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**A MONTH OF LUNCHES EQUALS BIG BUCKS FOR HABITAT!**

**Bucks County, PA**—(23 February)— New Britain company, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. a local provider of Engineering and Consulting Services, designated March as Habitat Month! During the month, the company bought employees' lunch in exchange for their contributions to the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County and then matched the amount collected. The check, totaling \$2,040 raised by the Gilmore staff and even a few clients, was recently presented to the Habitat staff.

"What [Habitat] is doing is commendable. We don't have many vehicles for affordable housing in this county. It was a fun and easy way to get involved - food gets our group every time!" laughed Steve Gilmore, president of the company.

"It was a lot of fun. We had very enthusiastic participation from our employees," agreed Gilmore's Chief Operating Officer, Bob Solarz, "We even had a couple of our clients involved. Normally, we'd invite them out to lunch, but once they heard about Habitat, they insisted on paying themselves."

Gilmore & Associates, Inc. can be reached on the web at [www.gilmore-assoc.com](http://www.gilmore-assoc.com). Their participation comes as a result of a recent request to area businesses to designate a "Habitat Month." There are many ideas available for your own company's participation. If you'd like an ideas sheet or would like to support Habitat in some unique way, please contact Joe Morrison at 215.348.2204 x303; [j.morrison@habitatbucks.org](mailto:j.morrison@habitatbucks.org).

*Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County brings individuals, families and communities together to build affordable homes with those in need. We are a Christian ministry that calls on all people regardless of religious preference or cultural background to make safe, simple, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action in Bucks County.*

*Habitat for Humanity homes are sold at cost through no-interest loans held by Habitat. The homes are sold with no profit made. Homeowners contribute "sweat equity" and house payments are recycled to build additional houses. For more information about Habitat Bucks, please call 215.348.2204 or visit [habitatbucks.org](http://habitatbucks.org).*

**Additional Quotes:**

"We loved the idea of doing something for Habitat. We were given great suggestions on how to get involved so it was easy to participate." —Bob Solarz, chief operating officer of Gilmore and Associates

"Hopefully we can do this again in the future!" —Steve Gilmore, president of Gilmore and Associates

**Photograph Caption:**

*From left to right: Joe Morrison, deputy director of administration and finance at Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County; Steve Gilmore, president of Gilmore & Associates, Inc.; Trish Kriger, executive director at Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County; Bob Solarz, chief operating officer, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.. Gilmore and Solarz recently presented a check in the amount of \$2,040 to Morrison and Kriger. The check represents funds raised from Gilmore and Associates participation in Habitat Month.*

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