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## Charlotte County Habitat Continues to Change Lives, Neighborhoods and Communities

As the need for Habitat for Humanity continues to grow here in Charlotte County, we have added some new programs to help more families in need during these difficult times. We are still building traditional Habitat homes one family at a time and providing safe, decent affordable homes through homeownership.

We have partnered with Charlotte County on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, rebuilding and rehabilitating homes using local contractors and then making the homes available to families through homeownership. The County also offers these homes to other non profits for rental opportunity.

Our most exciting new program is our "A Brush with Kindness" program. This program addresses specific neighborhoods. Habitat

offers exterior repairs, pressure washing, paint, soffit, fascia, roofing and landscaping to low income families who desire to give their home a facelift.

This program has been well received by many



Mike Mansfield, CEO

families and neighbors alike. What an opportunity to help

people in need and give a neighborhood a makeover at the same time. Charlotte County Habitat wishes to continue our programs and the good work that we do.

We can't do this work without your help and support. Please consider making a donation to help fund these ongoing projects. Sign up to volunteer or bring out a group of friends or co-workers for the experience of a lifetime.

Finally, please continue to pray for our mission. Pray for our families, our dedicated volunteers, our generous donors and staff that make so many people's dream of owning a home a reality.

Thank you for supporting our mission and believing in our ministry.

In Habitat spirit,

*Mike Mansfield*

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## Have Spare Time on Your Hands?

### Volunteer with Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity! By Ursula Bean

Interest-Enthusiasm- Commitment - Compassion - These are the qualities of Habitat volunteers. We invite volunteers to join others in the Charlotte County Area to make a difference within our community. Regardless of economic status, age or experience, there is a way for you to make a tangible difference.

Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity expects to build 10 homes this year providing affordable housing for low income families. To reach this goal, we need your help!

Charlotte County Habitat offers

multiple ways for individuals or groups to join us in our mission to eliminate substandard housing. Whether it is swinging a hammer, stocking inventory at the Resale Stores or serving on a Special Events/Project Team.

There is always a place for your unique skills and talents at Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity. You may work side-by-side with a Habitat Partner Family working sweat equity hours helping to support their dream of owning a home. Experience is not necessary!

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13th Annual "Turkey Trot"  
5K Run/ Fun Walk  
November 24, 2011  
Thanksgiving Morning  
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As Charlotte County Habitat nears the end of the 1st quarter of its fiscal year, it's time to “let the building begin”! Our first home of the year “raised its’ walls” on Saturday, September 10th. We had a large turnout for this special event not just because it is our first home of the year, but because of what this home represents.

Our first home of the year is being totally built from “in kind” donations. The roof, the A/C system, the septic....you name it. These vendors deserve recognition for their commitment and passion to help local families in need of safe, decent housing.

Interesting enough, the family partner that will receive this home was donating her time for a friend's home and she was encouraged to apply as well. Isn't it ironic that while generating “in kind” volunteer hours for a friend, an “in kind” home was soon to be in her future! Give and you shall receive. Please thank and support the generous businesses that donated materials and time for this special home: Aluminum Vinyl & Building Products Inc, Bell & Bell Construction,

Boyd Brothers Service Inc, Bradco Supply, Brent Garrod Drywall Inc, Davidson Insulation & Acoustics Inc, Florida Rock Industries Inc, Garage Doors Over Charlotte, James Weaver Roofing Inc, King Excavating Inc, Maple Leaf Electric LLC, Martin Septic Services, ProBuild Company LLC, Resistall Systems, Seacoast Supply, Sod Busters, Softwood Lumber, Square D Company, Sun Coast Portable Sanitation, Inc., Thomas A. Huff Architect, Truly Nolan, Valspar, Waste Management Charlotte County, Whirlpool, Wm F McDonough Plumbing Inc, Yale Locks & Hardware

Thank you for your generous donations that make the American Dream a reality for low-income families in Charlotte County!



Our Gift In Kind Sponsors raised the walls on September 10, 2011!

**A DAY FOR REJOICING!**

Scott and Luann Teter rejoiced in being Habitat homeowners at their home dedication on September 27, 2011. Surrounded by family, friends, Habitat staff and members of the community, the Teters gave thanks for the opportunity Habitat has given them. An opportunity Scott and Luann thought impossible; the opportunity to own their own home.

Thank you to all who volunteered, made financial contributions, donated and/or shopped in our resale stores and to those who pray for our ministry. Because of your generosity, Scott and Luann along with 231 additional families have achieved the “American Dream” of homeownership. We are grateful to all of you.

We will continue to rejoice as we provide safe, decent and affordable homes one family at a time.



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Look for Charlotte County Habitat Under Human Services

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Every Dollar Counts

Our experienced staff will provide you with all the necessary training. Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity has volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Construction, A Brush with Kindness, Women Build, Volunteering; Office Support and Core Volunteering.

Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity gives a warm, heartfelt "Thank you" to all of our volunteers for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year. You are all instrumental in improving the lives of low

income families within our community. So we may continue to build affordable housing, we welcome financial donations\* to cover the actual costs of building materials, supplies and professional site supervision. Every dollar helps! Thank You!

\*Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law



A few of our "celebrity" volunteers - Tampa Bay Rays

"Apostles Build" Raise 1st Wall This Year by Shelly Shepard

What started with a dream and a vision over a year ago has come to fruition as the Apostle Build 2011 raised the first wall on Saturday, March 5, 2011 and culminated in a house dedication on April 19, 2011. This ecumenical build consists of 12 Christian churches each representing an apostle and an individual "angel partner" who each contributed \$4,200.00 to build the first ever Apostles Build house. According to Shelly Shepard, Director of Faith Relations, "Our goal is to make this an annual event. There is nothing more beautiful than 12 churches all working together to, not only fund, but build a Habitat for Humanity house."

The twelve churches involved in "Apostles Build" 2011 include:

Congregational United Church of Christ; Edgewater United Methodist Church; Faith Life Church; Faith Lutheran Church, PG; First Alliance Church, PC; First Baptist Church, PC; First United Methodist Church, PG; Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Lake Suzy; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; St. Mary's Primitive Baptist Church and Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Anointed Air and Refrigeration, Inc. and Boyd Brothers Service, Inc. installed the HVAC at no charge.

Plans have already begun for Apostles Build 2012 with several churches committed.

This house will begin late 2011. If you belong to a church that might be



Apostles Build 2011 Team Members Putting "Faith into Action"

interested in getting involved in this exciting faith build, please call Shelly Shepard, Director of Faith Relations, and she will be more than happy to present this idea to your Missions Committee and/or church. Shelly can be reached at 941-639-3162 ext. 407.

Graphic with a green tree and text: "We're going green! You can too! To receive our newsletter by email simply send us an email with 'NEWSLETTER' in the subject line. habitat@charlottecountyhfh.org"

Habitat for Humanity Resale Store by Vickie Sheldon

Here it is November already. The stores have had a very busy summer and now we are getting ready for the holiday Season. We will be doing a food drive for Thanksgiving and for Christmas again this year. We will also be having wonderful sales and events going on, so please come in and say hello to one of our associates and see what is going on that week. We are still accepting donations, so please give Danielle a call to schedule a pick up at 941-639-0586. If you would like to call the store for any information, please call Punta Gorda at 941-205-shop (7467) or Murdock 941-206-2606 or Englewood at 941-681-3600. We would also like to welcome our northern friends back and invite them to shop, donate, or to volunteer with us at any one of our locations.

Our store hours are Monday through Saturday 9 am to 5 pm.



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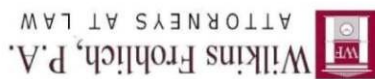


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