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## Our Annual Appeal: The need is great

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County has been giving Centre County and Clinton County residents living in substandard homes a chance to own their own home — a safe, decent and affordable home — since 1982. Habitat does not do this by giving homes away, rather, we work with families and communities to build a Habitat house that we then sell to the family with an affordable, interest-free mortgage.

When a Habitat family moves into their new home, it is thanks to the efforts of many people on the build-site and behind the scenes. It takes a great deal of collaboration to build a Habitat home: around 300 volunteers put in around 3,500 hours in the actual construction of a home. Before the foundation is laid, though, the funding has to be in place.

Funding for Habitat houses comes from a variety of sources: corporate sponsorships, the generosity of area churches, memorial contributions, gifts-in-kind, and individual monetary contributions. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County has to raise money to build each and every house, and we do so penny by penny, dollar by dollar.

We cannot continue to build safe, decent and affordable homes without your help; it's as simple as that.

Many of you may never have experienced substandard housing. Imagine not having a functioning toilet. Imagine not having heat. Imagine having a roof that leaks into your bedroom. Imagine having holes in the floor. Imagine not being able to afford a better place to live.

Thanks to you, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County has enabled 56 families in 28 years to escape substandard housing and to know the pride of home ownership. We could not have done this without your help!

We still need your help. Currently we are working on our Women Build home, and plan on building two more homes in 2011. There is always a sense of joy when a home is finished and we know we have helped a family move into an affordable home that is safe and clean. The sad part is, though, there are many more families here hoping for the chance to improve their living conditions and own a home.

Substandard housing can be an unseen problem; you never know who it may effect: your co-worker, hairdresser, that nice couple you met in church, your child's teacher.... substandard housing is not always obvious. The good news is that substandard housing in 100% curable, but we need your help.

Please join Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County in its fight against substandard housing. You know how good it feels to go home at night to a home that is safe and warm. When you donate to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County you are giving a local family the chance to feel warm and safe in their own home. What's that worth?

Together we can keep on building and continue to fight substandard housing in Centre County.

Please support our annual fund.

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## Women Build 2010 Underway!

Excavation began on our Women Build home August 9th, but preparation work began earlier.

We partnered with Lowes, which provided training for our volunteers to get them ready for the build. In May, June and July we held Power Tools Safety and Framing clinics. Thanks to the support and energy from our Women Build volunteers, all interior and exterior walls were constructed at these clinics. We also held Siding and Roofing clinics. Thanks, Lowes!

Our local congregations have really supported us – truly embracing the

ecumenical ministry of Habitat.

We have met volunteers who have become friends and we have been honored to work alongside generous businesses for in-kind support.

The work is not done! The construction is about 40% completed, and so we have more work to do there. In addition, each house costs approximately \$85,000. We depend on community members, like you, to join with Habitat in funding our safe, decent and affordable homes. Together, we change lives. Won't you join us?

The opportunities to get involved

with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County are endless, and the need is great. You can make a meaningful difference in Centre and Clinton Counties helping out your neighbors and your friends.



McQuaide Blasko Women Build Team

## Carpenters Ball is February 24, 2011

Mark your calendars for February 24, 2011 because you will not want to miss the 3rd Annual Carpenters Ball!

This year's Carpenters Ball is being held at the Match Factory in Bellefonte and promises to be an evening of great food, an interesting silent auction...and you do not have to dress up to attend! Come as you are most comfortable,

and help Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County raise money to build another home in Centre County.

Tickets are \$75.00 each, and can be reserved right now. What a great holiday gift for that someone who has everything! Call to make your reservation.

Sponsorships are open right now,

so if your business wants to get involved, call the office at 353-2390 and ask for director of development Missy Schoonover.

We hope to see you February 24!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**February 24, 2011**

## Penn State Affiliate

Penn State University's Habitat for Humanity Chapter has been busy on campus, recently celebrating World Habitat Day. The club featured a table in the HUB at which they distributed information, sold t-shirts and recruited new members. This opportunity allowed PSU-Habitat to educate students on the cause and to keep our general

members involved and busy.

The Penn State Habitat affiliate has also recently begun its annual "Rake It In" campaign. "Rake It In" is when the club's general members visit homes in the surrounding areas and rake leaves in turn for a donation to Habitat. This is similar in design to the year-round

fundraiser "Rent A Worker" where the club members are "rented" in order to help with anything from painting to moving furniture.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please email Greg at [habitatrentaworker@gmail.com](mailto:habitatrentaworker@gmail.com).



Greetings, Habitat Friends!

It may not seem possible but the Holiday Season is almost upon us. We are taking this opportunity to ask that you think of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County as we enter the season of giving.

The theme of this edition of our newsletter is "NEED". The not-always-obvious need for decent, affordable housing in our abundant community. The need for deserving families to make themselves known to those of us who can help them. And, of course, the need for your generous help and support to reach our goal to help as many families as possible.

I have had an opportunity to speak about Habitat to many members of our community. In doing so, I realized that we should address an additional need: to clarify frequent misconceptions about how Habitat works. It is the mission of Habitat for Humanity to enable deserving members of our community to afford decent housing.

There is often a misunderstanding regarding how we accomplish this mission. Houses built by Habitat volunteers are not given to our Habitat families but rather those families are provided with affordable terms under which to purchase them.

We often use the phrase "a hand up, not a hand out". Families are selected both on the basis of their need and their ability to be responsible homeowners. These families purchase their homes at cost and make mortgage payments every month, just like you and me. In addition, the families are required to put in a prescribed number of "sweat equity" hours assisting with the building of their homes.

If you are interested in learning more details about this process, please be sure to contact us, consult this newsletter and visit our website at [www.habitatgcc.org](http://www.habitatgcc.org).

Thank you to all of the citizens of our community who have become our friends and friends to the deserving families who are able to have decent homes as a result of your generosity. We truly appreciate your consideration and willingness to give your time, materials and financial resources to help us to fulfill our mission.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Diane Allen Jordan".

Diane Allen Jordan, President, Board of Directors  
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County



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## Always something new at the ReStore!

There is always something new to buy at The ReStore. Whether you stopped by last week, or even yesterday, the inventory is always changing. That's one of the reasons ReStore is so special!

Some recent donations include a wood or coal burning fireplace insert, an octagon shaped window, entertainment centers, and more tile than we know what to do with!

Speaking of new, coming soon is the Christmas Shop. Volunteers are setting up this year's assortment of holiday décor items and it will open as soon as it is ready. Get here early for the best selection! Or, if you have any decorations you would like to donate, stop by during ReStore hours. ReStore's Christmas Shop accepts things like lights (yes, they must be working!),

ornaments, and artificial trees. As always, donors are encouraged to call ahead for the most current information on what is being accepted for donation.

Also, ReStore will once again participate as a collection location for Toys for Tots 2010 campaign which officially kicks off on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Toys and non-perishable food items will be collected and distributed through Centre County's seven area food pantries. Visit ReStore's web page for a link to the local Toys for Tots campaign 2010.

HFHGCC's Goodie Web Store will no longer be available. If you know of a good online source for customized apparel for the affiliate, contact Jennifer at ReStore.

ReStore sells donated, new and used building materials to the public. Proceeds support Habitat's building program.

ReStore is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9AM—4PM. Click on 'ReStore' at [www.habitatgcc.org](http://www.habitatgcc.org) for Featured Items and Specials or for more information.



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