

## Framing begins again on 21st Street

Thanks to Team Habitat, we're a bit ahead of schedule on the 21st Street house. That means, according to Site Supervisor Chuck Thrasher, that when we fall behind in the future, we'll still have a chance to be right where we're supposed to be...

Many thanks to Site Supervisors Chuck Thrasher and Hugh Winn, Assistant Site Supervisors John Collins and Jack Rigger, Construction Coordinator Rachel Williams and all the fabulous volunteers who put in hours getting the foundation in and starting to frame. Special



Assistant Site Supervisor Jack Rigger tickles the concrete to remove air bubbles.

kudos to Jeff Jensen, who helps build on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays! And thank you to all the greeters and treat bringers who help the construction workers keep on truckin'.

Business donors Our gratitude goes out to our business donors thus far – Hansen Electric and Hope Roofing, labor and materials; M&R Gutter Systems and Swift Plumbing, labor; D & D Insulation and Lindsey Excavating, discount on labor and materials.

By fall, work will start on street extensions for 20th and 21st Street to gain access to the six more lots that we own at



Subcontractors and volunteers work together to backfill the Leckenby foundation

the end of our current block. This work is expected to cost \$200,000 – a large percentage of our affiliate budget – but it will enable us to strive to build four houses in 2009 to meet our goal of 20 houses by 2010!

Your gifts of prayer, time, and financial resources make a huge difference in the lives of our partner families and in the life of our community. DW

## Celebrate ten years of Habitat in East Jefferson County

In 2008, Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County celebrates its 10th Anniversary. It's a year to look back at accomplishments and the many people

"We look forward with hope and anticipation to the next ten years!"

*E.D. Jamie Maciejewski*

who did the work.

In 1998, after several years of work by local residents with vision and determination, the affiliate became official, with

Randy Brackett serving as the first president of the board. Other members of the first board included:

Jean Camfield, Laura Eckstein, Paul Gordon, Vicki Graubeger, Ralph Huth, Rick Lander, Mike Larkin, Rick Matheson, Ray Mathsen, Bruce McComas,



HFHEJC is fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers who support the organization year after year. Pictured at left are Joan Fabian, Jean Camfield and Donna Daubenger.

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Cherie Perry, Martin Rowe, Dick Steele, David Whipple and Cindy Wolpin.

Affiliate volunteers set to work selecting a family for the

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## Habitat volunteers get the word out!!!

*From Irondale to Port Townsend, HFHEJC got a lot of exposure in April and May. A huge round of applause to volunteers and staff who help spread the word about Habitat!*

### Earth Day Every Day

Neither wind nor rain nor sleet nor hail could keep Habitat volunteers from Earth Day Every Day, celebrated at Memorial

Field on April 20. Thanks to: VISTA Volunteer Rachel Williams and Bob Monica (who put it all together); booth staffers: Mattie Young, Sheila Lauder, Nan Toby Tyrell, Beverly McNeil, Rod Mitchell, Mac McMullen, and Gretchen Kaiser; and Jess Norton (who helped take it all down). Thanks to Bob Monica and Kimball Woodworks for the recycled wood-scrap houses that kids painted and took home.

### Jefferson County Home Show

May 3 and 4 brought the Jefferson County Home Show to the Fairgrounds. Thanks to Executive Officer Sandy Hershelman and a donation from the Jefferson County Home Builders Association, Habitat received a free booth. We appreciate the volunteers who helped ED Jamie Maciejewski staff the booth: Gail Jenkins, Marlene Colvin, Ken and Kitty Evans, Jay Lyman, Helen Cleveland, Darlene Durfee, Mel Morris, Gretchen Kaiser, JoAnne Zeller, and Ray Haapala.

### Church Missions Fest

On May 10, Executive Director Jamie Maciejewski and volunteer Tom Larsen staffed an information booth at the Irondale Evangelical Free Church Missions Fest, where attendees had the opportunity to learn about mission options at home and overseas.

### 2008 Rhododendron Festival Grand Parade

The Habitat truck drew lots of attention at the May 17 Rhody Parade, with a room set up in the back and volunteers Donna and Jim "Daubie" Daubenberger waving to the crowd. Store Manager Vicki Lucas, volunteer Benny Holzhausen, and future homeowner Danny "Nick" Nichols decorated the living room, Vicki added rhodies to the truck, and Jane Souzon and Dave Eekhoff drove. ED Jamie Maciejewski led a band of marchers, including: Cara Leckenby and son Calvin, Cheron Mayhall, Darlene Durfee, Geri and Dave Eekhoff, Holly Varah and children Tiger and Violet, Dana Haley and children Briane and Stacy, and JoAnne Zeller.

Cara Leckenby photo



*Special events help tell the Habitat story — building houses in partnership with people in need. Here Olympic Community Action trainee James Gray works with volunteer Sheila Khalov on sub flooring for the Leckenby house*

## "Thank you"s missed in Spring Nail Bag

We'd like to add June Arnold, Barb Heyn, Calvin Taylor, Michelle Talley and Amber Wheeler to the list of volunteers who helped with the 2007 building season. Your efforts are much appreciated!



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## Daubie and Donna Daubenberger exemplify active, joyful life

There are a lot of great smiles to be seen among those active in Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County – two of those



Deb Wiese photo

Daubie Daubenberger

great smiles belong to Jim “Daubie” Daubenberger and Donna Daubenberger. Daubie and Donna had supported Habitat for

Humanity International for years financially when they heard about an opportunity for Habitat Gypsies – the former name for Care-A-Vanners -- to serve in Central Washington. In the early 1990s, they packed their RV and headed to the Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity and spent two weeks helping that affiliate build houses.

When local citizens held meetings to start an East Jefferson County affiliate, Daubie and Donna were there. Daubie went on to join a core group of six or seven men who worked with homeowner Christie Apker to erect the envelope for the affiliate’s first house. Daubie is proud to say they did it in about two weeks in the middle of winter. The home was completed and dedicated in spring 1999. The late Al Raber led that effort and Daubie is quick to pass the credit on to Al for the success of the build. “He really put himself out.”

Eventually Daubie “gave up the housing business” and moved to the “furniture business,” helping Richard Spindor and Jim Kerns, among others, pick up donations for the fledgling Furniture and More Store in its early days. He’s been a

steady “pick-up guy” ever since.

Not long afterward, Donna took on a regular Tuesday shift at the store, assisting with sorting, cleaning, and pricing items as they arrive. “I like to see what comes in,” said Donna. Both she and Daubie enjoy the time they spend with Habitat. “I enjoy working with the people we work with,” said Daubie.

### Port Townsend roots

Daubie’s mother was born in Port Townsend and his family returned when he was 12. Donna moved as an infant to Port Townsend, where her father and mother ran the Verrier Mart, located on the present site of the Habitat store. The family added an apartment upstairs, where Donna lived when she was little, and which is now the

home of the Habitat office. After Daubie and Donna married, they ran businesses in Port Townsend from 1947 to 1990, including Daubie’s, a clothing store.

The Daubenberger’s daughter Jana Filli serves on the Habitat Board of Directors and as Chair of the Family Selection Committee. When asked if they pushed Jana to help with Habitat, Donna said, “Oh, no, she did it on her own.” But if you know Jana, it’s obvious in her great smile that she has had two good examples to follow.

— DW



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Donna Daubenberger

## Groundbreaking a festive celebration

Photos by Sheila Lauder

In April, HFHEJC broke ground for a third house on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Board President Mark Huth represented Habitat at the event. Future homeowner Cara Leckenby’s pastor -- Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship minister Bruce Bode -- offered a prayer and read two poems. Cub Scouts, including Cal-

vin Leckenby, baked and served cookies. The rain held off and banners flew as Habitat supporters and volunteers inaugurated another building season.



(Left) Cara Leckenby and son Calvin teamed up to break ground on 21st Street at the April 27th groundbreaking ceremony for HFHEJC’s 16th house



(Above) Cara expressed the musical theme played by her friends Maya and Ron as she and Calvin pulled up a lump of sod with a gold shovel — Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”

## St. Mary and Trinity churches continue tradition of service

Habitat for Humanity relies on partnerships with area churches for volunteers, prayers and financial support. Two area congregations that have been good friends to Habitat are St. Mary's Star of the Sea and Trinity United Methodist Church, both in Port Townsend. Both churches joined a six-congregation partnership on the Church Built House in 2004. That effort was spearheaded by

lations Committee and Pat Williams serves on the Steering Committee of the Furniture and More Store. JoAnne Zeller is an office and site volunteer. And Father John recently directed some much-appreciated furniture donations to Habitat's store.

Trinity steps up to plate Trinity United Methodist, led by Pastor Wendell Ankeny, is

a smaller yet enthusiastic congregation. Pastor Wendell served on Habitat's board of directors and is considered by many as a Habitat chaplain, frequently officiating at the ceremonies and celebrations that mark the construction of Habitat houses. Laurel Ankeny decorated the Habitat Rhody Parade

float (a 1960s VW "bug" decked out Ikea-style) for several years. Marlene Colvin represents Trinity on Habitat's Church Relations Committee, and oversees an active group of construction-



Doug Schiebel photo

Trinity UMC's Good News Singers (Chet and Lynn Rideout, Jenny Pack, Wendell Ankeny) have provided inspirational music at several Habitat events, including Felice Thompson's house dedication, shown here



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The Knights of Columbus hosted the Care-A-Vanner Welcome Dinner at the St. Mary's Parish Hall in 2007 and will do so again in 2008 under the direction of volunteer Kevin Tuuri

then board members Pastor Wendell Ankeny of Trinity UMC and St. Mary Star of the Sea parishioner Carla Caldwell.

St. Mary's continues support Father John Toppel's parish hosted the welcome dinners for the Care-a-Vanners last year and this. The Knights of Columbus, including Ray Haapala, cooked and cleaned for both wonderful meals, sharing with us in great generosity of spirit. Al Standish represents St. Mary's on Habitat's Church Re-

site food-providers. Gail Jenkins serves on the Family Selection Committee. Other volunteers from the congregation include Harvey Crow, Raleigh and Lois Haynes, and George and Shirley Williams.



Intrepid Trinity volunteer and Church Relations Committee member Marlene Colvin

Thank you to all the members and friends of these two congregations. We appreciate you!

E.D. Jamie Maciejewski

### Church Relations Committee seeks members

Habitat's Church Relations Committee needs you! Are you a part of a church in East Jefferson County? Would you be willing to represent your church at a quarterly gathering of other church reps? We meet to discuss how to involve our churches more in Habitat's mission to build houses in partnership with the poor. Call Deb or Jamie at the Habitat office, 379-2827.

### Free Box and More!

Did you know? Our Furniture and More Store offers a great community service: the FREE BOX. The free box keeps things out of the landfill and provides

people with furniture and housewares that still have plenty of life left. Watch for free items in the large wooden box at the side of the store (next to Jiffy Lube). Many larger free items (couches, chairs, etc) are

under the awning at the front of the building, for protection from the weather.

**Watch for new free items weekly and help us reduce, reuse and recycle!**



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# PT residents aid Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project

## Local volunteers respond to ongoing Gulf needs

By Val Johnstone

Diane Roberts and Val Johnstone of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Port Townsend, recently returned from a week at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Habitat for Humanity Gulf Coast Work Project. Their site was at Diamondhead, a community 25 minutes north of our sister city of Bay St Louis, where 300 volunteers built 10 houses in five days. Other sites in the project included Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi.

Carters visit each house. The highlight of the trip was a visit by the Carters to each house to meet the homeowner and have a picture taken with

the whole crew. Despite thunder, lightning and pouring rain the night before and right up to an hour before the visit, we were photographed outdoors on the front porch.

Diane, an experienced house painter, was put in charge of the painting crew, and Val, inexperienced at everything, did her best at painting and cleaning up. We stayed at the Langniappe Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis – an amazingly

efficient organization that provides food and shelter for volunteers helping with the Katrina

recovery. It was great to share a bunkhouse with women from all over the USA.

This was our first experience on a Habitat blitz build, and we recommend it to everyone. The feeling of camaraderie and accomplishment was well worth a week of Mississippi heat and humidity!



Photo courtesy Val Johnstone

Val Johnstone and Diane Roberts joined a list of caring Port Townsend residents who have worked with the PT/Bay Saint Louis Sister City Project, Habitat for Humanity and others to rebuild in the devastation that still exists in the Gulf

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## VISTA Americorps volunteers mass on the Gulf

By Rachel Williams

In mid-May I had the honor of attending the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project on the Gulf Coast. It was a truly amazing experience to serve along with thousands of other Habitat volunteers from around the country and around the world in rebuilding the areas devastated by the 2005 hurricane season.

Habitat tackles rehab. I was assigned to a house in the Forrest Heights neighborhood of Gulfport, where 30 homes were being rehabilitated. When we arrived the houses had already been gutted, rewired and sheet rocked, so our work included painting, laying flooring, installing cabinets, hanging doors, replacing windows, and installing

trim.

Most of the volunteers with whom I shared meals, work, and bus rides were other VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and Americorps members serving with Habitat affiliates across the country. It was a great chance to meet people and share stories. Our common experience as Habitat Americorps members meant there was always lots to talk about, and the differences in the places we were from, the size of our affiliates, and the kind of work we did made the conversations interesting.

An incredible amount of



Suzanne Martin photo

HFHEJC VISTA Rachel Williams traveled to the Gulf to work on rehabbing houses. Here she works on Cara Leckenby's house

work was accomplished in very short time through many, many people coming together.

There is still much, much more work to be done -- on the Gulf Coast, in disaster areas around the world, and in our own communities. My experience has been that, by reaching out to help, we end up receiving as much or more than we are able to give. I strongly encourage anyone who can to get involved, whether by traveling to South East Asia for next year's Carter Work Project, helping with the continued efforts to rebuild the Gulf Coast, or lending your time right here at home. It is more than worth it!

## Family Selection: joy and challenge

The Selection Process has been called the most joyful and most challenging aspect of Habitat's mission. Helping families fulfill their dreams yields satisfaction, but narrowing the number of candidates in a time of great need can be frustrating. Habitat plans to build four homes in 2009, a record for our affiliate.

"We saw greater need this year than in the past ten years," said Board Treasurer Jean Camfield. "Several families applied who had no plumbing or electricity."

Michael Magoon photo



Committee Co-Chair Larissa Spafford

The volunteers who take on the daunting task of determining the applicants with the greatest need are members of the Family Selection Committee. In late 2007, Family Selection Committee Co-Chairs Larissa Spafford and Dave Eekhoff worked with Executive Director Jamie Maciejewski to put together a committee and prepare for the selection process in January. In addition to the co-chairs, committee members included Jean Camfield, Darlene Durfee, Geri Eekhoff, Gail Jenkins, Harold Jensen, and Cameron McPherson.

In January, Habitat held application meetings in Port Townsend and Chimacum. The office received 27 completed ap-

plications by the deadline, about double the number received during the last selection.

Prospective homeowners go through a process much like a loan application, supplying Habitat with income and debt figures, and tax returns. Committee members check references and credit records, and compile information to make sure the families fit into our criteria, and then select based on the number of participants for whom HFHEJC can build. Each prospective family receives a home visit from two committee members before the final selection in April.

Thank you to all Family Selection Committee members, past and present, who have played a key role in our affiliate's work. Special thanks to Larissa Spafford, who is retiring after serving as co-chair for three selections. If you're interested in taking part in a joyful and challenging part of our mission, please contact Jamie Maciejewski, 379-2827, and ask about the Family Selection Committee for the 2010 selection.



Doug Schiebel photo

Committee Co-Chair Dave Eekhoff

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first house, across from the Grant Street School in PT, completed in 1999. The first partner family was Christie Apker and her children, Jenny and Cole. Today Christie works as a Classification Counselor at Mission Creek Correctional Center for Women in Belfair, and continues to volunteer with HFHEJC. As of Summer 2008, the affiliate has built twelve houses in Port

Townsend, three houses in Irondale, and is currently building its 16<sup>th</sup> house in Jefferson County.

Said E.D. Jamie Maciejewski, "We look forward with hope and anticipation to the next ten years!"

We hope many friends of HFHEJC will join us as we remember our accomplishments and work together toward a future of increased building in a time of increasing need. — DW

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## Care-A-Vanners arrive on June 15

Six rigs from Arizona, Montana, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Washington will roll into Port Townsend on June 15 to spend two weeks helping us build – despite the price of gas! We invite Habitat supporters to welcome our 11 visitors at a **Welcome Dinner Sunday, June 15, 6PM, at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 1335 Blaine St, PT.**

The church and Habitat will provide spaghetti, bread, butter, coffee, tea and juice. We ask attendees to bring a salad (green or fruit) or a dessert.



**On Friday, June 27, 6PM, we'll bid a fond farewell to our visitors with a Dinner at First Presbyterian, 1111 Franklin, PT.** The church and Habitat will provide lasagna, bread, butter, coffee, tea and juice. We ask attendees to bring a salad (green or fruit) or a dessert.

**PLEASE RSVP ASAP for the Welcome Dinner, and by JUNE 16 for the Farewell Dinner, so we know how much spaghetti and lasagna to prepare.**

We expect to have some of our Habitat families attend the Welcome and Farewell Dinners. We hope to see you there!

—DW

## Cars for Homes proceeds return to local area

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