



HABITAT NEWS

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Pictured left to right, Joe Russillo and Eric Allyn.

LOCAL ARCHITECTS DONATE TIME AND TALENT TO MHFH

Midcoast Habitat is thrilled to have local architects Eric Allyn of Rockland and Joe Russillo of Camden donating their talents to design a new home for our partner families that will incorporate sustainable materials and be more energy efficient. The men consulted fellow architect Peter Gross, a longtime MHFH friend, this winter and got straight to work on designs.

Eric and Joe formed Allyn + Russillo as a way to focus specifically on projects that improve and enhance our communities. They both have a strong motivation to help evolve the design of Habitat homes through thoughtful de-

sign. This means increasing the 'livability' of the homes - creating brighter spaces, enhancing the connection between the interior and exterior, creating centrally focused spaces that emphasize the family center and using healthy materials. At the same time, they realize the importance of a house relating to its site. Designs that are versatile and adaptable to solar orientation of each individual location are key.

MHFH plans to use the designs in building homes starting this fall. Thank you, Joe and Eric!

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HABITAT SUCCESS STORY

Vinh Nguyen, a high school son of a MHFH partner family, has been awarded a Coca-Cola Scholarship. Selected from an initial applicant pool of more than 80,000 students representing 23,000 schools, Vinh has been awarded \$10,000 a year for four years. He also is the recipient of the Elks scholarship of \$1,000 a year for four years. Vinh will be attending Indiana University in the fall. **Congratulations** to Vinh and his proud family from MHFH!

GIANT YARD SALE MAY 15th

May 15, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the date and time of our Midcoast HFH tag sale.

Proceeds from the sale will help us build decent, affordable housing for deserving local

families. We have many furniture pieces, sofas, chairs, beds, computer desk, etc. We will also have some appliances for sale, several stoves and microwaves and a variety of light fixtures, windows,

etc. - something for everyone.

Please come and support Midcoast Habitat's mission on Saturday, May 15, from 8 am to 1 pm at the corner of Elm and Park Streets, Camden.

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MIDCOAST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Hospitality for Habitat



The Maine Innkeepers Association (MEIA) announces the **7th Annual Hospitality for Habitat program**. This program is designed to raise funds for local chapters of Habitat for Humanity while encouraging travel in Maine in the Spring season. The

offer is very simple. Between April 26 and May 28, 2010, participating member properties will offer a designated number of their rooms at half the regular rate, in exchange for a \$35 check payable to Habitat for Humanity. These funds will be distributed among the nine local chapters of Habitat for Humanity in Maine.

So, it is time to pack that overnight bag and see what our great State of Maine has to offer. Thank you to local inns Camden Riverhouse, Hawthorn Inn, and Inn at Ocean's Edge for participating in this great program.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Vicki Doudera

Quite a bit is happening this spring! Our family selection committee is working hard to select our next partner family, we are ready to see some new house designs by two talented Midcoast architects, and we are planning a first-ever summer volunteer build project in Rockland. Several fundraisers are in the works -- first, our giant Tag Sale May 15th, followed by a benefit art auction at the Maine Home + Design Show June 5-6 at Point Lookout, and "One Hundred Hats for Midcoast Habitat," a sale of beautiful knitted hats that will take place at the Maine Boats, Homes, and Harbors Show (August 13-15). Later this summer watch for another great blues concert benefiting us and organized by the Coastal Mountain Council of Realtors. Check our website midcoasthabitat.org for more information on any of these events.

One of the most exciting developments in our affiliate's 20+ year history is the **addition of Tia Anderson, our new Executive Director**. Tia comes to us with a background in architecture and sales, and has volunteered for Habitat Global Village in Alaska. Beginning May 1 she will work in a part-time capacity helping us to achieve our mission of helping more hard-working Midcoast families get decent housing and including more volunteers as we do so. A very warm welcome, Tia!

It is a historic time for Midcoast Habitat, and I invite you to become a part of our mission. When you donate your time and your money, you are strengthening families, building neighborhoods, creating community, and giving one of the most important things ever: **hope**. Please give generously of your time, talent, and treasure today. Thanks!

**HELP BUILD IT!
DONATE A FEW
HOURS OF YOUR
TIME FOR HOUSE
#22 THIS FALL
See our website for
more details!**

Midcoast Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

*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 per-
sons from all walks of life to
participate in this effort.*



*Cars for Homes
Donate the extra
car, truck, RV or
boat to help
MHFH*

CARS FOR HOMES™

Steering more low-income families toward affordable homeownership opportunities, Habitat for Humanity is launching its nations "Cars for Homes™" vehicle donation program.

Cars for Homes™ takes donated cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RVS and other vehicles and

sells them through automobile auctions, recyclers or salvage yards to raise funds that help build simple, decent homes. Funds generated from vehicle sales benefit the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and community where the donation is made.

To donate, call the Cars

for Homes™ toll-free number **(877) 277-4344**, or process your donation online. (See our site for details.) Donor contact, title and vehicle information is collected and arrangements are made for the vehicle, keys and title to be picked up. **Don't forget to mention Midcoast Habitat!**

MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Ellen Stanclift

Midcoast Habitat for Humanity is overjoyed to welcome **Tia Anderson** as our new Executive Director. A professional in architectural design, and a graduate of Lehigh University, Anderson discovered the Midcoast as a stop on a sail from Florida a number of years ago. Anderson fell in love with the natural beauty of the

local area, as well as with the tight knit sense of community here. Having worked with two successful

WELCOME, TIA!

local architects, Anderson understands the extraordinary process behind homebuilding. She has taken on

her own projects in the industry, but felt drawn towards her earliest experiences in the field: back to a trip she took as a young person, volunteering with Habitat on an Alaskan building project. Her goals for Midcoast Habitat? "To help the community understand Habitat's mission, to create enthusiasm for the wide array of volunteer opportunities as we work to help more partner families, and to make the organization sustainable for years to

come."

Contact Tia through our website, www.midcoasthabitat.org and watch for opportunities to meet her this summer when we build in Rockland.

MIDCOAST HABITAT LEADERSHIP

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TAG SALE

May 15th

8 - 1 pm

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