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Greetings!

I write this note while awaiting the arrival of this year's first major winter storm. I don't know what will actually come to pass, but the predictions are dire enough to cause concern and I have heard of several events already being cancelled or postponed, though not a drop of snow has yet fallen on any of our volunteers or the ten Habitat CFC homes currently under construction.



I am one of those stubborn people who never truly believes that a storm is coming until it actually arrives. I have suffered many a long and frightening drive on snow covered roads, because I admittedly tend to ignore the warnings until it's too late. The truth is that I take my chances with the confidence that comes from knowing that my long and treacherous journey will eventually end at my home. I am blessed with a warm and welcoming place to huddle safely with my family, when one wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Sadly, not everyone is quite so blessed.

It is a very real tragedy that there are hard-working families in our community watching an approaching storm with the anxiety that comes from not having an acceptable, secure place to be. There are parents and children in Fairfield County wondering what they will do when the temperature drops, when utilities can't be counted on, when public facilities close and they need shelter from the storm. This is unacceptable. Habitat for Humanity is

driven by the conviction that everyone deserves a decent, safe and stable place to call home. This is the motivation that keeps us going and we're sincerely grateful for your help.

Wishing you safety, security and warmth,



Stuart D. Adelberg
Chief Executive Officer

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News

Youth United Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service!



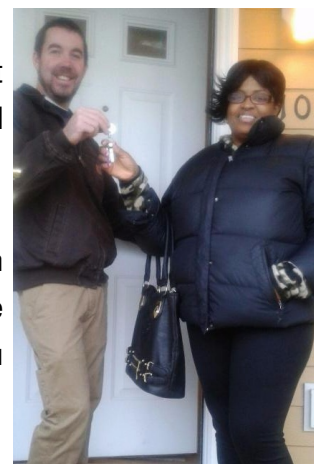
Habitat CFC's Youth United held a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 18, 2016 at the Habitat CFC Warehouse. The students came from a wide range of schools in Norwalk, Cheshire, Westport and Bridgeport! The group also included children from the Pamphile family, future homeowners of the 4th Youth United house. The family will move into their house in 2016! The students completed quite a feat

painting 195 exterior house boards in 3 hours! For more information on Youth United, check [here](#).

Congratulations to the Mitchell and Mbay Families!

This month two Habitat Families moved into their new Habitat CFC homes in Bridgeport. Congratulations to Dian Mitchell and her family as well as Pierre Mbay and his family.

"The house is beautiful and the 0% mortgage we will pay through the Habitat program will allow us to be able to save for college and other expenses. We are excited to move in. Thank you Habitat!"



Working with the volunteers on build sites as part of her 500 sweat equity hours has deepened Dian's appreciation for the teamwork involved in building all the Habitat CFC houses. "I can't believe I am unlocking the door to a home I helped build," Dian said. "My dream of having a house for my family has finally arrived!"

Kevin Moore, Habitat's Director of Construction, handing over house keys to Dian Mitchell.

Upcoming Events



Join us for Habitat CFC's largest party of the year on **Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.** **This party replaces the Gala previously held in the spring** and will be at the brand new Fairfield Theatre Company Warehouse. Come country chic or dressed to the nines - whatever makes you happy! Get ready for cocktails, silent auction, dinner, dancing and contemporary country music by Connecticut's own **Hazzard County!**

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Want to experience a band that truly brings something different and exciting to the stage? If so... welcome to **Hazzard County!** This Connecticut based band has played all over greater New England. Hazzard County is a six-piece Modern Country, high-energy party band looking to change the way you think about the sweet sounds of the South. Hazzard County features male and female lead vocals backed with sugary, multi-part harmonies, powerful and soulful guitars, an unbeatable backbone rhythm section, and a rockin' musical swagger. Joy and enthusiasm shines through in their live performances and we think our Habitat CFC friends and family will love their sound.

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