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The Newsletter of Midcoast Habitat for Humanity

**Fall
2011**

CAMDEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hundreds — yes, hundreds! — of terrific volunteers have lent their energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to help build House #23, located at 5 Glenfield Circle (Lupine Terrace) in Camden. The lot was obtained by MHFH last April through cooperation with Camden Affordable Housing Organization, and marks the first time we've ever built in this Knox County town.

The project kicked off with a very busy WomenBuild for the month of May. More than 165 women turned out with sisters, mothers, daughters and friends to get the house underway. Building continued with men and women throughout the summer, with groups ranging from corporate teams, to church groups, to youth volunteers, to friends and neighbors, working together to build a decent, affordable, and safe home for a family in need.

The crisp days of fall have seen the house closed in and roofed (thank you to Horch roofing for their generous help!) and now the work continues inside.

Youth volunteers from Mid-Coast Christian Academy in Thomaston have been working every Friday afternoon, while members of the Bonneville Canyon Retreat show up faithfully many Saturdays. Bank of America has sent teams regularly throughout the past few months, and their support has been a great asset to the construction process.

With only a few months to go before our new partner family purchases the house, we need as many willing builders as possible to get the project completed. **Can you spare a day, a morning, or even several hours at the work site?**

Signing up to volunteer is easy: go to www.midcoasthabitat.org, and click on the "Volunteer Up" button in the upper left corner. Register as a volunteer, and then go onto the calendar to chose your day. Call us (236-6123) with any questions.



Barry Manahan has been a star volunteer for both Houses 22 & 23.

Come and participate in this historic build: **our first ever Camden Habitat house!**

Michelle Beveridge from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Rockland on the roof at 5 Glenfield Circle.



Sandy Shute and Cheryl Waterman are familiar faces at the Camden work site.

Dedication Ceremony in February

“This house is the greatest gift the girls and I could ever ask for,” says Kristi Genthner, who will be purchasing House #23 upon its completion. “It means the world to us.”

On **Sunday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m.**, we will have a special “Home is Where the Heart Is” dedication ceremony at 5 Glenfield Circle in Camden. All are welcome to join with our partner family, Kristi Genthner (in photo at right) and her daughters Jaedyn (left) and Gabriella (right) to celebrate the completion of their new energy efficient green home. Come and meet Kristi, see the finished and decorated house, and greet the many volunteers and community business partners who made this project possible.

Glenfield Circle is part of the Lupine Terrace development, off Cobb Road in Camden. For more information, call 236-6123 or see our website, www.midcoasthabitat.org.

Please mark your calendar and help us celebrate the dedication of our 23rd Midcoast home.



Building on Faith Shows Spirit



This fall, members of First Congregational Church in Camden and Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Rockland lent their hands, hearts, and hammers to House #23 in Camden as part of our Building on Faith initiative. Lots of laughter, combined with hard work, were in great abundance, and both groups enjoyed putting their beliefs into action.

All local faith communities can participate in 2012, when Midcoast Habitat introduces our inaugural **Faith Build**. This important effort will construct a home for a qualified, hardworking family to purchase via a no-interest loan. Construction will begin in late April and include twenty-four **Faith Build Saturdays**.

We will be asking members of the faith community in Knox County to participate in one common goal: Midcoast Habitat’s first Faith Build. Like many other affiliates across the country, we will be working alongside our local churches and other interfaith organizations to build a new house for a family in need. This is an excellent opportunity to have a meaningful hands-on, practical mission in your own back yard.

The level of commitment to be a **Faith Build** sponsor and participant will require a monetary commitment of \$2500 and a volunteer of one Saturday work day or more. Faith groups can partner together if they choose.

We gather in faith at the start of each construction day. We work our faith to provide decent affordable housing for a deserving family. Truly — we are building on Faith!



We appreciate the generosity of Rockport resident Diane Schetky, pictured at left with MHFH Executive Director Tia Anderson, whose donation of land will help us construct our next Habitat home, House #24.

How can you help Midcoast Habitat? We’re always on the lookout for places to build, so if you have land you’d like to donate, please contact our office at 236-6123 to discuss the process. Is planned giving an option for you? If so, know that your gifts will greatly help us in the future. Finally, we are also looking for a truck for the ReStore. Let us know if you have ideas!



Try Us First!

Our new ReStore is open for business and our first month has been a great success. We already have some loyal customers! The ReStore is located at 799 West Street (Route 90) in Rockport in a beautiful, old barn across from Tolman Pond. Before you visit full-price retail stores in the area, TRY US FIRST! We have great deals on furniture, lighting, large household appliances, kitchen cabinets and countertops, windows, doors, flooring and tile, as well as a great hardware and supply aisle. Our inventory is updated often, so shop often! The best part of the ReStore is that proceeds support building affordable homes right here in Knox County. We are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

At the ReStore, we promote efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Think of us before you or your contractor head to the landfill with useable construction materials and old house parts. Visit our website for information on making a tax-deductible donation to the inventory of the ReStore. We can even pick up your items.

Looking for a fun way to volunteer for Midcoast Habitat? We are seeking volunteers for donation pick-up, inventory organization and cleaning, retail sales, and store management. Visit www.midcoasthabitat.org and click on Volunteer Up to add your name to the ReStore volunteer list, or call 236-6123.

Reduce * Reuse * Recycle at the new Midcoast Habitat ReStore – What a winning combination!

— Kelli Sabatini, ReStore Committee

The 8th **Annual Hospitality for Habitat**, a program designed by the Maine Innkeeper's Association to generate funds for Maine's ten Habitat affiliates in the spring travel season, raised a whopping \$17,385 this year. Midcoast Habitat was delighted to receive part of this donation, and wishes to thank the following local inns for their participation:



Camden's **Birchwood Motel**, **Camden Riverhouse**, and the **Hawthorn Inn**; Rockland's **Ripples Inn At the Harbor**; and Rockport's **Country Inn at Camden/Rockport**.

Please join us in thanking these very generous local lodging places, and encourage YOUR favorite inn to join Maine Innkeepers in this great fundraiser for spring of 2012.

WHO'S WHO AT MIDCOAST HABITAT

Board of Directors:

Vicki Doudera, *President*
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Want to get involved? Contact us at info@midcoasthabitat.org or call 236-6123 — we'd love to have **your** help!



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Midcoast Habitat's NEW



ReStore



Now Open for

Business!

- 799 West Street (Rt. 90) in Rockport
- Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
 - 10 am to 2 pm

Selling new and used donated furniture, building materials and appliances to the general public to help fund more Habitat homes in Knox County.

Your donations and volunteer hours welcome.

Upcoming Events

Fri. Nov. 25—Festival of Lights Parade, Rockland

Fri. Dec. 2—Christmas by the Sea Parade, Camden

Cheer for our float in these annual holiday parades!

Sat. Dec. 10—Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Let us say THANK YOU to you! Please join us for holiday cheer with all Midcoast Habitat volunteers. Whether you swing your hammer at the site, serve on a committee, price items at the ReStore, or help us through your donations, please come to this celebration so that we can say THANKS. Location to be announced — check our website for details.

Sun. Feb. 12 —Dedication Ceremony for House #23

Home is where the heart is... see page 2 for details!

Coming in April — Hoofin' it for Habitat: Spring Fundraising Walk. Check our website for more details.

Our Mission

To work in cooperation with the vision and principles of Habitat for Humanity International to end poverty housing in Knox County, Maine, and to enable an expanding number of persons from all walks of life to participate in this effort