

upcoming events...

MARCH 7-13 • COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

Our 3rd annual **Collegiate Challenge** features three dedicated student groups who'll spend their spring break working at Emerald Hollow. The students will stay at the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trumbauersville with additional provisions made available by the YMCA.

MARCH 25-27 • HBA BLITZ BUILD

Announcing the largest blitz build in Habitat Bucks' history! The **Home Builders Association of Bucks and Montgomery Counties Blitz Build** will build Cluster Seven as well as a gazebo for the common area of Emerald Hollow. The HBAs' contributions include both materials and labor to construct all four homes!

APRIL 3, 12:00-2:30 • BLITZ BUILD FÊTE

Join the fun and celebrate March's blitz build accomplishments at the **HBA Blitz Build Celebration!** Enjoy live music and picnic fare. For more information, contact Sam Martin at ext. 310 or at s.martin@habitatbucks.org.

APRIL 11-24 • GREENscaping Days

The first ever GREENscaping Days will be held at the Emerald Hollow Community. This new Habitat Bucks program allows young people to be actively involved at the building site. See page 3 for more details.

APRIL 25 • GREENscaping Celebration Day

GREENscaping participants, their families and friends are invited to this event, as we dedicate the shrubs and trees planted and celebrate the young people's accomplishment. Plaques will be awarded to the top three fundraising groups. Every participant will be recognized with a certificate and a GREENscaping pin. Refreshments, music, prizes and special guests will create an enjoyable day of family fun! For more information, contact Outreach Programs Coordinator, Kelly Hile, at ext. 305; k.hile@habitatbucks.org.

MAY 8 • ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to help clean up our piece of highway—on Stump Road between routes 313 and 611. Clean up usually takes two hours. To volunteer, contact Erin Ross at ext. 302 or e.ross@habitatbucks.org.

JUNE 13 • VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Save the date for this fun, annual event!

SEPTEMBER 12-19 • BUILDING ON FAITH

Mark your calendars now for Building On Faith Week 2004! For more information about how your group can participate in BOFW 2004, contact Faith Relations Associate, Joe Devlin, at ext. 302; j.devlin@habitatbucks.org.

Three Families Find Themselves Home for the Holidays

by Stefanie Clark

Snow frosted the ground around booted feet, while the crisp air kissed bare cheeks to rosy red. The lullabies of Christmas carols welcomed all into the brightly lit tent, as friends huddled together against the chill of the night. The magic of the moment surrounded everyone present as they gathered together to witness three families' dreams become reality. The Cromans, Chenettes and Lenbons—once strangers, now neighbors—were each given a gift so special, no paper could wrap it. On this frosty night on December 18, each family received the keys to their new homes.

After guests enjoyed the caroling of the First United Church of Christ Choir of Quakertown, Rev. Bernie Kelly opened the Dedication Ceremony. Reverend Kelly is Habitat Bucks new president of the board of directors. Family Support Chairperson, Larry Reinfeld, welcomed the new families, their friends and the guests of the night's events.

"Robin [Croman] and Belinda [Chenette] have worked extremely hard on their homes for many months. They both deserve a lot of credit for achieving their goal of homeownership," Larry said. "With the help of the friends, their families and so many dedicated volunteers, their dream of homeownership is now a reality."

Robert Schloneger, pastor of Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, offered an invocation before a special recognition of Paul Landes, outgoing board president. Both Paul and his wife, Janet, were applauded for their countless years of service to Habitat Bucks. Rev. Kelly joined Trish Kriger, executive director, and Dan Kendra, advisory board

member, in sharing remarks about Paul and Janet's dedication to the organization. Following a proclamation by Bucks County Commissioner Michael

Fitzpatrick, Ray Luszczak and Vince Cipriano presented Paul and Janet with an art print of Mother Teresa, as depicted by Alice Fallon, wife of Project Manager Mike Fallon. The Chase Family, on behalf of all Habitat homeowner families, presented the Landeses with a commemorative scrapbook. Pastor Schloneger, with his wife and co-pastor, Enid Schloneger, asked attendees to gather around Paul and Janet for a special blessing, wishing them well in their future endeavors.

Each family was presented with a new Bible for their homes, presented by members of the Faith Relations Committee, who also presented the families with a framed house blessing. Paul Landes made his last key presentation to Habitat family, Belinda and Megan Chenette. Belinda's sons, Trevor and Rick, were unable to attend. With beaming eyes and smile, Belinda shared her gratitude with the crowd.

After Christmas, Belinda had returned to her old neighborhood for an errand. "I realized just how happy I was not to be living there anymore," she said. "Our new neighborhood is so much safer and quieter. I don't have to worry about my kids anymore."

Tammy Schoonover, Bucks County Opportunity Council's Supervisor of Self-Sufficiency Services, made an emotional key presentation to Robin Croman and her children, Heather and Michael. Tammy and Robin worked closely throughout the BCOC Economic Self-Sufficiency Program, and together, facilitated Robin's achieving her goal of homeownership. After receiving the key to their new home, Heather joked to the audience that it is nice to know that, after living in a row home in Perkasio, they will always have a place to park (in their own driveway).



Belinda Chenette with daughter Megan in their new home shortly after dedication. (Sons Trevor and Nick were unable to attend the ceremony)



Robin Croman with children, Michael Croman and Heather Hummel, during December's dedication ceremony.

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She also expressed how proud she was of her mother for having triumphed against all the obstacles that kept them from their dream for so long.

"I know that this home is something nobody can take away from me or tell me what to do," Robin said earlier in December. "We'll finally be safe—in a place we can call our own...and no more moving!"

The Lennon family, Michael and Amy with daughter, Nora (baby Michael, Jr. stayed home with family), were the first open-market buyers to participate in a home dedication. Trish Kriger presented the family with their key. "This has been the best experience for us," Amy said. "We are so excited to be living in such a loving and caring community."

The chill in the air had seemingly subsided with the excited clapping of congratulations and warm tears of gratitude. Pastor Enid Schloneger dedicated each home with a prayer and led the audience in a candle lighting amid the singing of "Let There be Peace on Earth," led by Erin Ross, volunteer coordinator, and Becky Tuszynski. Once the warmth of the candles filled the air, everyone joined in singing, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The ceremony concluded with a final benediction by Rev. Kelly.

Guests were lulled into the new homes by candles in the windows, fresh wreaths on the front doors and the aroma of hot cider. Visitors to the homes were able to view the Christmas trees donated to the Croman and Chenette families, which added to the coziness and charm of the evening.

Habitat Bucks extends its thanks to the many donors who made this night special:

Homeowner Bibles were donated by Provident Bookstore in Souderton. Homeowner Gift Baskets were donated by Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and Christ Church of the United Church of Christ both of Trumbauersville. Brownie Troop 1910 gifted the families with Planter Gifts. The House Blessing Frames were a gift from Doylestown United Methodist Church. The beautiful wreaths were generously donated by Bromm's Lullaby Sod Farm of Fountainville. The candles for the candle-lighting ceremony were donated by First United Church of Christ, Quakertown, whose choir also shared their melodic voices for Christmas carols. The delicious refreshments were gifts of the Future Business Leaders of America from Souderton Area High School and Whole Foods Market.

Third Annual Masked Ball Raises Over \$42,000!

The Third Annual Charity Masked Ball and Silent Auction was held on October 25, 2003 at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland. Under the leadership of Chairperson Kathleen Versland, the event attracted about 150 people, and raised a record \$42,000 to support Habitat's important mission.

Pre-dinner highlights included a wonderful silent auction and music by Michael Moeller. During dinner, guests were treated to a screening of The Visionaries public television program, From the Ground Up, and danced the night away to the sounds of local band, Synergy. A photographer from Bucks Magazine was also on hand to take candid shots of guests enjoying themselves for the January issue of the magazine.

Sponsors of the gala included Quakertown National Bank and Merrill Lynch. Costume prizes were awarded to Gene Fickes, Lois Kaie, Ray Luszczak and David Shapp. Habitat family members, who attended compliments of the dinner committee, served as judges for the awards.



top left: David Schapp of the EdComm Group in Fort Washington, captured the coveted Best Overall Costume title.

top right: Jennifer & Steven Argue, a Habitat partner family, enjoy the evening's festivities in costume.

center: Joseph Morrison from Habitat presents Tom Bisko, president of Quakertown National Bank, the Dinner Sponsor Award.

bottom: Joseph Morrison presents Kathleen Versland with the Dinner Chair Award.



A touching ending to an emotional evening—dedication guests sing during the candle lighting.



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2002 Record Broken at the Second Annual Charity 5K!

The cold temperatures and biting wind on Saturday, November 29 did not dissuade the 123 hardy runners who braved the conditions to run the **Second Annual Habitat for Humanity 5K**. The race was organized by the Quakertown Rotary Club using the facilities of the Quakertown United Methodist Church. The event netted nearly \$1,900 for Habitat's work in Bucks County.

John Lipa of Luddington, MI, finished first overall breaking the 16:57 record with 16:13. Chris Leitz of Manchester, NH, was second in 17:12. Dean Dimmig of Quakertown, the 2002 winner, was fourth in 17:32. Nancy Smith of New Britain was the first woman in 20:57 and Quakertown's Mary Latza took second in 21:54. Mary's husband Randy was the third men's finisher in 17:18.



The Habitat family was well represented in the field. Anthony Clark, husband of Family Program Director Stefanie Clark, finished sixth overall in a time of 18:13.

Dean Dimmig (front) won first in his age group at 17:32, as did Eric Rudolph (back) at 17:33.



This year's group of 123 runners begins the 5K.

Stefanie ran 32:03, taking 3:30 off her 2002 time. Habitat homeowner Natasha Brockington and Board Member Larry Reinfeld helped Family Support volunteer Gregg Forry complete the course in 44:46. Gregg left his wheelchair at the end to finish under his own power. Rich Cole, who moved into his home in June, ran the race with his dog, Yoda. Yoda, a five year old beagle, captured a rawhide bone as the First-In-Species prize. Aided by Yoda, Rich was the last human finisher with a time of 44:57, allowing him to clinch the coveted Backpacker Award, a \$15 gift certificate for The Chocolate Factory in Trumbauersville.

Ade Onanuga represented Quakertown Rotary on the course, finishing in 30:24. Ade was inducted into the Club on the preceding Tuesday. Race sponsors Sue Fischer of Fischer's Tuxedo and Dr. Alan Non, D.D.S. also ran. Sue ran nearly 3:00 faster than the year before,

finishing as the fourth woman overall and first in the 40-44 age group. Alan ran a fine 26:40, good for seventh in his age group.

The Chenette, Croman and Krueger families helped on site, aiding the compliment of volunteers from Quakertown Rotary and the Bux-Mont Runners' Club. Habitat's Chief Development Officer, Joe Morrison, and his sons, Peter and David, also pitched in. Belinda Chenette was the official starter for the race.



Race organizer and Marshall Bill Tuszynski, dressed for the occasion compliments of Fischer's Tuxedo, stands with "First Overall" race winners, John Lipa and Nancy Smith.

Along with Quakertown Rotary and Quakertown UMC, sponsors for the race were Fischer's Tuxedo; Quakertown National Bank; Robert G. Moffett, Attorney at Law; Hutchison, Goreman and Freeh; Scheithauer Chevrolet; Alpine International; St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital; Barmar Travel; Visionetics; Sal's Pizza Randa; Boyer's Food Market; The Chocolate Factory; Meyer's Restaurant; White Eagle Group; Alan Non, D.D.S.; Schuylkill Valley Sporting Goods; and TGI Friday's in Quakertown.

THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of one of Habitat's newest homeowners, Stefanie Clark would like to extend tremendous gratitude to the following people and organizations who were able to come to the aid of a family in a time of crisis: the entire office staff of Habitat Bucks, Ray Luszczak, Dan Kendra and family, Precision Solutions, Tammy Schoonover and Bucks County Opportunity Council, Pastor Bernie Kelly and St. John's Lutheran Church in Richlandtown, Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Love In Action Coalition, Pennridge FISH, Upper Bucks Salvation Army, the Quakertown Ministerium, Larry Reinfeld, Gregg and Jane Forry, Penn Foundation and Penn Foundation's Wraparound Services. Your generosity of time, energy and money has made one family's dream come true. You are all ANGELS!



REPRESENTATIVES FROM DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH PRESENT A CHECK TO JOE MORRISON OF HABITAT BUCKS.

The Doylestown Borough Tennis Tournament raised \$400 for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. This is the tenth year the borough has held the charity event.

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church of New Hope held an Alternative Christmas Market on

December 7th which raised \$1,500 for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. The church also regularly sends out volunteers to our Emerald Hollow construction site. We are very grateful for their continued support.

Habitat's Outreach Office Introduces the GREENscaping Program

GREENscaping (Gathering Resources to Establish an Ecological Neighborhood) is a challenge to young people to participate actively in our community-building efforts at what is considered the largest, most innovative Habitat construction site in the northeast, Emerald Hollow Estates.

Though individuals under 15 are unable to build directly on houses for safety reasons, landscaping around them is a hands-on way to be involved on the construction site.

Groups are asked to raise funds for either trees or the landscaping surrounding one house. In the spring, all participating groups are invited to

plant their contribution as well as attend a dedication ceremony at the Emerald Hollow community to celebrate their achievements. For more information about the GREENscaping program and upcoming events, contact Outreach Programs Coordinator, Kelly Hile at ext. 305; k.hile@habitatbucks.org.



Volunteer Orientation Update

Volunteer Orientation is no longer a requirement to volunteer with Habitat Bucks. However, we do encourage all volunteers, novice and seasoned, to attend a Volunteer Information Session.

The sessions are held on the third Saturday of each month at Emerald Hollow at 10:30 am. The objective of these sessions is to familiarize volunteers with the Habitat Bucks mission, history and current projects and opportunities.

If you would like to attend, please contact Erin Ross at extension 302, e.ross@habitatbucks.org to schedule.



Paul and Janet Landes during Paul's recognition at December's dedication ceremony.



director's corner

by Trish Kriger, Executive Director

A new year brings new promise and the opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments and challenges. As Habitat Bucks looks back over our fourteen-year history, we can see with great clarity that the conviction, faith and leadership of one man has led our organization of thousands toward a single goal, to eradicate substandard housing in Bucks County. That man is Paul Landes.

After countless years of dedicated service in multiple roles, Paul resigned his position as Board President as of December 31, 2003 and has turned over the reigns to our new President, Reverend Bernie Kelly of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richlandtown.

On December 18th, hundreds gathered at Emerald Hollow to celebrate the dedication of three more homes and to honor the man who led us all to that moment. Speakers reflected on the humble beginnings of the affiliate, a table at Doylestown Presbyterian Church. It was around this table that Paul and several others committed themselves to the mission and began to build a firm foundation for what is now Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County.

Years later, Paul recognized that in order to truly realize our mission, we would have to make significant changes. Through his inspiration and vision, the affiliate moved from building scattered site homes at a rate of one to two homes a year, to embarking on a community of over seventy homes at Emerald Hollow.

The move was innovative and bold and at times intimidating, but throughout the process Paul reminded us that, "Excellence is the result of caring more than others think wise; Risking more than others think safe; Dreaming more than others think practical and expecting more than others think possible." Paul delivered these very words of excellence to us more than two years ago, as we were staring down the barrel of this seemingly

impossible task of building Emerald Hollow. Today eighteen families call Emerald Hollow home and at least fifteen more families will move into the community this year.

During the December ceremony, Dan Kendra, advisory board member, shared his thoughts about Paul's legacy. The words touched my heart so deeply and were such an eloquent depiction of Paul's leadership that I wanted to share them once again:

What if one man did?

- *What if one man knew that there was a greater need than his own?*
- *What if one man found a theology and others in harmony with him?*
- *What if one man had the compassion and skill to unite people for a common good?*
- *What if one man did not falter in the face of adversity and despair?*
- *What if one man was passionate about a vision?*
- *What if one man acted on his beliefs in pursuit of this vision?*
- *What if one man was able to look past boundaries and see true potential?*
- *What if one man never left go of a dream?*

...One man did.

In recognition of Paul Landes, for outstanding leadership with Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County.

Dan Kendra, December 18, 2003.

We are so pleased that Paul will stay very active with the affiliate as he will now serve on the Advisory Board. Needless to say, words cannot express our gratitude for all he has done and will continue to do for our families, our affiliate and our community.

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Are you tired of upgrading your cell phone and not knowing what to do with old one? Don't throw it away – your trash is our treasure!

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is now collecting idle and inactive cell phones as part of a cell phone drive aimed to raise money for our Emerald Hollow Project. This will be an ongoing fundraiser, so we are asking that you appeal to friends and family members to gather their unused cell phones as well. Send phones by mail or drop off at our office: 340 N. Broad Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. Or drop them at our building site: Emerald Hollow Estates in Trumbauersville.

If you have any questions please contact Laila Brenner at extension 312; l.brenner@habitatbucks.org.

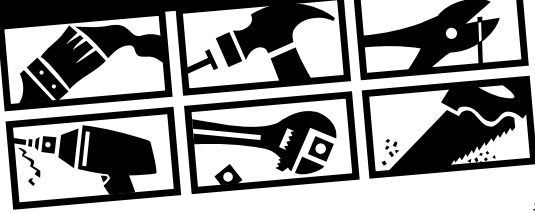
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Volunteer Spotlight



The origin of **KELLI REGAN'S** involvement with Habitat Bucks is an interesting take on holiday giving. Each year for Christmas, she and her husband, Dan, give his parents a gift to a charity, in lieu of presents. Three years ago, their present was to donate their time with Habitat. Kelli initially planned to volunteer on the construction site, but soon found something that better utilized her skills—marketing and design.

Kelli has an extensive background in marketing and communications and owns a design business, the Lightbulb Lab in Langhorne, with her husband. She focuses on design while he does the writing. Her professional experience made her a perfect fit for our Marketing Committee. As a member, Kelli saw an opportunity to produce our quarterly newsletter, which was being done in-house at the time. Offering her services, she re-designed the newsletter and gave it a new name, "Coming Home."

"It's important for the newsletter to be attractive and readable," Kelli says, "and for it to convey information in an easily accessible way." The first issue produced under her stewardship came out in January of 2002, and she continues to provide her expertise.

This past holiday season, Kelli found another way to dedicate her time to Habitat. As a member of the Activities Committee in Laurel Oaks, a beautiful community of 275 homes, she suggested a holiday house tour and offered to chair the committee running it. Because the neighbors feel blessed with their homes, Habitat Bucks was chosen as a logical beneficiary of the tour proceeds. Incredible enthusiasm by residents, participants and sponsors created a hugely successful event that raised over \$1,400. Kelli and her committee plan to repeat the event next

year.

Kelli's volunteerism does not end with Habitat. She contributes her skill in design work at Woodside Presbyterian Church, of which she is a congregation member and a deacon.

Additionally, she is a member of Team in Training for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Kelli has three "centuries" to her credit—100-mile bike rides that raise funds for the cause. She has cycled through New Mexico, California, Nevada and Maryland, raising more than \$12,000 in the process! "Health is a gift,"

Kelli believes, "to be used to help others."

She is also passing along her dedication to community service to her two children, daughter Cody, 8, and son Connor, 6. Kelli serves as the leader for Cody's Brownie Troop, a group of 14.

"When I became involved with Habitat, Emerald

Hollow was just an idea," Kelli remembers. Being witness to the phenomenal growth Habitat Bucks has experienced since then has kept her inspired. "I feel so touched at the outpouring of support Habitat is receiving. With every newsletter I do, I believe more strongly in the mission of Habitat."

We are grateful to Kelli for her dedication to Habitat and her spirit of service, which in turn inspires us and others.

MAUREEN SCHMIDT

knows the meaning of volunteer work. When she's not working in Medical Education Financial Services at MERCK Pharmaceuticals, chances are she's either rescuing homeless cats or swinging a hammer to support Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County.

For almost three years now, Maureen has given Habitat Bucks more than just her time.

"Maureen is one of our most dedicated volunteers on site. Not only is she an extremely hard worker, she's an amazing

influence on other volunteers," says Julie Kasten, former AmeriCorps member. "Her positive attitude and willingness to work inspires me."

When Ray Luszcak, Habitat's site supervisor, was asked to say a few words about Maureen, we couldn't get him to stop talking, "Maureen is such an asset to us. No matter rain, snow, sleet or sun, she is always here and always laughing. We love having her here."

Says Maureen, "I've always loved construction work and I've had great mentors at Habitat."

When she's not swinging her hammer at Emerald Hollow—where she recently purchased one of the open-market homes—it's most likely because she's showing another volunteer what to do.

"Maureen has not only been a valuable volunteer to us, she's also been an amazing teacher. There have been many times when new volunteers get confused or need guidance, and Maureen is right there to lend a helping hand," Ray admits, "She's just great...what else can I say?"

Maureen's volunteering doesn't end with Habitat. For the past two years Maureen has been volunteering with the Stray Cat Blues organization where she rescues homeless cats and takes them to the vet for spaying, neutering, shots and other medical attention before finding them a

home. On more than one occasion, Maureen has taken anywhere from one to three cats home with her until they found a permanent home.

Habitat would like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen for her commitment, support, laughter and enthusiasm. There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.

"Everybody should do something," Maureen maintains about volunteering, "you feel good about helping, and take that with you for the rest of your life."



W E L C O M I N G . . .



Craig Bennett

Having been in the business of building for over 30 years, Craig Bennett brings a wealth of residential construction

knowledge to the Habitat staff. When not working on homes for our families, Craig works on his own home, a Victorian-era located in Sellersville. Craig has been renovating his house for 11 years. "Once everything is done, the first thing is ready to be redone," he laughs. Craig also enjoys daytrips to Peace Valley Park and the Poconos for bird watching, and antique hunting with his wife. We're glad to have such a wonderful addition to our construction crew. He can be reached at c.bennett@habitatbucks.org.



Laura Blair

Laura Blair is from the New York area—where she ran the NY marathon twice—and is a former Arthur Andersen CPA and

Publishing Finance Manager for ten years. Most recently she received an MPA from NYU with a concentration in Nonprofit Management and Policy. Her present assignment as a Development Associate is learning the dynamics of fundraising with a special interest in grant writing. Most importantly however, Laura has three cats: Lily, Barron and Tikka. On top of all of this, Laura is volunteering her time three days a week. That's right, she is not a paid staff member, but she has been embraced as if she were. We are extremely grateful to Laura for all her interest and hard work. She can be reached at extension 315; l.blair@habitatbucks.org.



Laila Brenner

Laila Brenner was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. Last May she graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati,

Ohio, with a bachelors degree in English. She joined the AmeriCorps*VISTA program in September, and after two months in an inner city school in Philadelphia, she transferred to Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. She hopes to use this job as a springboard for a future career in the non-profit sector. Two of her favorite pastimes are reading and crocheting. In her new position as a Development Associate, Laila will be providing support services and database management for the emerging fundraising team. We are hopeful that we will provide a great learning environment for Laila, and that she will emerge well-prepared for her future. She can be reached at extension 312; l.brenner@habitatbucks.org.



Mike Fallon

Mike Fallon has left the Habitat Board of Directors to move onto the construction crew! Mike will serve as Project Manager for the

construction team leading scheduling, material acquisition and coordinating subcontractors. Mike will be working hand-in-hand with Ray and the entire construction team to improve efficiency and production. In addition, Mike will be working on Emerald Hollow Phase II development plans. Mike has already been serving Habitat in many capacities including leading the NARI Blitz Framing of cluster three last winter and most recently serving on the Board of Directors. Mike can be reached at 215.536.8393; m.fallon@habitatbucks.org.

Earn Money for Habitat While You Grocery Shop

As many of you know, we have been collecting Acme and Genuardi super-market receipts to raise money for our cause. This is an ongoing fundraiser that has the potential of bringing in thousands of dollars to help alleviate the problem of affordable housing in Bucks County. Whether you shop at Acme or Genuardi's, it only takes one step to contribute:

If you shop at Genuardi's you must register your Genuardi's club card or your credit/debit card at www.escrip.com, or use a sign-up sheet at the Genuardi's customer service counter. Our Group ID Number is 149390004, and you will need to register only once a year. (Genuardi's is no longer redeeming paper register receipts.) Once registered, every time you use your card, a percentage of your purchase will be automatically donated to Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County.

If you shop at Acme, there is no need to register, just simply save your paper receipts, tell all of your friends and family to save their receipts, and mail them in to our office: 340 North Broad Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

If you have any questions, please contact Thelma Williams at extension 374. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Are you looking for something constructive to do with your Wednesdays or Thursdays? Join us at Emerald Hollow to become part of a regular volunteer crew. All skill levels greatly appreciated. For details, call or e-mail Erin Ross, volunteer coordinator, 215-348-2204 x302, e.ross@habitatbucks.org.

Thank You T.H. Properties!

The homebuilding company T.H. Properties, is helping even more people become homeowners by working with Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County. Through a partnership established in April 2002, T. H. P. is providing \$625,000 in funding to Habitat through the year 2004. As the second installment of their pledge, T. H. P. General Partners, Tim and Todd Hendricks, along with T. H. P. Senior Approvals Specialist and Habitat Bucks' Vice President, Steve Bauman, presented a check for \$250,000 to Habitat Bucks' President, Reverend Bernie Kelly, Executive Director, Trish Kriger and Chief Development Officer, Joseph Morrison. These funds will help with construction costs at Emerald Hollow Estates. "T. H. P. has been an amazing partner. This generous contribution and ongoing support are



pictured left to right: T. Kriger, J. Morrison, Todd & Tim Hendricks, B. Kelly, S. Bauman

indicative of T. H. Properties' community spirit and their commitment to improving the lives of families in need," said Trish Kriger.

"We consider it a great honor to be associated with the cutting-edge work of an organization whose reputation is without blemish," explains T. H. P. General Partner, Todd Hendricks, "we are hopeful our gift will encourage others to give as well."

In addition to his direct philanthropy, Hendricks has also served as the Fund Development Chairman of Habitat's \$2.5 million American Dream fundraising campaign since the partnership began. Under his leadership, the campaign has over-achieved its goal eleven months before expected.

wish list

- Bobcat
- Scaffolding
- Air nailers
- 2-horsepower electric air compressors
- Small shop vacs (3 gallon)
- 21-oz. hammers
- Tape measures, 25-30 feet
- Utility knives
- Molded plug extension cords

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OUR MISSION: To build affordable homes, better lives, stronger families and safer communities through partnerships with people and organizations throughout Bucks County.



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