

Hi Women Builders,

Scheduling for several Women Build events is now underway! Please read below for the latest Women Build news.

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### **Fundraising**

Funds Raised to Date: \$20,000

2008 Goal: \$100,000

### **Jones Apparel Group**

Thank you to Jones Apparel Group for their \$5000 Independence Builder sponsorship of the Women Build! This is the fourth consecutive year that Jones Apparel Group has sponsored the program.

### **Lowe's Sponsored Build Day**

Lowe's, national underwriter of the Women Build program, has pledged \$5000 sponsorships to 100 Habitat affiliates, including Bucks County, who hold Women Build days during the week of Mother's Day in May. Thank you to Lowe's for their tremendous support!

### **Sponsors Needed**

Most of our major Women Build sponsors have come through a personal, direct connection with a Women Builder! We need more of those inside connections, more women going to their employers, talking about their Women Build experience, and finding out the potentials for sponsorship. So I'm asking you to consider, where do you work? Does your employer have the potential to be a Women Build sponsor? Might you have non-work connections with someone to whom Women Build would appeal? You never know where those connections might lead. Please contact Beth at [b.adams@habitatbucks.org](mailto:b.adams@habitatbucks.org) or 215-348-2204 x305 with any potential sponsor contacts.

### **Lowe's Training Clinics**

National Women Build sponsor Lowe's will be offering Women Build clinics in basic construction skills throughout the year. Attendance at these clinics is not required to participate in the Women Build, but they are a great way to learn new skills and become comfortable with your construction abilities before joining us at the build site. The clinics will be held at the Quakertown Lowe's on Route 309 on Wednesdays March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. These clinics are free, but registration is required. Spaces are limited to ensure everyone gets hands-on experience. To register, please contact me at [L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org](mailto:L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org). The clinics at the Warrington Lowe's are full.

### **Steering Committee (March 6)**

Our next steering committee meeting is on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Habitat office. Please consider joining this amazing group of women. RSVP to me at [L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org](mailto:L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org) if you plan to attend.

### **Women Build Days (April 26, May 7)**

If you are interested in trying your hand at construction in a women-only environment please join us on one of two Women Build days being offered this spring. Build Days will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Emerald Hollow development in Milford Township. Registration is required. Spaces are limited and registration is first-come, first served. Please contact me at [L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org](mailto:L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org) or 215-348-2204 x302 to reserve your place.

**Build-A-Thon (June 7-14)**

Registration materials are now available for the Women Build-A-Thon from June 7-14, 2008. Registration forms will be accepted from March 1<sup>st</sup>-May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact me if you are interested in receiving these materials.

**Botany Decorating**

Women Builder Barbara Davis, owner of Hatboro-based interior design company Botany Decorating, has decided to donate \$10 from each sale to the Women Build program. Thank you for your contributions to the Women Build!

**Dedication Ceremony (March 13)**

Please join us as we present six families with the keys to their new homes! Four of the homes were worked on during Women Build-A-Thon 2007, and Women Builders worked on the others during build days in April and August. The ceremony will take place at Emerald Hollow on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. Following the key presentation the homes will be open to tour and light refreshments will be available.

**Note:** If you received this email, it means that you are on my women build email update distribution list and should expect to receive program updates twice a month and occasional announcements. If you are not interested in receiving these, please let me know.