



# Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity Annual Newsletter

2008-2009

## HARTFORD HABITAT KICKS OFF ITS 20TH YEAR!



21 Loomis St. Hartford



153 Capen St. Hartford



101 Charlotte St. Hartford



28A & 28B Erwin Place  
New Britain



41 Enfield St. Hartford



128 Cleveland Ave. Hartford



123 Daly Ave. New Britain

### 2008 Annual Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting, held on January 23rd at the Hartford Club, marked the beginning of Hartford Habitat's 20th year "Building More Than a House" in partnership with families in the capital region.

Hartford Habitat's second Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Bob and Marion Mayo of East Granby. Bob and Marion are two of the principal founders of Hartford Habitat and continue to be a driving force within the affiliate today. Other award recipients included: the American Savings Foundation, the Hartford Lumber Company, the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation and the Trantolo Family. William Shea of Manchester was also recognized as Volunteer of the Year and Jill Canty of Hartford received the Family First Award.



Marion and Bob Mayo receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award

The Trinity College campus chapter presented a donation of \$15,000 to be part of the Neighborhood Build on Enfield Street.

### 2008 Highlights:

Swift Village, an area which includes sections of Waverly, Garden, Charlotte and Risley Streets in Hartford, received the Cooperative Spirit Award. This award is for the significant improvement of a neighborhood, overcoming obstacles and using "green" technology.

With guidance from the city planning department and the Northeast NRZ, Hartford Habitat was able to design a creative and attractive subdivision of 31 new homes. This new neighborhood is named in honor of the Swift family, from whom Habitat purchased the property.

### Build-A-Thon Success!

During the course of eight days, 25 sponsor teams and their volunteers helped build five new homes and raised over \$100,000. The event was held during the week of September 20th through September 27th on Enfield Street. The houses were dedicated on June 27, 2009!

### Women Build Wrap Up!

The home on 45 Loomis Street, funded and built by women, was dedicated on October 8th. The dedication of this new house coincides with the declaration by the United Nations of the first Monday in October as World Habitat Day.



97 Charlotte St. Hartford



45 Loomis St. Hartford



6 Erwin Place New Britain



115 Cleveland Ave. Hartford



45 Enfield St. Hartford



42 Enfield St. Hartford



69 and 71 Enfield St. Hartford

## 2009 20TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS!

### Upcoming Events

To register for specific events visit us online at [www.hartfordhabitat.org](http://www.hartfordhabitat.org)

#### Golf Tournament

August 31

This year's 15<sup>th</sup> annual *Sticks for Bricks* benefit golf tournament will be held at Wampanoag Country Club, located in West Hartford. There is still time to participate and become a sponsor!

#### Family Picnic

September 13

Calling all Habitat Homeowners, Saints, Crew Leaders, Board and Staff members! Hartford Habitat will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year with the Hartford Family Picnic! It will be located at Keney Park in Hartford.

#### Build-A-Thon

September 22-26

This year's biggest fundraiser, the annual Build-A-Thon, will be held on Guilford Street, in Hartford. Register online to get involved!

#### Building on Faith Event

October 1-3

All faith groups will join together for three days of building on Guilford Street.

### VOCE Benefit Concert

November 15

Hartford Habitat will hold a benefit concert consisting of a local choir group followed by VOCE, a professional chamber choir. The event will take place at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford.

### Welcome New Homeowners!

#### 2008 Completed

- Tracy Thomas ..... June 17
- Shani Williams ..... June 17
- Waverly James ..... June 17
- Benito Goiz-Santillian ..... June 26
- Jose Goiz-Santillian ..... June 26
- Roan Bell ..... June 26
- Nichole Hawkins ..... Oct. 8
- Theresa Sanford ..... Oct. 16
- Octavia Telfer ..... Nov. 15

#### 2009

- Georgette Bonner ..... Feb. 20
- Sheila Green ..... March 25
- Donna Reynolds ..... June 27
- Georgina Lawrence ..... June 27
- Kevin Montague ..... June 27
- Lynette Roldan ..... June 27
- Tomorra Williams ..... June 27

**\*\*\*NEW!\*\*\***

"Habitat Happenings" is our new monthly e-newsletter. To receive your copy sign up at [www.hartfordhabitat.org](http://www.hartfordhabitat.org)!

## 2009 RECENT EVENTS

### House of Abraham Groundbreaking

March 29

The *House of Abraham* groundbreaking was a great way to kick off the new builds on Guilford Street. More than forty people came together to celebrate the start of building the new duplex. The House of Abraham will be built on Guilford Street in partnership with local Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith communities.

### MCC Cardboard Campout

April 23

Approximately 30 students built houses out of cardboard in front of the Art, Science, and Technology building at Manchester Community College. The man-made *Cardboard City* helped raise money for Hartford Habitat and brought awareness to poverty housing and homelessness.



Two MCC Students preparing for Cardboard City Campout

Fox 61 was present when construction started at 8am and a ribbon cutting took place later that morning. Students had been planning the event for quite some time, collecting cardboard from local businesses as well as placing donation boxes throughout the community. Students slept in their cardboard houses overnight and lived in the city for 24 hours.

### Neighborhood Build on Guilford Street

May 8



Mayor Perez and Sponsors at Neighborhood Build Ground Breaking

The Guilford Street project is part of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

The NSP provides assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise be abandoned. The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 is being used as Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity begins a major project to build seven homes in one neighborhood.

The groundbreaking for the Neighborhood Build on Guilford Street was a huge success! Mayor Eddie Perez, HUD Field Office Director Julie Fagan and many of the sponsors attended.

### Five-house Dedication on Enfield Street

June 27

What started off as a layer of foundation, numerous amounts of sweat equity hours by the homeowners, and an eight day Build-A-Thon back in September has transformed into five completed Habitat houses. Mayor Eddie Perez, numerous sponsor representatives and Board members attended the event to celebrate. The five homeowners showed their appreciation by thanking all the sponsors, volunteers and everyone associated with Habitat for their time and support.



Mayor Eddie Perez with Carrier and the Lawrence Family

*"They deserve nothing but praises because it takes special people to do what they do, and for that I will be forever grateful."* - Georgina Lawrence

There are nine Habitat families living on Enfield Street in Hartford. Currently, builds are happening on Bond and Sexton Streets in New Britain and Guilford Street in Hartford.

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We're always looking for more volunteers to join our committees!

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