



# Habitat Happenings

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The Newsletter of Midcoast Habitat for Humanity

## RECORD NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS BUILDING

Since our groundbreaking in September, an unprecedented number of Midcoast residents have helped with the framing, sheathing, installing of trusses, and siding for our newest project, House #22 at Deer Run in Thomaston. Close to 50 people will have participated by the end of October — a record for Midcoast Habitat and a significant step toward our goal of including more volunteers in hands-on ways.

“It’s wonderful to have such willing participation from local individuals and businesses. We’re thrilled with the support we’ve received thus far as we work to complete this project and plan more,” says Tia Anderson, Executive Director.

Corporate groups, individuals, skilled builders and people with little or no construction experience, along with seasoned members of the building crew and people who are brand new to our cause are hammering beside our partner family, working together to make our new project a home. Our “Corporate Challenge,” in which businesses pledge and participate in the build, continues to bring in new faces.

Catch the excitement! Let us know if you’d like more information on the Corporate Challenge for your business, or if you’d like to volunteer a few hours of your time.

## HOMESPUN FUNDRAISER KNITS UP DONATIONS



Hats off to Patty Eddy of Camden for her creation of a warm and wooly fundraiser for Midcoast Habitat!

Patty has brought together a great group of knitters whose needles have been clicking away, creating scores of colorful winter hats for sale, with proceeds benefiting MHFH.

The cozy caps were a huge hit at the Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors Show, and have already generated much needed funds for our affiliate.

We will definitely be selling these wonderful knitted creations (all sizes available!) as the weather turns cooler, so watch for your opportunity to shop on our website, or contact us.

### Would you like to be one of Patty’s Habitat Knitters?

E-mail [info@midcoasthabitat.org](mailto:info@midcoasthabitat.org) and we’ll get you started.

A huge thank you to Patty and all of the knitters for their talent and time!



*Employees from Boston Financial wear their MHFH tool belts with pride as they participate in the Corporate Challenge. Your business can get involved, too!*

Thank you to these businesses for their generous donations at the construction site:

Adventure Advertising,, Albertson Building & Services, Athens Pizza, Catalano Construction, CertainTeed, Cold Mountain Builders, Dominos, Dunkin Donuts of Thomaston, Haskell Well Drilling,, Home Depot, Horch Roofing,, Lowe’s, Lumber Liquidators, Spears, Tolman Pond Market, and Viking, Lumber.

And thank you to these individuals and businesses for their help with World Habitat Week events:

Camden Hills High School and teacher Steve Nystrom, Camden House of Pizza, EBS, Elm Street Printing, First Congregational Church of Camden, French & Brawn, Megunticook Market, Michael Roy of Phi Home Designs, Sherwin Williams, and Thomaston Public Library.

# Local Contractors Lend a Hand

## *Construction Supervisors Needed*

We are thrilled to have the expertise of so many fine local contractors who are donating their time to the construction of House #22. Albertson Builders & Services, Cold Mountain Builders, Harbor Builders, Vision, and Phi Home Designs have all given generously — or are about to give generously! — of their time and know-how toward our current project. To all of you — a huge THANK YOU!

If YOU are a contractor who can lend a hand (or two) we'd LOVE to hear from you. We are especially in need of construction supervisors, but anyone interested in helping out is welcome. We generally build Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and you can work as much as you are able. Please contact Tia Anderson, Executive Director, who coordinates the work crews at 594-1859.

### ***HELP BUILD IT!***

You can swing a hammer  
or volunteer for one of our  
many committees. Check  
out our website at  
[midcoasthabitat.org](http://midcoasthabitat.org)  
Or call us for more  
information today!

## 39.6 Homes and Counting

Dan and Amanda Shay and their daughter Aleaha are our newest partner family, chosen by our Family Selection Committee to purchase a home at a no-interest loan. Since we broke ground in September, the Shays have been hammering away with volunteers to get the house “buttoned up” before the snow flies. They're thrilled that their future home incorporates a brand new, more sustainable and energy efficient design and is the first property we'll construct at Deer Run in Thomaston.

This is our 22nd house since we became an affiliate in 1990 — or is it? Habitat for Humanity International tells us that we have built **another** 18.6 homes in some of the poorest parts of the world, thanks to our annual tithe to HFHI.

We will never know the families around the world who now live in safe, decent housing thanks to the generosity of Midcoast Habitat donors, but we can be sure they feel the same gratitude for their shelter as do our partner families right here in Maine.

We welcome the Shays to the growing list of families of all shapes and sizes given a “hand-up” by Midcoast Habitat for Humanity. They are our friends and neighbors, and our allies in the fight to end poverty housing here and around the world.

*Midcoast Families helped by your generosity include:*

*Roger and Ruth Doak, Brian and Ina Shaw, Torey Grindle, Carol Hill, Ken Johnson, Lisa and Eric Jones, Theresa Le and Robinson Nguyen, Chandra and Kevin Moholland, Renee Peasley, Jamacan Penney, Pam Read, Jody and Daniel Shay, Leila and Eugene Winchenbach, Christina and William Wooton, and Jaime Edwards.*



Posing with the Shays at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in September include, left to right: Joe Russillo, Vicki Doudera, Eric Allyn, Dan Shay, Amanda Shay, and Tom Albertson.

## MHFH is Looking for Land

Can you help Midcoast Habitat by donating buildable land?

Do you own appraised land that isn't selling due to the market?

Would you consider the value of a tax donation instead?

Or are you a developer with a mixed use subdivision with a lot?

We are seeking acreage in Knox County to construct safe, decent, affordable houses for hardworking families and your tax deductible donation of land can help.

Your gift can go a long way toward helping us assist even more families in the midcoast. With donated land we can build more houses, enabling us to sell partner families a home at a no-interest mortgage. Remember, we provide a "hand up," not a "hand out."

Contact us at 594-1859 to explore this exciting option.

## World Habitat Day 2010

MHFH hosted several special events in October in honor of World Habitat Day, held this year on October 4th. Kids Build It, a week-long series of classes for children 9 to 13, was one of the more successful events, with dozens of young builders hammering away at Camden Hills Regional HS on a special building project for us. Thank you to Michael Roy of Phi Home Designs and teacher Steve Nystrom for making the Kids Build happen!

## Women Build on the Horizon

Women Build is Habitat International's program for women who want to learn construction skills and make a difference by building homes and communities, and we're working hard to bring this great program to Knox County in the spring of 2011.

Women Build Events have constructed more than 1,750 houses across the country. No experience is necessary and training is provided. These builds are inclusive of women, but do not exclude men who want to be of assistance.

We have two potential building sites and are looking for a partner family for the home. We are also raising funds and would love to hear from any potential sponsors!

An informational meeting will be held in January, but you can contact Tia for information at any time concerning participating in, or helping to sponsor our Women Build.

Dust off your hammer — you won't want to miss out on this first-ever event for Midcoast Habitat coming this spring!



## WHO'S WHO AT MIDCOAST HABITAT

### Board of Directors:

Vicki Doudera, *President*  
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**Executive Director:** Tia Anderson (tia@midcoasthabitat.org)

### Committees You can Serve On:

Faith Relations Committee • Building Committee • Family Selection • Family Support  
 Acquisition Committee • Event Planning • ReStore Committee



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## Our Wish List for Donations of Goods and Your Time!

### **Building Supplies**

Pick up truck • tools • enclosed cargo trailer (6 x 12 ideal)

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Construction Supervisors • Committee Members

Willing Builders—Skilled and Unskilled! • Event Planners

### **Yard Sale Items** (Call us and we'll arrange pick-up)

Furniture • used appliances in good shape • building supplies • light fixtures • windows • cabinets • tools

*Thank you to Knowlton Moving & Storage for providing space for us to collect yard sale donations!*

## Upcoming Events

November 26—Join us in Rockland's Parade of Lights

December 3— Join us in Camden's Christmas by the Sea Parade

December Fundraiser: Light the Way Home—purchase a string of blue lights to support Midcoast Habitat

February Fundraisers: Jaret & Cohn and Camden Real Estate will have booths benefiting Midcoast Habitat at the US Toboggan Nationals

All fall and winter: Buy a cozy hat (or two) and help Midcoast Habitat!

## **Our Mission**

*To work in cooperation with the vision and principles of Habitat for Humanity Int'l. 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*