



Rapidan Habitat for Humanity (RHFH) is a non-profit, volunteer Christian ministry that provides affordable housing for qualified, needy families in Orange County Virginia

Fall 2006

**THEY DID IT!!!!!!
THREE HOUSES IN A WEEK!!!!!!**

"The Home Builders Blitz is a nation wide program with more than 1,000 home builders constructing 400 houses during the week of June 5 – 9, 2006. We are so very fortunate to have two highly qualified and respected builders working with us," said Dwain Cox, the Executive Director of Rapidan Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

SUN BUILDERS of Fredericksburg built the two houses in Verdiersville Manor. "We had our crews scheduled precisely by locations, and thankfully we had beautiful weather and long day light hours to accommodate the schedule," reports Nathan Tolbert, President of Sun Builders. Nathan is also a member of the Board of Directors, Rapidan Habitat for Humanity.

"God has been good to me and our company; it is our time to repay His kindness by doing something to help our community. We are delighted to join this Builders Blitz," Nathan said.

The **Sun Builders, Inc. Team** included Lewis Brothers Painting & Decorating, Inc.; Batchelor Construction, LLC; Basic Plumbing; Cary Quality Insulation; Nash Roofing Specialist; LMO, Inc; WLS Erosion Control, LLC; H&H Electric Inc.; Comfort One; Accurate Siding; Lets Rock It!; Paint N' Paper; TimberTruss



Building Systems; Sherwin Williams; PermaTreat; Door Decorators; JK Carpets.

K. HOVNANIAN HOMES is the seventh largest home builder in the USA. Hovnanian Homes build the house at 20030 Independence Road in Unionville.

"We are delighted to join with Rapidan Habitat in this Builders Blitz program," reports Mike Saba, of K. Hovnanian Homes. "We are building this house not only as a continuing effort by K. Hovnanian Homes in our Nationwide support of Habitat for Humanity, but also as a living tribute in memory of Rick Potter," said Saba. "Potter Homes was planning to build this house prior to his untimely death," he said. "K. Hovnanian Homes and our partners on this project have donated all of the materials and labor and build the house." An example of the donating and cost sharing is that the crew from C.C. Carpentry donated half of their salaries and their company donated the balance of their salaries.

Mike Frazier was the on-site Manager for K. Hovnanian. He scheduled and managed every single facet of the house building – flawlessly. All of us at K. Hovnanian believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity," Mike proudly exclaimed.

The **K. Hovnanian Team** was comprised of: C & C Carpentry; Dominion Insulation; W. H. Metcalfe; Darvish; Fred W. Borden; R.E.S. Electrical; KIPS Erosion; K.T. Enterprises; Home Kim Siding; Builders First Choice; Porter Logerbeam; Certified Environmental Drilling, Inc; Creative Touch Interiors.

"Terry Forness of K. Hovnanian is the individual with whom I had first contact concerning the building of this Habitat house. Early on it became apparent that this was not going to be a normal Habitat house build for either party. I have learned that this K. Hovnanian built house is the first for which they have totally donated materials and labor.

According to Habitat Corporate, this is also a first for Habitat where a builder has donated 100%," explained Cox.

NATIONWIDE:

"Since this Home Builders Blitz was a nationwide effort, we had a lot of support from the top down," says Dwain Cox. The Nationwide supporters were: Whirlpool, Kohler, Masco, DOW, Ferguson, Hunter Douglas, Yale, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Larson, SquareD, National Housing Endowment, and Periwinkle & Bloom.

LOCAL:

FOOD FOR THE ARMY

"While I was up and on the road every day before 6 AM collecting bottles of water and hundreds of pounds of ice to quench the thirst of the workers, we had a lot of help from business establishments and Churches to keep food in the stomach of the teams," said Cox.

"Not the Same Old grind" made fresh coffee available everyday. Hefty lunch bags consisting of big sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, brownies, were provided each day for

50 people by: Antioch Baptist Church; Unionville Christian Church; Salem United Methodist Church; Rhoadesville Baptist Church; and the Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Clearwater Grill's Lenny Schafer provided dinners for those working late, which happened every night. Clearwater Grill provided the food and the Chef (Brian) for the weekend Celebration on June 11.



Rapidan Habitat Homeowner # 21

Victoria E. Breeding & son Kane have partnered with Rapidan Habitat to become homeowners during the nationwide Home Builders Blitz completed last June.

Vickie works as a Sales and Service Specialist at Plow & Hearth and always dreamed of owning a home that will provide a better place to raise a family. Until her Habitat house was completed, Breeding lived in housing that was too expensive and too small where rent equaled more than 60% of her monthly income.

In partnering with RHH, Vickie & her family have volunteered more than 300 sweat equity hours by helping with the fundraising for the golf tournament at Lake of the Woods and with the various aspects of the Builder's Blitz. She is now paying less in mortgage, taxes & insurance for her house than she was paying for her rental place.

Vickie's home has tan siding, 1240 sq. ft. of space & a few modifications to accommodate Kane's wheelchair. Kane will be going to Locust Grove Elementary School only 10 minutes away from their new home. They are also not too far from Orange & Fredericksburg

Vickie says she is very happy that she & Kane will be able to have a home of their own. Kane will be able to have his own swing and a huge yard to play in.



Victoria Breeding and Kane in front of their new habitat home with Angela Morris from Sun Builders.

Rapidan Habitat for Humanity has temporarily stopped accepting applications for Habitat houses in Orange County. The closing is temporary and is predicated on the large number of current applicants, and the availability of affordable building sites in Orange County

MATCHING GRANTS AWARDED

MORGAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$15,000 GRANT TO RAPIDAN HABITAT

Aug 30, 2006. Mrs. Elizabeth Seaman, Bank of America Advisor (Richmond, VA) to the Marietta McNeill Morgan and Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr. Foundation, announced that, "Rapidan Habitat for Humanity, in Orange, VA, has been awarded with \$15,000 in our 2 for 1 matching grant program. They did an outstanding job in getting donated funds and in-kind services to not only raise the \$30,000 required to get the grant funds -- they actually raised approximately \$90,000."

Mike Hill, President of Rapidan Habitat Board of Directors, stated, " We are very pleased with the Morgan Foundation grant funds, which will be used to pay for house foundations built during the Home Builders Blitz during June 5-9, 2006. We are so fortunate to have had K. Hovnanian Homes participating in the Home Builders Blitz. They donated 100% of the materials and labor costs associated with building the house on Independence. In dollars that was equal to more than \$60,000."

"With the good friends we have in the business community and the many individuals and churches that support our efforts, we are truly blessed", stated Dwain Cox, Exec. Dir., Rapidan Habitat.

DWIGHT PECK / COLDWELL BANKER DONATES \$20,000

"We have always been a passionate supporter of the work that Habitat performs. While we have served as Board members and provided other support, this year we wanted to make a big difference, so we decided to make a donation of \$20,000 to aid in building a Habitat house", said Dwight Peck, owner/broker of Coldwell Banker Select Realty in Locust Grove, Va. Mr. Peck is a past President of the Rapidan Habitat Board of Directors.

The offer of Mr. Peck's \$20,000 was actually in the form of a 'matching grant'. "We were delighted with Mr. Peck' grant -- all we had to do was get an additional \$20,000 in donations from other sources", said Dwain Cox, the Executive Director, Rapidan Habitat. The community - both business and private citizens really stepped up by donating and contributing approximately \$90,000. The really big contributor was K. Hovnanian Homes, Cox indicated.

K. Hovnanian Homes was one of the home builders participating in the Home Builders Blitz held during June 5-9, 2006. Cox stated, "The materials and labor that K. Hovnanian Homes provided for the house built on Independence was valued at more than \$60,000."



Joan and Dwight Peck presenting \$20,000 check to Mike Hill (on left), Rapidan Habitat President

WINE TASTING DINNER PARTY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SPONSORED BY:
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&
ROBINSON TAVERN AND GRILL

DATE: Sunday, October 29, 2006
ROBINSON TAVERN AND GRILL
Routes 28 and 611 in Locust Grove

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(No Reservations without check or money)

PRIME RIB DINNER

WINE TASTING BEFORE AND DURING DINNER

TICKETS:
\$75 PER PERSON

Checks made payable to
Raplan Habitat



AMBASSADOR (4 Tickets)
\$500

CONSUL (2 Tickets)
\$300

Dress Code: Colored Skirts

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR - the Big Band of Fredericksburg will appear at the Annual Rapidan Habitat Dinner Dance scheduled for March 31, 2007 at the Lake of the Woods clubhouse. More information to follow.

Use Your IRA as Never Before

Under the law signed Aug. 17, 2006, you can in 2006 and 2007 make an up to \$100,000 gifts using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without having to pay tax on the withdrawal.

You can make the gift now—while you are living and able to witness the benefits of your generosity building homes for needy Orange County families. To take advantage of this opportunity you must be over 70½ and make the gift(s) on or before Dec. 31, 2007. Your funds must be transferred directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA to one or more public charities.

Contact Dwain Cox for details (540-222-6090).

RAPIDAN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY -- TAX – DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

YES!! I want to give a cash donation to the Rapidan Habitat for Humanity

Enclosed is a donation of:

A Check for \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 Other

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

MAIL TO: Rapidan Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 65, Orange, VA 22960



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