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**President's Message**

Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity approaches this next winter ready to close on two houses. Two more families will have the privilege and responsibility of owning a home.

The process of getting there included a blitz build last spring. Partner-ships are important, and the Lakes Region Builders' and Remodelers' Association provided five exciting days of intensive building.

The process also included partnership selection meetings and partnerships with individuals who met with the families and with Meredith Village Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, Northway Bank and CBC Innovia. Families buying their home will meet the three criteria - willingness to partner, need, and ability to pay - that make a successful partnership.

Process and partnerships are the key words in all of this. Fall is a time to clean up, and LRHFH is completing its houses and getting its own records and house ready to move forward next spring. It is also ready to form new partnerships.

However, the process and partnerships do not happen alone. Please consider how you would be able to help. Volunteers are the first priority for helping, and this is most especially needed with the board and the board committees. Please go to the Lakes Region Habitat website <http://www.lrhhabitat.org/volunteer.html> and look at what you can do. Together, we make a difference building lives, when we build homes.



**Meet Our Newest Board Members**

**Benny Popek** comes to the Habitat Board as a resident of Meredith, with a background in Corporate Organization. He, his wife, and their son enjoy the Lakes Region and want to make a difference here. Benny first heard of Lakes Region Habitat through his photography hobby and was instrumental in getting a pictorial history of the recent blitz build. He found the organization one that can make a difference and so has joined the board and lent his skill to help our organization grow. Benny has attended one regional training and has worked with the Littleton affiliate, to learn more about how Habitat can make a difference.



Growing up in Laconia, **Marcia St. Louis**, of Tilton, has lived in the Lakes Region her entire life. She is the Office Administrator at St. John Regional School, in Concord, and thus brings office and organizational skills to the Board. A former member of the Laconia School Board, she recognizes education as the number one tool for moving people out of poverty and wants to do her part to assist in other ways. As a member of St. Joseph Parish, in Belmont, Marcia is a lector and has worked on retreats with children. She is the mother of Paula (a newspaper reporter currently raising two children, with her husband Tom, in Mount Prospect, IL), and Scott, a recruiter seeking permanent adoptive homes for children who are currently in our foster care system.



**Looking for Land**

Lakes Region Habitat is looking for affordable, buildable land on which to start a future Habitat home. We prefer that it have sewer and/or water, but we are also willing to put in a well and/or septic system. If you are aware of any land that may be available in the LR Habitat area, please call us at 279-4820.

## Contributions to Our Blitz Build

The following businesses and groups contributed to our successful Blitz Build in Moultonboro. Without the efforts of so many people helping out their fellow Americans, this endeavor would have been impossible. Thank you all!

### The following provided food:

EM Heath, Inc.  
 Moultonboro United Methodist Church  
 Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC  
 Meredith Altrusa Club  
 CG Roxane  
 First Congregational Church Meredith, UCC  
 Calvary Bible Church (Meredith)  
 Shaw's Supermarket of Belmont  
 George's Diner  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England  
 Temple B'Nai Israel  
 Village Kitchen  
 BJ's Wholesale Club

### The following donated materials and/or labor:

Uncle Hilde's Surplus Lumber  
 Old Mill Construction  
 J.Jill  
 Hayward & Company  
 Laconia Savings Bank  
 Rutter Media  
 The Home Beautiful  
 Pella Windows & Doors  
 Wood & Clay  
 Custance Brothers Woodworking  
 Lowe's  
 Moultonboro Lions Club  
 Meredith Altrusa Club  
 Bradco/Wickes



Meredith Village Savings Bank  
 Auto-Serv of Tilton  
 Stoner & Company, Inc  
 Laconia Camera Club  
 Moultonboro Library  
 Newfound Plumbing & Heating  
 Flanders Enterprises  
 Pangburn Builders  
 NH Electric Co-op Eastern  
 Protractors LLC

Dana, Inc.  
 NH ICF/Green Building Solutions  
 Quality Insulation  
 FW Webb Co.  
 RJD Electric  
 Ryan Construction  
 Gilford Well Co., Inc.  
 Propane & Oil  
 Baron's Major Brands Appliances  
 Cantone Carpentry

## Church Relations



On Sunday October 19, Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity (LRHFH) Board Member, Kent Warner, presented the Church Covenant with LRHFH to the Tilton-Northfield United Methodist Church. Receiving it is Steve Thurston. Church covenants are signed by area churches, to show their support for the activities of LRHFH in the form of fundraising events, such as dinners; food for workdays; donated hours of help, money, and prayers for Habitat families; among other ideas.

Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity has built 29 houses in the Lakes Region in the past 26 years, the most recent two in Moultonboro, and has plans to begin work on their 30th home in 2009. LRHFH gives continuing support, throughout the years, to these families.

Churches interested in participating may call 279-4820.

## Operational Committees

- Fundraising
  - Site Selection
  - Public Relations/Newsletter
  - Church Relations
- Partner Family
  - Family Selection
  - Building and Volunteers



**Please Join us on the Web at [www.lrhhabitat.org](http://www.lrhhabitat.org)**

## Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity Receives Raffle Winnings



July 29, 2008 was Volunteer Awareness Day at J. Jill., the well known women's clothing manufacturing company in Tilton. Volunteering is a big part of the J. Jill culture. Each year during their "Commitment Week," the J. Jill Volunteer Committee holds an event designed to encourage their associates to use their Volunteer Day benefit.

This year's "Volunteer Awareness Day" was a huge success! This year, they promoted a 50/50 raffle to raise money for a local charity. They were pleased to announce the winner of the 50/50 raffle as Julie Merrick, who is an evening shift RPA Associate. Julie named Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity as the recipient of half of the winnings. Julie and Lakes Region Habitat each received \$264.50. Pictured is Julie presenting a check to John Scudder, LRHFH Volunteer Coordinator, (left) and Leonard Campbell, (right) LRHFH President.

## Family Selection Nights

Lakes Region Habitat is using informational and application nights to better select partner families. In July and November, two groups of prospective families met to understand the mission of Habitat for Humanity and the qualifications for owning a home, which are:

**Willingness to partner**

**Family need**

**Financial Fitness-Ability to Pay**

Lakes Region Habitat is pleased to have formed a relationship with Meredith Village Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, Northway Bank, and CBC Innovia, as it works to select financially fit families. It has also worked with the Laconia Area Community Land Trust, so families show a willingness to partner by first understanding what owning a home means and how to continue to be financially fit. Two families have already been selected through this process, and Habitat is looking to select a third family this Spring.

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## Logue-Norton Family Selected for Moultonboro Home



*Pictured left to right: Amy Logue-Norton, Matt, Alex, Nicole, and Ashley holding Zoe.*

A single mother with five children was selected as the partner family to occupy the 116 Shaker Jerry Road home in Moultonboro. Amy Logue-Norton and her children Ashley-18, Alex-13, Nicole-12, Matt-10 and Zoe-7 have called Moultonboro home for the past six years.

The children have attended the Moultonboro Central School, and the three oldest the Moultonboro Academy. Ashley is currently attending Lakes Region Community College as a political science major. The children have been active in the community playing various sports, such as basketball and baseball, but soccer is the most popular, with mom joining the group as a coach.

Amy attends the Center Harbor Christian Church and has volunteered at their food pantry. About a year ago, her volunteer efforts became a part-time, paid position, as Fundraiser for the Center Harbor Food Pantry. She creatively comes up with various ideas, for people to help the food bank become sustainable. Amy carefully juggles other part-time jobs, working around her children's

activity and sports schedules.

Amy and her children have moved several times over the past two years, in and out of seasonal rentals. Credit problems in the past, and a standard mortgage being out of reach, has brought this family to qualify for a Habitat house. Amy said she "would do anything to keep her family together and provide a home for her children." Since October, she has about 90 hours of sweat equity, working toward her 500 hours for Habitat.

## Soboslai Family Selected for House # 30

Rob and Kelly Soboslai, along with their son R.J, have been selected as our newest partner family. The family has been long time residents in Franklin. Kelly & Rob were high school sweethearts, attending Franklin High School. Kelly went on to earn an Associates Degree in Accounting at Laconia Vocational Technical School in 1996. They have a 5-year old son named R.J, who keeps them quite busy. He attends the Paul Smith Elementary School in Franklin as a kindergarten student and participates in several town sports, including T-ball, soccer, and basketball. They attend St. James Episcopal Church in Laconia.

Rob and Kelly always dreamed of owning their own home, but in 1984 Kelly was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. In addition to this, she was born with a congenital hip disorder. This would change the course of their lives, as Kelly was no longer able to work. She was told that she would never walk again, but with true faith and determination, she has proven the medical community wrong. Today, they rely on disability for Kelly while Rob works at Market Basket in Tilton, where he has worked for the past 5 years. Rob and Kelly also rely on Kelly's mom, Barbara Emerson, to help them with day-to-day living.

Although we have yet to start building for the Soboslai family, they have already proven to be committed partners. In addition to their own sweat equity hours, they have friends and family already donating time. We are currently searching for land and look forward to building our first handicapped-accessible home. We welcome the Soboslai family and the opportunity to help this deserving family achieve their goal of owning a home of their own.



### Two Home Closings

Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity is working to close on two properties. In Franklin, this has been an ongoing exercise in gaining actual ownership of the property, so Habitat can sell it to a partner family that has been waiting for seven years! Finally, the legal kinks are finished, and Habitat looks forward to this family joining the organization as a partner family.

The other property was part of the blitz build, in Moultonboro, and their family is looking forward to a new start, in a new year, in a new home. **Both homes will be dedicated in January.**

## 25th Anniversary Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity

On April 18<sup>th</sup> Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity celebrated 25 years of building decent affordable homes in New Hampshire. To commemorate the evening, a gathering was held at the Laconia Congregational Church, UCC, with a pot-luck dinner and speaker. Clive Rainey, Community Relations Director of Habitat for Humanity, and the first-ever volunteer of Habitat for Humanity International, gave an inspirational speech about the difference Habitat is making locally and around the world.



The dinner brought together current Board members, past Board members, and especially some of the people who founded NH Habitat for Humanity and its successor, Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity. Forty people told stories and re-kindled friendships that have been developed through the mission of Habitat.

## Harvest Dinner

Each year when October rolls around, workers at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith get busy planning and preparing a Harvest Dinner. This year's feast was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and featured corned beef and cabbage, assorted fall vegetables, rolls, hot and cold beverages and best of all, a large variety of desserts. Trinity's workers staffed the kitchen, and Habitat for Humanity provided the wait staff for the evening meal. Both the Lylyk and Logue-Norton families worked on their "sweat equity" hours and were joined by President, Leonard Campbell. A good time and great meal was enjoyed by all in attendance that fall evening.

The profits for the evening are shared by two charities. **Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity graciously thanks Trinity Episcopal Church for their generous donation of \$564.84.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Region  
Habitat for Humanity  
Walk-a-thon  
A Look Back and Forward**



This year's Walk-a-thon was held on May 3, 2008 in less-than-perfect weather, but that did not stop the faithful volunteers from walking the five-mile route in Gilford. Many thanks to our walkers, businesses, and organizations that collectively raised \$7255.50, despite the rain.

Top individuals deserving special recognition are: Heather Jones, of Gilford, who collected the most pledges, \$850. She received a deluxe accommodations night at Church Landing, in Meredith. This was the third consecutive year Heather took the top donation spot.

Shirley Woodward, of Gilford, raised \$380 in pledges, to take the second-highest total. She has been a dedicated volunteer for the First United Methodist Church and has been actively involved with coordinating volunteers at the host church for the LRHFH Walk-a-thon for numerous years. This is the second time she has taken home a reward. The Inns and Spa at Mills Falls graciously supplied both first and second prizes. Shirley was given a choice of one night's accommodations at one of the four inns in Meredith.

With \$362, Earl Miller, of Moultonboro, took third place and was rewarded with a generous gift of dinner for four and admission to Comedy Night at Patrick's Pub and

Eatery, in Gilford. Earl and his wife, Gail, have both been dedicated board members and/or volunteers for Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity.

We could not have had this successful event, without the support of the Outreach Committee members from our host, the First United Methodist Church. They plan for the event, pray for good weather, provide safety signs and crossing guards, solicit food donations (generously provided by Hannaford's Supermarket, Shaw's Supermarket, Dunkin' Donuts, and Gilford House of Pizza), and prepare breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks for the hungry walkers. Our thanks to every one of you.

Our faithful corporate sponsors included: EM Heath, Inc., East Coast Foundation, Bouliia-Gorrell Lumber Company, Danielle Family Foundation, Inc., Jack Murray-MHM Plumbing, Franklin Savings Bank, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Central and Northern Title Company, Inc., Moultonboro Self Storage, Bradco Supply/Wickes Lumber, The Home Beautiful, RM Hammond Excavation, and Richard Whiting Custom Home Painting. You all deserve a tremendous THANK YOU!

Would you like to help make next year's event even bigger and better? Volunteers are needed to help with planning, soliciting sponsors and awards, designing and delivering posters, etc. The committee work begins in late January, or early February, and continues through the event in May. Interested persons may call 279-4820 or e-mail us at [volunteer@lrhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@lrhabitat.org).

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 2, 2009, and join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Clem Cummings Walk-a-thon**. Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, or co-workers along with you, and raise funds to help provide decent, affordable housing for those in need in the Lakes Region.

**Alternative Gift Program**

When giving a gift to someone, wouldn't you want to be offering them something that will last for years? Consider a donation toward affordable, decent housing, given in the name of a friend, family member, co-worker, or someone you admire. When you make an Alternative Gift donation in the name of another person, we will send that person a card indicating that you have made a contribution, in their name, to Habitat for Humanity.

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward a Habitat house. Please send a gift card to the person named below:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of  
\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of the Holiday Season

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### People Helping People

Your time, talent, and treasure are needed. Share what you have with others by becoming a Habitat for Humanity Partner. Join others who have made a difference in the lives of their neighbors, by contributing today.

We need volunteers to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help build the houses                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 can buy electrical wire or insulation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate land  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 can buy light fixtures                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate building materials                                | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 can buy electrical tools               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work with Habitat families, as an advocate               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 can buy doors                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a committee (outside of the Board of Directors) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 can buy interior doors or roof trusses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Board member                                    |   |

I would like to become a Habitat Partner and share my gifts with others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



### Wish List for Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity

- Board members to represent the areas of Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia, Northfield
- Volunteers to serve and support our committees outside of Board Meetings.
- **New copier machine capable of making color copies and 11"x 17" pages.**