticut, because we help people with housing in her community. Callie plans to continue to collect donations for Habitat and help with next year's tag sale. Thanks Callie for your support!

If you are interested in learning more about the many ways volunteers can help Habitat Northwest Connecticut, visit our website [www.habitatnwct.org](http://www.habitatnwct.org) or call us at 860-435-4747.

-Heather Dinneen, Administrative Coordinator

## President's Letter

Here in the idyllic Northwest Corner, we are not exempt from the pressing need for affordable housing. Indeed, Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut (HFHNWCT) keeps as its central focus the creation and maintenance of decent, affordable homes. Please consider this letter to be your personal invitation to join us.


HFHNWCT seeks to live into the vision of its founder, Millard Fuller, wherein a variety of people come together to build decent, affordable homes for our neighbors in need while strengthening our communities. It is particularly important for us to both forge new relationships and strengthen our existing ties in the six towns we serve: Canaan, North Canaan, Salisbury, Cornwall, Sharon and Norfolk.

If you have already given to HFHNWCT through time, materials, financial gifts or any other means, thank you. Your generosity is rightly celebrated in this newsletter. If you are new to Habitat, please consider giving yourself the chance to know the feeling of doing the right thing in helping to build a home.

In this corner of Connecticut, we face real challenges in making this vision come to life – but I know that we can do so together. Even in the face of the current economic downturn, faith communities, civic groups, businesses and individuals continue to respond in support of Habitat's mission.

I am honored to serve as President of your local Habitat affiliate, and this is truly an exciting time for HFHNWCT! We presently have lots ready for building in both North Canaan and Norfolk – towns in which we've not built before. My personal commitment as President is to continue to work to strengthen the identity and presence of Habitat in the communities we serve. I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

  
The Rev. Erick R. Oisen  
President, HFHNWCT

PS – Please feel free to use the enclosed envelope to send your gift in support of Habitat for Humanity today. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

This year Habitat, along with eight other local non-profits, received bequests from the estate of Margaret Dent. Other families and friends have made welcome donations in memory of their loved ones, as did families of Tessie Crain, Bill and Jean Olsen and Gus and Caroline Pope. These gifts constitute a lasting memory to honor the wishes of our former supporters.

Please keep Habitat in mind as you update your estate plans so we will be able help build and repair affordable housing in our community in the future.



## Birdhouse Show II

Back in 2006, Habitat presented a birdhouse show at Noble Horizons titled *Featherin' Our Nests*. This show gave local artists an opportunity to create a wide array of highly creative birdhouses that were subsequently auctioned for our benefit. Recalling the overwhelming success of the event, Habitat determined that the time was ripe for an encore. Therefore, Birdhouse II took flight on Memorial Day weekend. Over 85 artists crafted about 100 unique



Cleo and Director Matt Otterson setting up for the Birdhouse Show



Caleigh Burchfield inspects Birdhouses

works that were exhibited at Noble's Community Room and at local businesses prior to their flight to perches around the pond. Noble resident, Nina Mathus, provided the creative touch to the effort. The event culminated with a gala reception and auction. We were fortunate to have Ed and Star Herrmann handle the gavel. The benefit fetched over \$30,000, definitely 'not for the birds!'

## Bike and Build

The bicyclers are eight groups of thirty college students and recent grads. They are traveling different cross-country routes for adventure and to support affordable housing, and perhaps to launch a lifetime of service and civic engagement. They bike for six days and on the seventh day they build at an affordable housing site. Habitat for Humanity is one of their beneficiaries and for the last several years the Providence to Seattle route has spent their third evening at the Kent School and our Habitat For Humanity Chapter has provided dinner. By day three it was clear that they were already having a magnificent time and that they were off on the journey of a lifetime. Their journey was 3600 miles, lasted 68 days that included 8 build days and raised \$158,000. Noan Rosenthal, one of the bikers we fed describes her ride up the Tetons:

*"I rode sweep with Spency and Olivia. We started the day with the climb up Teton pass, which has parts as steep as 12% grade. It was really incredible. We were on a bike path, which had lots of switchbacks and the most amazing views. We took it really slowly with the last group back, yelling the whole way. Since sweep rides in the back, we got up to the summit last. And EVERYONE waited for us at the top! When we rode in, everyone popped out from bushes yelling/singing. Some people ran up the last part with us. It was so sweet that everyone was out there supporting everyone else. We took a million pictures and had a huge dance party. I can't even really describe how amazing it felt to reach the top of the mountain and celebrate with everyone."*

Dave Cadwell, seen at the grill, solicited contributions from Cornwall cyclists to fund the meal and Habitat board members made salads and dessert. We were honored to help this great group on their way and appreciate the donation they have made to our Habitat chapter.



Representatives of Litchfield County Board of Realtors present \$1000 check to Habitat

## HABITAT TIDBITS

- ❖ In August we received a generous donation from the Berkshire Styles Salon in Sheffield MA. This represented the proceeds from the "One Year Anniversary" opening of the shop.
- ❖ Recently, Habitat for Humanity International was ranked as the eighth most active homebuilder in the nation according to *Builders Magazine*.
- ❖ Over the past few years, we have benefited from the Cars for Homes program. Here unwanted cars, trucks, boats and RV's are donated and removed. Unlike other organizations, vehicles need not be in running conditions. To donate call 877-277-4344 or visit [carsforhomes.org](http://carsforhomes.org)
- ❖ According to a recent Harvard study, children of home owners have much greater success in school and ultimately in life because they are in a stable environment as opposed to children whose parents move from apartment to apartment
- ❖ We are grateful to Deano Pizza for donating pizza to our food kiosk during the Annual Trade Festival at HVRHS.
- ❖ In the spring, we were extended a grant from the Canaan Foundation to advance administrative efforts with our Canaan build.
- ❖ One of the Habitat principles that we embrace is to tithe ten percent of our revenues to third world countries. Since our inception, our affiliate has sent over \$100,000 to Central America countries. These funds have been used build homes for 40 families. Recently, a \$5,000 donation was made for relief to Haiti.

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## Someone You Know

Someone you know is ready to own a home. But high mortgage payments, taxes, and insurance costs make it impossible for many local families. That's where Habitat for Humanity comes in. Our unique formula makes it possible for hard-working families to buy their own homes for far less than it normally costs.

Help someone you care about find out whether Habitat is right for them. Our next home-building project will begin soon in North Canaan, Connecticut, and we need your help to find the right family for it.

Who might they be? Your neighbor, your friend, your brother, sister, son or daughter? Your home health worker, your kid's teacher, your best employee? Maybe even your own family will be moving into that new home!

Will you help them? We've written a new information package for interested families and their friends, and we would love to send one to you and those special people you're thinking of. The brochure explains in detail how we make homeownership affordable, and how to join the Habitat family.

It's important that you act now, as there will be a deadline for interested families. Please email or call Heather Dinneen at [habitatforhumanitynwc@gmail.com](mailto:habitatforhumanitynwc@gmail.com) or 860-435-4747 for more information.



Pictured above:  
Prep work for the Canaan site.  
Left:  
Matt Rogers and Rick Bette hard at work.

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