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Spring 2010 Newsletter

Hats on to education at the beaches!

Pink hard hats were easy to spot at the inaugural education fundraising event held on May 13 at Selva Marina Country Club. The guests showed off their favorite hats while helping a great cause at the same time! Hats, Hope & Habitat attracted education supporters who took part in raising awareness and funds for our after-school program, a joint venture between Beaches Habitat, the Rhoda Martin Center and the City of Atlantic Beach.

The luncheon featured FSCJ South Campus President Dr. Denis Wright, as well as special recognition of longtime Habitat supporter and co-sponsor of the event, Mrs. Miyuki Scheidel, and lifelong education proponent and former Duval County Sheriff, Nat Glover.

Each table was decorated with a theme and prizes were awarded for outstanding



The Luau theme was a big hit with all of the guests at Miyuki Scheidel's table.

creativity. The winners were:

Best Hat/Female, Frances Foote; Best Hat/Male, Phillip Simmons; and Best Decorated Table-Department of Children & Families for its pink hard hats and construction theme.



The tools of the trade fit nicely on Frances Foote's hat! Her creation won top honors.

Bike & Build Rolls Into Town

Beaches Habitat hosted our 2nd annual Bike and Build event from May 24 to May 30. 28 cyclists and four trip leaders joined construction volunteers at Haywood Estates to build all day at the worksite on Friday, May 28th. Two days later, they dipped

wheels in the ocean before hitting the road to begin their journey of pedaling for affordable housing. The cyclists will travel nearly 3700 miles between now and early August to reach their final destination in San Francisco.



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Celebrating National Women Build Week

There was plenty of activity in Haywood Estates on May 5 as 17 female volunteers (including several of our Women Build members) worked on

the construction site and took part in a wall raising ceremony for the Green and Turner families new homes.

To celebrate a decade of the Women Build program and the important partnership between Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's, the two organizations again declared the week before Mother's Day as "National Women Build Week." The

event annually challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. Here at Beaches Habitat, the Women Build team will return in the fall to build their 11th and 12th homes that will be located in Huang Villas. Big thanks to everyone who came out for the event and to all of our regular volunteers: we are truly blessed to have such dedicated volunteers.



Birdies for Charity

For the third year in a row, Beaches Habitat for Humanity was pleased to partner with THE PLAYERS for their annual Birdies for Charity campaign.

Prior to tournament week, fans are invited to make a pledge to a local charity and guess the number of

birdies that will be made during THE PLAYERS tournament for the chance to win some great prizes. 1,560 birdies were made during the competitive rounds of THE PLAYERS and as a result of the pledges, nearly \$7,000 were raised for Beaches Habitat through the campaign.

As an additional incentive to donate to Beaches Habitat through Birdies, we hosted Pledge-2-Putt events throughout the month of May in which participants could win gift cards and prizes to local vendors. Thank you so much to everyone for their support!



Builders Classic helps to build the beaches

Beaches Habitat and Oceanside Rotary hosted our 6th annual charity golf tournament, this year branded for the first time as the **Builders Classic**. The best ball tournament was held on April 30th at the Selva Marina Country Club to benefit affordable housing and charitable giving at the Beaches. 21

foursomes, including one with United States Congressman Ander Crenshaw, showed their support of our cause by playing in the tournament which raised more than \$12,000 for Beaches Habitat.

Special thanks to our Tournament sponsor, Magic Transport Inc.!

Thank you also to our silver sponsors: Beaches Habitat's Board of Directors, MDI Government Healthcare Solutions, Auld-White; and Scholarship sponsors: Maxwell & Edna Dickinson.



Congressman Ander Crenshaw visits with Sue and Norm Reimer and Executive Director Ralph Marcello.



Across the nation and around the world, more and more homes are being built with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. Homes constructed by affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International, including Beaches Habitat, are no different.

Sustainable practices and products have become more popular as the need for alternative energy systems becomes more apparent. As a way to reduce both initial and life-

cycle costs, Habitat affiliates are taking advantage of their region's natural resources by implementing solar heating strategies, utilizing natural winds, and using locally available materials.

Here at Beaches Habitat, we understand that sustainable homes mean energy efficiency, quality indoor air, durable house structure, and less material waste. It all adds up to more affordable homes pre- and post-construction.

To complement our current sustainable building practices, we will soon be implementing new strategies using Florida Green Building Coalition's standards. These include programmable thermostats, water-saving faucets, and additional homeowner training on sustainability. Our first homes built with the new guidelines are located in our 16-duplex community, Haywood Estates.

Many Thanks to the 2009-2010 AmeriCorps Team!



Beaches Habitat for Humanity has been blessed to have been joined in 2009-2010 by six members of the national service organization, AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps, sometimes referred to as a domestic Peace Corps, pairs committed individuals with organizations across the country serving specific community needs. At Beaches Habitat, members commit to one year of service through either the National Direct or VISTA programs. Our dedicated members are Josh Jared, Peter Gray, Leslie Burke, Kai Smith, Katie Webb and Sonide Simon. The members held

responsibilities in every department of Beaches Habitat from construction to resource development. In addition to their roles within the affiliate, the AmeriCorps members also support other organizations within the Beaches Habitat service area. The entire team participated in a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens and also led a canned food drive that benefited Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Florida. The National Direct members have each participated in a separate project of their own design, working with students in Atlantic Beach area afterschool programs.

Our six AmeriCorps members truly contributed to Beaches Habitat's

mission to eliminate substandard housing in Atlantic Beach by putting God's love into action. Beaches Habitat would like to thank each AmeriCorps

member for their selfless dedication and service. We wish all of them much luck and many blessings in their future endeavors.

Would you like to "Get Things Done For America?" Habitat for Humanity International is accepting applications now for the 2010-2011 AmeriCorps program year through their website habitat.org/ameri-corps.



The 2009-2010 AmeriCorps team (from left to right): Peter Gray, Sonide Simon, Leslie Burke, Kai Smith, Josh Jared, Sarah Rutkowski (Volunteer Coordinator), Katie Webb

Save the date! Beach Bash 2010: Saturday, October 16
6 to 10 p.m. at the Selva Marina Country Club



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