



Habitat CFC's April 2016 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

This past weekend some members of our community began the annual observance of Passover, a holiday that commemorates the end of a period of enslavement, and an epic story, thanks to Hollywood, that is known by many. Passover and Easter often arrive close to the same time, but this year's calendar, for reasons I don't fully understand, put a whole month between these two important holidays.

Passover is essentially a tale of faith. The traditional dinner or Seder table is set with symbols of bitterness and joy, of struggles and rebirth. More than anything, the holiday is a communal celebration of freedom and a reminder that none of us are truly free until all people are free.

We are blessed to live in a time and place in which freedom and opportunity abound. We encourage our children to reach for the stars and take great pleasure in their aspirations. I am inspired every day when I meet people confronting challenges far greater than my own, yet who have the faith and tenacity to dream and work for a better life. Though their stories are all different, determination to succeed is present in every Habitat family and I consider it a privilege, when given the opportunity, to reach out a hand and offer assistance.

Every person needs and deserves a decent, secure place to call home. Habitat volunteers, donors and families have the faith and tenacity to make it happen. We couldn't be more grateful.

Sincerely,

Stuart D. Adelberg
Chief Executive Officer

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The Rodriguez Family House Dedication

Beautiful weather on Saturday, April 16th, 2016 made the Rodriguez Family's house dedication all the more special. Thank you to everyone who supported the building of this house- from the sponsors to the volunteers!



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



Future Homeowners Education Course Taught by Carolyn Vermont

Habitat CFC's future homeowners attend a number of homeownership prep courses on topics including Financial Management, Budgeting, Conflict Resolution and Fraud Avoidance as they get ready to become homeowners. Recently, Habitat CFC hosted a Conflict Resolution Workshop which was taught by Habitat CFC Board Member, Carolyn Vermont.

"Our future homeowners really enjoyed this workshop. They didn't want the course to end. They were eager to ask questions way into the night. Homeowner education is key to successful homeownership," said Iris Cordero Taylor, Habitat CFC's Director of Family Services.

Additionally, our organization offers continued financial counseling to those homeowners who need it. We maintain contact with families through the term of their mortgage so they know that they always have a place to turn to for help. If you are a Habitat CFC homeowner and need some help with your current financial situation, please don't hesitate to contact our Family Services department.

Habitat for Heroes Home Underway

Our friends from Sikorsky joined Habitat CFC in April to work on siding a home they are sponsoring for our Habitat for Heroes Veteran and his family.

Drafted at age 27, Esteban served in Vietnam with the Army's 185th Maintenance Battalion providing supply and maintenance support to units in the Long-Binh Bien Hoa complex from 1966 to 1968 before being transferred to the Army Reserves. The Romeros were ecstatic to learn that they had been accepted as future [Habitat for Heroes](#) homeowners.

The Romeros are excited to spread the word about Habitat for Heroes, particularly to military veterans. "The program," Esteban says, "gives me the chance to provide for my family with the happiness and peace of mind that comes with owning a home. I am eager to let other veterans know that it's never too late to get back on their feet." Owning a home has also been a lifelong dream of Gloria's. She says, "Habitat for Humanity is giving my family, and especially my daughter Lisette, the opportunity of a lifetime to live in a secure environment." For the Romeros, a Habitat CFC home is the beginning of a new chapter in their family story.



Hoops for Habitat a Success!

Habitat CFC held our **7th Annual "Hoops for Habitat" basketball-scoring competition**, clinic and fundraising event to benefit HabitatCFC in early April. The event was sponsored by Youth United, a program for young people age 5-22, that helps support the home-building projects

of Habitat for Humanity. Participants of the scoring contest were divided into four divisions: elementary school (grades 1-5), middle school (grades 6-8), high school (grades 9-12) and college. Each contestant had a specific amount of time to make as many baskets as possible. Prizes were awarded to the top scorer in each division. Former NBA players, Chris Smith and Wes Matthews, ran a basketball clinic for participants.

Surprise of the day- Mayor Ganim stopped by with Thomas C. McCarthy, City Council President, Chris Rosario, State Representative, and other city representatives to join in the fun! The Hoops participants had so much fun shooting baskets with the Mayor!

If you missed the event in 2016, start practicing... because we plan to hold another Hoops in 2017! Photos on our Facebook page [here](#).

Family Completes their 500 Sweat Equity Hours!

Congratulations to Carmen and her family for completing their 500 sweat equity hours! All Habitat CFC future homeowners help build their homes and other Habitat homes alongside volunteers. The family moved into their new home in Bridgeport!



events



It's Hammer Time!
Join Us for a Ladies Only Competition
to Raise Funds for
Women Build's 12th Home

WOMEN
Habitat CFC **BUILD**



Wednesday, June 15, 2016
5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd, Old Greenwich, CT

Get your team of 4 together and compete to be named the 2016 She Nailed It! Champions.

Habitat CFC's WomenBuild will be holding our first ladies only hammering competition – **She Nailed It!** to Raise Funds for Women Build, an initiative designed to recruit, educate and empower women to break stereotypes, build, and advocate for affordable housing in Fairfield County. Spectators are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Featuring Appetizers, Desserts, Beer and Wine

Form a Team!!! More information [here](#).

SIOR Event at The Fairfield Theatre Co. Benefiting Habitat For Heroes

SIOR CT CHAPTER, SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL & OFFICEREALTORS Proudly Presents

Blues Artist, SaRon Crenshaw
Opening Act, Jane Lee Hooker

JUNE 14TH, 2016 at 6:30PM
The FAIRFIELD THEATRE COMPANY
70 SANFORD STREET
FAIRFIELD, CT

A BENEFIT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
Habitat for Heroes, a program of HabitatCFC

PLEASE CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE
203-259-1036 or www.fairfieldtheatre.org

Ticket price of \$75 includes the pre-
show Reception & Silent Auction

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Habitat CFC's 2016 Benefit Annual Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE for Habitat CFC's 2016 Benefit Annual Golf Outing scheduled for **Thursday, September 22, 2016** at The Country Club of Fairfield.

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

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

the country club of fairfield

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

Habitat for Humanity
of Coastal Fairfield County

look what's new at the ReStore



With the expansion of ReStore's retail space, a third pick-up truck was recently added to our fleet. The ReStore picks up donations throughout Fairfield County!

If you have something to donate, you can drop it off at the store located at 1785 Stratford Ave., Stratford, CT or to schedule a pickup call (203)383-4358 or email donate@restorecfc.org.

Need furniture, construction materials or housewares? Visit the ReStore and SHOP for these items at low cost. We are protecting the environment by keeping furniture and other items out of landfills and all of the proceeds from the store go directly to building more Habitat CFC homes!

Some current finds...



[Propane/Bottled Gas Stove, Hood \(knobs are stored at the cash register\) - \\$2,799. Model# VGRC365-4GDBUBR](#)



[3 pc carved wood dining room set plus chairs- \\$1,800](#)



[Cream Leather Couch with Ottoman - \\$599](#)



[Hotel style armchair with footstool in red or navy - \\$45/each](#)

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every
child



sign up today

Spring is here. Volunteer to help build a Habitat CFC home. Because every child needs a yard to play in.



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