

Fall 2008

**Orange County Habitat for Humanity Breaks Ground for New Home**



On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Orange County Habitat for Humanity (OCHFH) celebrated the start of a new home. Shown here at the ground breaking ceremony are the Beasley family, friends and OCHFH board members.

The home, when completed, will be provided to the Beasley family with no-profit, zero-interest mortgage.

**Meet Our Partners!**

Anthony (called Mike) and Gissela (called GiGi) Beasley have been partners with Orange County Habitat for Humanity since 2006. They and their three children have been waiting a long, long time for the opportunity to own a home of their own...one that is warm and dry, one that has enough space for their family, and one that they can afford. The children are looking forward to having a yard where they can play.

The Beasley family (pictured below with children Kevin, Keanna, & Anthony Jr.) have paid their down payment, and already put in hundreds of hours of sweat equity. They have the support of family, friends, and church.



The land is ready. Permits have been obtained and ground broken. The Orange Rotary Club has donated funds for the well. This will be the 24<sup>th</sup> house built by Orange County (formerly Rapidan) Habitat for Humanity...built in cooperation with partner families and with community support like yours.

Funding is desperately needed to buy the building materials we cannot get donated. Skilled labor is also a great need. GiGi told us early in the partner process that being accepted as a Habitat partner was like a “door opening.” You can help this hard working family to walk through that open door into home ownership. Make a tax deductible donation today!



**Starting work 24th!! Habitat House**

Pictured here are Bud Dominick, former Board member, Henry Middlebrook, current Board member and Habitat homeowner, and Henry's son, Devyn. They cleared trees off the lot before the ground breaking. Many thanks to Henry who did the clearing work!!

## Letter from the President



There is some exciting news to tell you...Orange County Habitat for Humanity is getting ready to start the 24<sup>th</sup> Habitat house!! That's 24 families who now have a safe, decent, and affordable home to call their own.

Raising funds is difficult in these tough economic times, and Habitat for Humanity struggles like everyone else. It is our biggest challenge. The need is great, and by working together...community, partner families, companies, service clubs, and volunteers...we can continue to build and put families into homes they need.

Our newest construction project will be on Independence Road near Unionville. The lot is ready, the Orange Rotary Club has donated funds for the well. All is being prepared. Can you help? Will you be a part of this mission to our community? We need you and appreciate all you have done on other Habitat homes.

Keep up the good work!  
*Adrianna Cowan-Waddy*

## Stre...tch....ing Your Food Dollars

We're all struggling to keep our family budget under control these days. Would you like to learn more about

- new recipes that are both good for you and are economical to prepare?
- healthy food choices, especially if you have a medical condition that requires a special diet?
- helping your children to make healthy food choices?
- tips for saving money in the grocery store?

There is a program that can help with all these...and it's free to you! It is called SNAP and it's a program run through the Orange County Extension Office. Call Martha Thorn at 540-672-1361. She'll make the program work for your schedule, and you'll have a chance to learn about improved nutrition and stre...tch....ing your food dollars!

*"I am a participator, not a spectator. I feel strongly that at some point all of us have to decide which we are."*

(Bonnie McElveen-Hunter -- a former Habitat for Humanity International Board member)

## Why I Build...

*By Judy Newman*

Every family I work with longs for a safe and secure place, a place to grow roots and create family traditions, a home of their own. For a child, "home" represents a fixed point of belonging and for parents it is the manifestation of their love and the proof of their value.

I have witnessed the entire core of a family change when a permanent home is established. The child's view of his parents and of the world is never the same. Research and empirical information point to one undeniable fact—children must have a reference point to be from and to return to if they are to grow emotionally.

I grew up in a home where life was predictable. At one end of my block were our church and our school and at the other end was my grandmother's old ramshackle home. Every morning of my childhood I woke up in a familiar room with the comforting view of an old mulberry tree outside my window.

Soon, I will participate in a Building project that will ensure one more family a sense of predictability and belonging.

I hope they will plant a mulberry tree.



Since its founding Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses around the world. Habitat is

a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that works to both eliminate poverty housing around the world and to make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. People from all walks of life work in partnership to build houses with families in need.

The need for decent housing in America and around the world is staggering. Habitat believes that all people deserve a simple, decent place to live on terms they can afford to pay.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- sweat equity -- into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

## Flash! Flash!! Flash!!!



84 Lumber has just offered to sell all the building materials Habitat for Humanity needs for this next house at their cost...no

mark-up! This partnership will result in thousands of dollars saved, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity is very appreciative of the support given by 84 Lumber. **Thanks!!**

## Orange County Habitat for Humanity Board Members



(left to right) Gina Sedwick, Betsy Amos, Adrianna Cowan-Waddy, Henry Middlebrook, Cindy Reid, Abby Harper, Sharon Slade, Pat Garnett.



Board members Denise Hall (left) & Dawn Cooper. A special thanks to all out the members of Orange County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. The time they put in to help eliminate poverty housing in Orange County is much appreciated.



Pictured here is Gayle Fitzhugh who was the lucky winner of the Orange County Habitat for Humanity's "Romance Package" raffle. The prizes were generously donated by local businesses and tickets sold in September and

October. Special thanks to: Lacy's Florist, Beggar's Banquet, Toliver House, See Through Detailing, Mayhurst Inn, Logan's Salon & Spa, Elmwood at Sparks, Marshall Farms Market, Pat Garnett Accounting, and Cowan Realty who donated the prizes. Orange County Habitat for Humanity is raising funds to start our 24th house. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, and again thank you to all the local businesses who supported us in this raffle.

### Woodberry Forest School students step up to help Habitat!

Dedicated student volunteers have been working at every home WFS football game, selling food and drinks from a concession stand. All the proceeds from the concession stand are being given to Orange County Habitat for Humanity to help with the current house being built.

Many, many thanks to Woodberry Forest School and in particular Brett Berger, Carter Wiese, Teddy Corwin, & Walker Wiese, pictured on the right. Also a special thanks to Henry Copeland, Daniel Oh, Sharon Slade, John & Terry Thiel, and Clyde Firman for helping.





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*Cars for Homes* is Habitat for Humanity’s vehicle donation program. All donations from Orange County residents will go to help build homes in Orange County. Call the Cars for Homes toll free number, 1-877-277-4344, or visit [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org) to donate cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, airplanes or other motorized vehicles. You will be sent an acknowledgement and all the forms required by IRS regulations. Even if your vehicle doesn’t run it can still be an important donation ~ vehicles are the most heavily recycled consumer product. Call today to get rid of that old car, help build a home for a needy family and get another 2008 tax deduction.

**ORANGE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
TAX – DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

**YES!!** I want to give a donation to Orange County Habitat for Humanity  
Enclosed is a donation of: (Please specify) \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100  
\_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$1000 Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Check is attached

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (for OCHFH newsletter)

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



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Food Lion and use their MVP Card. Each time you shop a portion will be donated to OCHFH.

**Just mail or email us the following information:**

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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