



Habitat Happenings - Happy Spring!!

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Good morning all!!

Hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather this week - Spring may have finally actually sprung!! Thought I'd pop you a note and give you an update on some of the big things going on at Southeast NH Habitat this Spring!!

1. We closed on a property in Farmington!! YES - we WILL be building again this Spring/Summer, and we are THRILLED! Thanks an anonymous donation, we were able to close on a lot on Reservoir Road in Farmington and we will be building a duplex very soon. We are so excited as this means we will be affecting TWO local families with this build. HUGE kudos to Bob McCoy and the rest of his site selection and building team for a job VERY well done.

Are you interested in being part of this build? Keep your eyes peeled for an announcement about the groundbreaking ceremony, and email Margaret O'Brien at tjobrien@metrocast.net to get on our building volunteer email list.

2. Spring Fundraising Efforts - Our fundraising team has been hard at work this Spring, with a "doughraiser" at Uno's in Dover, our first ever Flower Power plant/flower sale, and last weekend's wine-tasting/art auction, "Home is Where the Art Is." Led by our amazing new fundraising chair, Karen Huntress, the team has tipped the fundraising scales at over \$7,000 in the last 3 months!! Big thanks to Foy Insurance for underwriting our event, and to all the artists and local businesses who donated to make this a success. All the money raised will go directly to the homes being built on Reservoir Road in Farmington. GREAT JOB TEAM!!

With this duplex to be built, you can be sure that we will definitely need to raise more money. Want to be part of that team? Pop us a note. Want to help us raise that house? You can send all donations to Southeast NH Habitat for Humanity at PO Box 4428, Portsmouth, NH 03802-4428

3. ReStore is Rockin! - The ReStore team has been VERY hard at work, both at the store as well as on deconstruction sites and at local home and environmental shows. We've been featured in many local papers and blogs - ReUse, ReCycle, ReStore is all the buzz!! We are THRILLED to announce that, ahead of projections, the store has just cut its first check to the affiliate - that's right, the store is already helping us raise money to eliminate poverty housing here in NH!! KUDOS to Tom Boisvert, Jim Gebhardt and the rest of the ReStore team.

The store continues to be a success, but there is always room for more growth - do you want to be part of this amazing venture? Do you want to work at the store? Do you want to donate goods, or help us find goods? Pop an email to nhrestore@comcast.net to get involved by volunteering, donating, or just finding out what the store has that you might need.

Want to be part of our amazing new deconstruction team? Come on - you KNOW you've always wanted to knock down a wall!! Email Tom Boisvert at tab@nhrestore.org

4. Volunteer opportunities are growing! With all the growth and activity, there are even more ways for you to help. We are looking for help on ALL our teams, as well as chairs and co-chairs for Faith Relations, Youth Programs, Volunteer Coordination, Family Selection, Family Support and more. If you want to help, but don't necessarily want to raise a hammer, please give us a shout via email. No matter what your skills, no matter what your time commitment, we have a way to put you to work helping local families realize their dream of homeownership.

Pop me a note at info@senhhabitat.org and/or check out our website for more information. www.senhhabitat.org

Thanks for all your continued support - we couldn't do it without you!!

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