Two more families - home for the holidays in 2010! And with your help, two more will join them in their own homes before the end of winter. They’ll have roofs that don’t leak, insulation to keep out the drafts, heaters that work, and enough room for each family member to have a bed. They will give thanks for the many members of our community who have joined together to make their dreams of a simple, decent, affordable home a reality.

Nearly 250 volunteers made this possible, and 400 households, businesses and churches donated cash and goods to make it happen.

We couldn’t do it without such strong community support!

With your help, we will break ground on four more houses in the spring of 2011.

We could never do this alone. But we can do it with the wonderful, dedicated individuals who believe that every family deserves decent, affordable housing and who are willing to do something to make it happen.

Whether you shop at the Habitat Store, donate furniture and household goods to be turned into revenue, volunteer in the office or store, make a monthly pledge, work at the construction site, write a check, sponsor a house, or keep us in your prayers, YOU are what makes Habitat work in our community.

“My family of seven was living in a 3-bedroom apartment and it was very hard for us. Habitat for Humanity has changed our lives forever.

Thanks to Habitat and the community, to each one of you who helped on the construction site or with financial donations or food for the workers, or prayers. The Lanphear family dream came true. God bless you.”

Francisca Lanphear
Habitat homeowner

Habitat Store Voted Best Furniture - Again!

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Communities Need Affordable Housing

Habitat applicants live in substandard conditions as they work hard to complete their homes. One 2011 Habitat family lives in a camper in the woods with an open-pit latrine. An extension cord snaking through the woods provides the only power or heat.

This family is not alone. Jefferson County reportedly contains more than 1,000 units of substandard housing. This means families lack complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, or suffer from overcrowding or unsafe living conditions.

Homeownership among low-income families brings hope for ending the cycle of poverty. According to research, children who grow up in homeowner households have better home environments, higher test scores, and fewer behavioral problems. They are more likely to attend college, earn a higher income, wait until marriage to have children, and become homeowners themselves.

Children of Habitat homeowners have a great shot at life!

Your support makes a difference.

Families served in 2010

Francisca Lanphear and her children celebrate their first Christmas in their Habitat home.

Amy Milne and son Denver, 5, cannot wait to move into their new home at the end of December, after living in temporary housing for much of the past two years.

The Thetford and Nila families expect to move into their homes in late winter.

Thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and donors who literally “raised the roof” on each house! The love and blessings of the community will surround each family in their new home.

Families need your help in 2011

Three families are breaking ground in 2011.

Josephina Hunner and her son Michael, Rose Varnet and her son Bela, and Hilary and Justin Holmes and their son Cash, have already begun earning their “sweat equity” hours, required in order for them to purchase their homes.

Each family was chosen based on need, ability to pay and willingness to partner.

How do I apply?

Habitat will accept applications again in late Spring, 2011.

To apply call 379-2827 or email us at habitat@olympus.net.

Donate - Shop - Volunteer

Port Ludlow Couple Sponsors Habitat House

John and Beth Weaver of Port Ludlow have generously donated $65,000, paid over five years, to cover the construction cost of building a Habitat home. The remaining costs are covered by in-kind contributions and volunteer labor, including the family’s 500 hours of sweat equity.

“This is the part of Habitat that appeals to us,” explains Beth Weaver. “Habitat doesn’t give people a free home. The families help build their houses, make a down payment, and monthly payments. Habitat also has classes to teach families how to be homeowners, how to budget, and how to maintain a home. The families have a lot invested in their house and we support that approach wholeheartedly.”

The Weavers’ donation is important because the money to build has to be raised up front. This is why sponsorship of a home is vital to Habitat. The family’s mortgage payments go into the revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build more Habitat homes.

“Beth and John’s vision and generosity are inspiring. We are grateful for their leadership,” says Jamie Maciejewski, Habitat’s Executive Director.

Donate! Donate! Donate!

South County Focus of Pilot Project

In August 2010, we were selected by Habitat for Humanity International as one of only 55 affiliates nationwide, and the only rural project in Washington State, to pilot the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI).

This initiative gives us the opportunity to assist more families in need by improving the quality of life in neighborhoods through local community partnerships and the expansion of housing services. These services can include minor and critical repair, weatherization, and rehabilitation.

Habitat of East Jefferson County has long wanted to extend its work to the South County and the NRI provides the perfect opportunity.

At the invitation of residents and local organizations, Habitat is currently exploring a partnership with the Quilcene community to implement the first NRI project in our service area.

By partnering with local residents, businesses, civic groups and other housing providers, Habitat can greatly expand our opportunities to serve many more low-income families throughout East Jefferson County.

To learn more, contact Habitat's AmeriCorps VISTA member Cassandra Little at (360) 379-2827 or clittle@habitatejc.org. Consider joining us in this exciting new project!

The NRI brings together two commitments of Habitat’s board of directors—to seriously step up the number of families we help, and to serve the south county area.

It’s a great opportunity!

Fred Kimball
President of the Board
What a year!

In 2010 over 160 volunteers turned out to work on four houses under construction. That’s a 30% jump over last year’s volunteers!

We couldn’t have done it without our volunteer site supervisors Chuck Thrasher, Hugh Winn and Jerry Rowe. Together with construction manager Rachel Williams they guided and directed returning and new volunteers to build three houses from the ground up. Russ Ritter and Jack Riggen also served as consistent construction leaders throughout the year.

Thanks to all the volunteers who provide a “hand up, not a hand out” for so many families in need.

HFHEJC took another step in building eco-friendly, healthy and energy efficient homes with the installation of mini-split ductless heat pump systems. The high-efficiency heating system will lower homeowner bills and environmental impact.

Fujitsu, manufacturer of the units, estimates that the systems can cut heating and cooling costs by half.

“The up-front costs are worthwhile because they lead to lower energy bills,” says construction manager Rachel Williams. “In the end, it’s about making the homes more affordable to live in as well as lessening the burden on the environment.”

Many thanks to Johnstone Supply and Peninsula Heating, Inc. for supplying and installing the systems at a discount!

We love to welcome new recruits!
Call 379-2827 to volunteer.

Builders Needed: Skills, humor and a desire to serve

Are you handy with a hammer and quick with a smile? Do you love building with others? We need you!

As a construction leader you’ll guide volunteers with little or no experience so that they have a great time while getting the job done right.

If you don’t think you have enough building experience to be a construction leader, the job site is a great place to refine those skills.

You can work as often as three days a week, or as little as once a year. The amount of time you volunteer is completely up to you.

You’ll work alongside Habitat families putting in their sweat equity hours, follow their progress and watch their smiles brighten as their homes take shape. And if you are new to the area, the construction site is a great place to meet other people!

But be prepared to get hooked. Rumor has it that volunteering on the job site is almost as addictive as site host Maria Ritter’s chocolate chip cookies!

Call Katie Davis, 379-2827, to learn more.
In May the Habitat for Humanity “Care-a-Vanners” arrived to frame two houses in two weeks, led by returning team leaders Audrey and Bernie Ussery.

A second group arrived in July. Led by first-timers Paula and Dale LaFleur, Group II (some members pictured in photo above) installed siding and framed a third house. Thanks Care-a-Vanners!

Church Partnerships Sustain Mission

We love the many local congregations and groups that regularly help Habitat.

The following kept our Care-a-Van teams well-fed: Trinity United Methodist, St. Paul’s Episcopal, Grace Lutheran, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic and Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A cadre of volunteers who know how to cook, led by Ruth Merryman, joined in providing lunches.

Several churches worked on the construction site: St. Paul’s Episcopal, St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and St. Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church. Each church fielded five to fifteen volunteers and a team leader for a day filled with camaraderie, food and fun.

In addition to the congregations named above, the following faith communities are part of Habitat’s Interfaith Relations Committee: Bet Shira Congregation, Peace Lutheran Fellowship, Oak Bay Baptist, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Want to involve your congregation in Habitat? Call Katie at 379-2827.

Additional Support:

- Michael Anderson, Civil Engineer
- Bruner Drywall
- John Barr, landscape services
- Carl’s Building Supply
- Cranston Construction
- Edensaw Woods
- Enduro-Glaze
- First Federal
- Gardens at Four Corners
- Gooding, O’Hara and Mackey
- Henery’s Hardware
- Kat Platte-Inglis, painting services
- Kimball Woodworks
- Knauss and Seaman, PLLC
- M&R Gutters
- Jacob Moch, concrete services
- Platt Irwin Law Firm
- David Schiess, painting services
- SOS Printing
- Terrapin Architecture
- Darin Vercoe, landscape services

Please patronize our generous Habitat supporters!

Major Partners

Swift Plumbing

of Poulsbo donated plumbing services for three houses this year. Owned by Cal and Beverly Swift since 1985, the company serves Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam, Pierce and north Thurston counties.

Bernt Ericsen Excavating Inc.

in Port Townsend, was founded in 1988 and has been family owned and operated ever since. Owner Tim Thomas donated several thousand dollars of excavating services.

Cascade Electric

Bob Nordberg, owner of Cascade Electric in Port Hadlock, donated all of the electrical work on two Habitat houses on 20th Street.

Tollefson Builders Inc.

of Chimacum donated the skilled labor to frame the roof of a five-bedroom house. Thank you Todd Holbert, General Manger of Tollefson Builders Inc.

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The Habitat Store: Furniture and More

Once again voted Best Furniture in Jefferson County in 2010, the Habitat Store offers high-quality, reasonably-priced furniture and household goods.

Local residents support Habitat’s mission when they shop, donate or volunteer at the store.

Store displays and friendly volunteers make the Habitat Store an easy and comfortable place to shop. Shoppers leave knowing they have directly contributed to their community.

“We are truly blessed with so many wonderful volunteers, donors and local customers,” says store manager Vicki Lucas. Previously loved furniture, collectibles, house wares, art, antiques, and jewelry are carefully researched and priced to support the mission.

All donations are tax-deductible and all sales go directly to support Habitat’s mission of reducing the number of families living in substandard housing.

Don’t forget Gift Certificates!

Share Your Time!

Looking for a fun, social and meaningful way to volunteer in the community? Join the team that “brings in the goods” - the Habitat Store Pick-Up Crew. You may also join the friendly sales staff in the store! No experience is necessary.

Contact Katie at 379-2827.

Habitat Store volunteers Carolyn Eagan, Katy Friedel and Helen Cleveland.

The Habitat Store Pick-up Crew: Jim “Daubie” Daubenberger, Bill Bloemker, Jim Kerns, Carl Sidle and Floyd Henspeter.
### Top 10 Ways to Support Habitat

1. Donate furniture, antiques or jewelry to the Habitat Store
2. Give in-kind support, such as professional or contractor expertise
3. Honor friends and family with a contribution to Habitat on a holiday
4. Give to the annual fund
5. Sign up for automatic monthly deposits to Habitat
6. Donate your vehicle to “Cars for Homes”
7. Donate land to Habitat
8. Donate stocks or other instruments
9. Sponsor a Habitat home
10. Include Habitat in your will or bequest

### A great gift idea...

Make Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other special events more meaningful.

Your gift to Habitat for Humanity in honor or memory of a loved one will make a difference for families right here in our community. We’ll send a special Habitat for Humanity card, letting them know of your contribution.

### Yes! I want to make a difference.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

- [ ] $25
- [ ] $50
- [ ] $100
- [ ] $250
- [ ] $1,000
- [ ] Charge my Visa/MC

Please check the box if you wish to be included on our Donor List.

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“T he reason Habitat is so rewarding for us personally is seeing the families as they receive the key to their new home. We hear about their dreams and see their grateful tears that this community cares about them. Our hearts fill with joy every time.”

Carolyn and Doug Schiebel

“Donors who provide the materials are invaluable. They are the backbone of the organization.”

Ann Guadagnoli
Habitat needs you!

Join our team of friendly volunteers in the office, store, at special events or on the construction site.

Are you an experienced truck driver?
Can you lift 50 pounds?
When are you free?

Call Katie Davis, 360-379-2827, or fill out an application online at

www.habitatejc.org

Donate - Volunteer

Our Heartfelt Appreciation to Our Donors and Volunteers!

Wish List

- Digital video projector
- Scaffolding - Roto Hammer
- Extra large conference table
- Free storage space

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