



Habitat for Humanity[®]

of Coastal Fairfield County



Synchrony Financial volunteers braved the hot sun on June 15th to put up siding at our Davenport build site and on the rafters at 5th Street. Thanks Synchrony! June had a record number of volunteers who came out to build with us! Check out all the great photos on our Facebook page [here](#).

Habitat CFC's June 2016 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

I came to Habitat CFC twelve months ago, confident that I understood our region's critical need for affordable housing. I was enthusiastic about working alongside a committed staff in partnership with volunteers, donors and future homeowners to build houses and neighborhoods that would improve communities throughout Fairfield County. I was also nervous about all that I would have to learn.

There are many intricacies inherent in Habitat CFC's work. Every week is a mix of zoning and land use regulations; finances and lending; legal issues; real estate transactions; grant requirements; leases, contracts; construction; etc. The ReStore adds the purchasing, merchandising, pick-ups and deliveries of a non-profit, retail operation. Just when I think I'm beginning to "get it," a new circumstance arises with even more to learn.

One year has taught me so much, but I now understand that the learning never ends. More importantly, I have come to realize that it isn't possible or even desirable to know it all. If we are committed to being the best we can be at fulfilling our mission, then we owe it to those we serve to recognize our limitations and to welcome the guidance and support of knowledgeable, skilled, dedicated and giving people. The most valuable lesson that I have learned is that they always come through!

Asking for help is not the most comfortable thing for me to do. But offering someone an opportunity to join with us in providing bright futures for families, neighborhoods and communities is much easier. This is one of

those offers –please join us!

Sincerely,



Stuart D. Adelberg
Chief Executive Officer

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We Nailed It with Our Hammering Competition!

10 four-woman teams took center stage at the Greenwich CivicCenter on June15th to hammer nails into 2-by-4 wooden planks in a fast-pacedcompetition to see which team was the most adept. After the elimination rounds, the Lumberjackies team emerged as the winners and took home the golden jeweledhammers (and stiff arms from the hard work!).

The event brought out not only competitors, but spectatorsto watch, as well as, Carmen Alicea, recent homeowner of Women Build's 11th home.Carmen spoke to the crowd with tears in her eyes about how important it was tohave the support of Habitat CFC as she went through the process of working onher 500 sweat equity hours and the extra support of Women Build members backing her up as well.

The construction of Women Build's 12th home hasalready begun and will be purchased by Rosanna Dotel, a single mother, and herfamily. The home will be built in memory of Beverly Eckert, a former volunteerfor Habitat CFC. After her husband's death in the 9/11 terrorist attacks on theWorld Trade Center, she became active in helping victims andvolunteering for Habitat. She died in a plane crash in 2009.

More photos of the event are available [here](#).





Chance Encounter Leads Family to Become Habitat Homeowners

Habitat CFC held a House Dedication in early June for YouthUnited's fourth sponsored house! In his wildest dreams, future Habitat homeowner, Wesley Pamphile, could not have known that his position at Kohl's as a Supervisor would introduce him to Habitat CFC's Youth United Program and ultimately to our future homeowner program. What started out as a request by Youth United for Kohl's gift cards and interest in Kohl's Cares for Kids Program, has led to his family being selected for Youth United's fourth House Build and soon Wesley, his wife, Hattie, and their children Xzavier, Jael, Destinee and Jazmyn will move into their new home!

The Youth United group raised over \$60,000 towards the building of this house. To date, Habitat CFC's Youth United program has funded and helped build four homes in Bridgeport. Earlier this year, the group started their fifth house.

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

A Memorable Night of Good Food, Good Music and Good Friends - All to Benefit Habitat for Heroes!



In mid-June, the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors' **Red, White and Blues** concert filled the Fairfield Theatre

Company with the sounds of Blues Artist, SaRon Crenshaw and Jane Lee Hooker. The night began with a pre-show reception and silent auction. Habitat for Heroes homeowner, Amodi Todd took the stage to address the crowd and then guests enjoyed the music.



The evening was all to benefit Habitat CFC's Habitat for Heroes program! Habitat for Heroes works to provide home ownership opportunities in the Coastal Fairfield area to veterans of all service branches. The idea for a fun event with good blues that would ultimately help veteran's in the area find decent, affordable housing seemed a win-win to Bruce Wettenstein, of Vidal/Wettenstein, LLC, who along with SIOR, spent considerable time organizing the event. Thanks Bruce and SIOR for making such a

memorable night!



Fabulousness with a Purpose

Every year, The Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart is presented by The First Congregational Church of Darien. The 2016 Darien House Tour featured fabulous Darien homes open for tour on June 2, 2016 followed by a celebratory party where attendees were able to donate to selected charities.

The church grants over \$100,000 to non-profit organizations serving youth, the elderly and the disadvantaged. This year, Habitat CFC was selected as a beneficiary! Thank you First Congregational Church of Darien for including Habitat CFC!



How Junk Turns to Treasure for Our Customers and Families...

[Stamford Junk Pros](#) has been a regular donor of their better quality 'junk' such as appliances and furniture to Habitat CFC's ReStore. The ReStore in turn resells these items to retail customers and the proceeds go to helping families in need of decent, affordable housing buy their own homes!

Stamford Junk Pros was co-founded by Justin Hubbard and Ronald Occhino. Since the family-owned business opened in July 2014, it has received praise for their full service junk removal and local moving services. The company's goal is to provide the community with high quality services at affordable prices while being environmentally and socially conscious by recycling and donating whenever possible.

"Donating to Habitat for Humanity is an example of how Stamford Junk Pros strives to make a difference in the community by taking unwanted items like furniture and household goods and giving them to charities, schools and organizations," said Justin. "It's very rewarding when we see someone smile when dropping off a donation to ReStore. It's extra work and expense for us in labor and time, but knowing that these items are benefiting people instead of ending up as trash in landfills makes it all worthwhile."

Thanks Justin! Habitat CFC and our future homeowners appreciate your commitment.

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GOLF TIME!

SAVE THE DATE for Habitat CFC's 2016 Benefit Annual Golf Outing scheduled for **Thursday, September 22, 2016** at TheCountry Club of Fairfield. This event sold out last year so get ready to register soon!

For sponsorship opportunities, contact the Habitat CFC office at (203)333-2642. More info [here](#).

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



Schedule
10:30am - registration/driving range opens
11:30am - barbecue luncheon buffet
12:30pm - shotgun start - best ball
5:00pm - cocktail reception hot hors d'oeuvres auction and awards



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look what's new at the 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 if you need to make pick up arrangements.

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



[Stanley Furniture Ivory Hutch - \\$299](#)



[Small leather love seat - \\$299 \(get it @ 50% off if cash & carry\)](#)



[Large Black & Gold Iron Chandelier - \\$1,900](#)



[Bosch Washer and Dryer - \\$499/ each](#)



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