

Hi Women Builders,

I am back in the office after a fantastic Lowe's-sponsored Women Build day yesterday! To join the fun, consider signing up for our next building event, the annual Build-a-thon, from June 7-14.

Laura

Fundraising

Funds Raised to Date: \$27,259

2008 Goal: \$100,000

1st Savings Bank of Perkasio

Thank you to 1st Savings Bank of Perkasio for their \$5000 Independence Builder Sponsorship of the Women Build program!

Build-A-Thon (June 7-14)

Women Build-a-thon is a very special week, one dedicated solely to women, on the Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County construction site. Participants of Women Build-a-thon gather pledges to sponsor them to build at the Emerald Hollow development in Milford Township. Participants can sign up to build for one day, two days, or the entire week! For registration materials, please contact me at L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org or 215-348-2204 x302. Not sure how to ask for pledges? Contact me for a template pledge solicitation letter.

Feed the Women Build-ers

Build-a-thon Week wouldn't be complete without some delicious grub. If you think you or your group might be interested in providing a lunch during Build-a-thon, please contact me at L.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org or 215-348-2204 x302.

Blue Tulip Fundraiser

Searching for invitations, announcements, Mother's Day or teacher gifts? Shop Blue Tulip, located in the Valley Square Shopping Center at Route 611 and Street Road in Warrington, on Saturday, May 10th from 10am-3pm and support the Women Build program! All patrons who mention Habitat for Humanity when they check out will have 15% of the amount of their purchase donated to Women Build.

Fall Foliage Raffle

Purchase your tickets now for the chance to win a Fall Foliage weekend getaway in Vermont, sponsored by State Farm Agent Shawn Velez!! This four-day, three-night trip for two includes accommodations at Hollister Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast in Marshfield, Vermont (www.hollisterhillfarm.com) from October 2nd-5th, \$100 gas card, and a half-gallon of the farms very own maple syrup! Tickets are \$20 each and are available online at www.habitatbucks.org/shopProducts.asp or they can be purchased at the Habitat office. Please let me know if you would like raffle tickets to sell at your office or in your neighborhood. The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 14th at the Closing Ceremony of the Women Build-a-thon. You do not need to be present to win. All raffle proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's Women Build program.

Women Build Days

Habitat's first 2008 Women Build day was held on Saturday, April 26th. Over 20 women joined Habitat partner families at Emerald Hollow to build walls, install shaft wall, and lay block, led by our Women Build crew leaders. Steering Committee member Mary Meister and Brownie Troop 2530 provided a delicious lunch for the workers. Another Women Build Day was held on

Wednesday, May 7th. This building effort was part of National Women Build Week, during which Lowe's provided \$5000 build day sponsorships to 150 Habitat affiliates, totaling a \$750,000 contribution to Women Build programs nationwide. Thirty women, including 6 Lowe's employees, spent the day setting roofing trusses, framing walls, installing 2nd story decking, and installing exterior doors. Applebee's provided lunch for the workers.

Strawberry Festival

Last weekend Habitat set up a booth at the Peddler's Village Strawberry Festival to sell products and raise awareness of the Women Build program. Over \$900 was raised from the sale of Habitat merchandise and raffle tickets! Raffle items for the event were donated by Earl's, Western Chic, Trenton Thunder, and Paul Krapf. Thank you to Theresa Sheehan for organizing the event, and to all the volunteers who assisted. Also at the Strawberry Festival, Women Build crew leaders and clinic participants spent Sunday building plant stands and bluebird houses at Gracious Living. Plant stands will be sold for \$25 and bluebird houses will be sold for \$15 to raise funds for the Women Build. To place an order for an item, contact Beth at b.adams@habitatbucks.org or 215-348-2204 x305.

Women Build in the News

Pick up the April/May editions of the Bucks County Women's Journal (www.buckscountywomensjournal.com) and Bucks County Woman magazine (www.buckscountywoman.com) to read about the Women Build program!

The Latest Fashion Trend!

The WB crew leaders, being led by the fabulous Jan Wheeler, are organizing the purchase of Women Build sweatshirts and t-shirts! Two versions are available, hooded and crew, in two colors, oxford grey and grey heather. They are 9 ounce Jerzees brand, 50% polyester, 50% cotton and sized in men's sizes (S, M, L, XL, 1XL, 2XL). Cost for the sweatshirts is \$25 for the crew and \$35 for the hoodie. T-shirts are available in grey and blue for \$15 each. To place an order, contact Jan at jmwheeler@epix.net, 610.982.9584(h) or 610.420.0261(c).

NAWBO Conference

The Greater Philadelphia chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners will be presenting a leadership conference, "Success and the City," on Thursday, May 29th at the University of Pennsylvania from 8am-2pm. Five dynamic women will talk about their leadership experiences on the road to success. Presenters include Judy Spires, President, ACME Markets, Maxine Clark, Founder/CEO Build-a-Bear Workshop, Inc., Sara Laschever, co-author of *Women Don't Ask*, Colleen Barrett, President, Southwest Airlines, and Lisa Nutter, President, Philadelphia Academies, Inc. For more information visit www.GoNawboPhilly.org.

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