



# Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup>

of Coastal Fairfield County



2016 Sacred Heart University Community Connections Group

## Habitat CFC's August 2016 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

As the parent of a college student, this is my least favorite time of year. Though I am so proud to have my son enter his senior year, the emptiness of our home, even in his fourth year, still has the ability to make me sad. Fortunately, my son's departure coincides with the arrival, here at Habitat CFC, of the Sacred Heart University

Community Connections.

Community Connections is a program designed to introduce SHU freshmen to the community, to key organizations and to each other. The early arrivals at school spend a week learning about the area and volunteering with different organizations. I am proud to say that Habitat CFC is one of the most popular destinations. This isn't my opinion – it's what I was told by the participants. We are thrilled to have them, as well. The students bring a level of energy and enthusiasm to everything they do, and their time visiting and volunteering with Habitat CFC is no exception.

The difference that a stable, secure, affordable home makes for all members of a hard working family is well documented. What is less known to those who have yet to join us, is how good it feels to work alongside a deserving family and helping to make their dreams come true. After a day of volunteering on a new home, the students share a meal with Habitat families and then spend the evening salsa dancing together in our parking lot – a great way to solidify new friendships. I guess this isn't such a bad time of year!

I hope you've had a restful summer and that the fall is a welcome time of new beginnings.

Sincerely,

Stuart D. Adelberg  
Chief Executive Officer

## news



**CASC volunteers** in the photo above are **Edward McGuinness, Richard Jersey** and **Jason Satira**.

### You never know what you'll find at the ReStore...

Imagine Charlie Lautier's surprise when he was walking down the artwork aisle at our ReStore and spotted a Corsair F4U-4 aircraft depicted in a large framed print. A volunteer at Connecticut Air & Space Center, he easily recognized the aircraft and informed Dennis Soltis, a member of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Air & Space Center about the artwork. It just so happens that the center has been restoring the Corsair which was mounted on the pylon at the entrance of Igor Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford for many years.

When Mr. Soltis approached ReStore Manager, Richard Desautels, about the possibility of Habitat CFC donating the artwork to the Connecticut Air & Space Center, Rich thought it was a great idea. "As a nonprofit home improvement and donation center, we know the value of donations. We rely on the public to make donations so we can resell the items and then use the proceeds to build more Habitat homes. If they can use this artwork for their organization, why not? That's what re-purposing is all about!"

"The CASC Board is extremely appreciative of Habitat's thoughtfulness in providing the museum with a piece of aviation artwork that, one day, will greatly enhance the Corsair exhibit in the historic 1929 Curtiss Hangar at the Sikorsky Memorial Airport which is being restored by CASC to house part of its restored aircraft collection and accomplish its mission. Thank you Habitat!" said Eugene E. Madara, Esq., Connecticut Air and Space Center President.

You never know what treasures you will find at the Habitat CFC ReStore! Check it out at 1785 Stratford Avenue in Stratford for <http://fairfieldcountyrestore.org>.



### Ribbon Cutting with the Morales Family, Bank of America and Senator Blumenthal

Bank of America employees have volunteered on numerous days throughout 2016 to see Habitat CFC's 50 Evelyn Street property in Stratford to completion. As a generous Habitat CFC supporter and the original donor of the property, it seems fitting that Bank of America joined us along with Senator Blumenthal, for a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 30 to celebrate the completion of this single story accessible home. Major underwriting of the home was provided by the Wheels in the Woods Foundation.

Thank you Bank of America for all you and your employees do to help Habitat. And a special thank you from this home's new owners Daisy Alberto and Oscar Morales, who will spend their first night in their home tonight!

Photos are posted on our Facebook page [here](#).

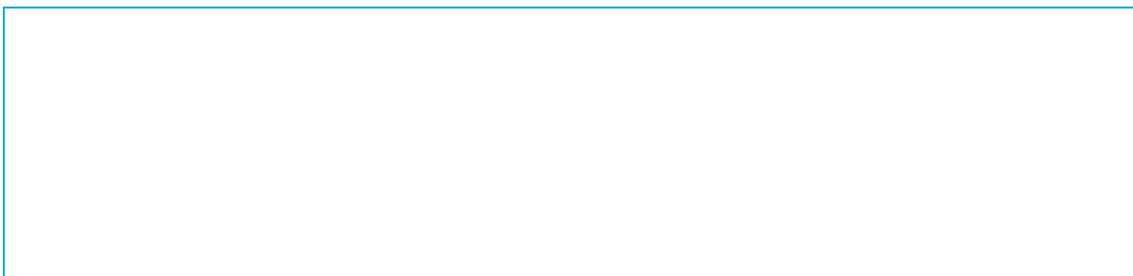
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### Habitat CFC is looking for Core Volunteers!

Core Volunteers are individuals who are willing to make a commitment of volunteering regularly at Habitat CFC. Core Volunteers are the backbone of Habitat CFC's volunteer base and without them, we can't build as many homes each year.

Can you give one day a week? Are you interested in learning new skills and coming out on a regular basis to help lead other volunteers? If so, you may be Core material!

Contact Eileen Bakos at [volunteer@habitatcfc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatcfc.org) to learn more.





## The Carters Get their Tools Out for the 33rd Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project!

In August, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former first lady Rosalynn Carter worked alongside Habitat for Humanity homeowners and hundreds of volunteers in Memphis, Tennessee, to build and repair homes during Habitat's [33rd Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project](#).

"Decent shelter is something we all need to thrive. With the help of volunteers we will create strong, stable homes and communities," said President Carter. Since 1984, President and Mrs. Carter have traveled across the U.S. and the world with Habitat, donating their time and voices annually to build and improve homes and raise awareness of the critical need for decent and affordable housing. Inspiring millions over the last three decades, President and Mrs. Carter have worked alongside more than 92,260 volunteers in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 3,944 homes.

Country music stars and longtime Habitat volunteers Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood also joined the Carters during the week. Brooks and Yearwood have been helping Habitat build and strengthen communities in the U.S. and around the world since 2007.



## Bankwell WEBE 108 and WICC on Board to Support Habitat's Run for Home & Workboot Challenge!

We couldn't be more excited, that Bankwell has joined us to support our 19th Annual Habitat 5K Run for Home & WorkBoot Challenge that will take place on Saturday, October 8th at Seaside Park. The Run was initiated 19 years ago by one of Habitat CFC's founders, John Olson, and has grown since that time into a large, much anticipated event. This year's run is presented in partnership with WEBE 108 and WICC.

In August, Bankwell's Chief Lending Officer, Heidi DeWyngaert presented Run Committee Members John Olson and Elizabeth Misiewicz with a giant check. Thanks Bankwell!!!

Don't miss what will be a great event, registration for the Run is now open: <https://www.habitatcfc.org/runforhome>.



23rd annual benefit golf outing  
Thursday, September 22, 2016



**Don't miss out, register before this event sells out:**

**Habitat CFC's 23rd Annual Benefit Annual GolfOuting  
and Cocktail Reception, Dinner Buffet**

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**TheCountry Club of Fairfield**

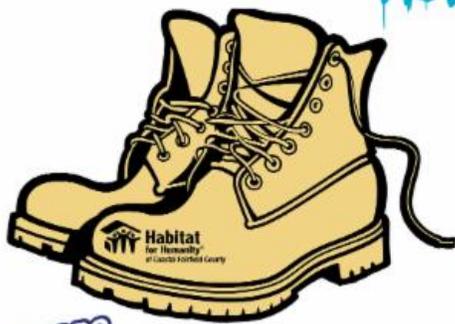
**10:30am (tee off noon)**

**5:00pm cocktail reception/ dinner buffet**

Golf tickets available for full day, tickets also available for cocktail reception and dinner buffet only for non-golfing guests.

[register here!](#)

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**Habitat 5K Run for Home  
& WorkBoot Challenge!**   
**Seaside Park  
Bridgeport**

**Saturday, October 8th**

7:30am registration opens  
9:00am 5K Run and WorkBoot Challenge  
Kids' Relay following 5K Run



Post race activities overlooking Long Island Sound: Free Refreshments, Beer and more!  
Produced in association with Marty Schaivone - M. S. Running Productions.

Registration is now open for:

**Habitat's 19th Annual 5K Run for Home  
and new WorkBoot Challenge!**

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**Seaside Park, Bridgeport**

**9:00am Race Start  
10:00am Kids' Relay**

[register/more info. here!](#)

## GOURMET TASTING at AITORO!

SAVE THE DATE for Habitat CFC's  
**8th Annual Gourmet Tasting!**  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
at Aitoro Appliances, Norwalk!



[more information here](#)

## ReStore



The ReStore accepts donations of furniture, appliances and home remodeling goods from companies and individuals. Call 203-383-4358 or email: [donate@restorecfc.org](mailto:donate@restorecfc.org) if you need to make pick up arrangements.

To stay upto-date on the ReStore happenings and daily inventory updates check the ReStore Facebook page [here](#). Some current finds...



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