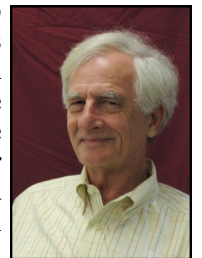


A Message from the President

The excitement is building at Beaches Habitat and the future is bright!

Jacksonville City Council Member, Bill Gulliford, has been elected as the newest Chairman of the Board. This will be Bill's second term as Chairman, as he was my first boss when I began my career with Beaches Habitat in 1996. He is replacing Archie Jenkins III, who just finished his second term as chairman. Over the past 2 years, Archie has been a wonderful leader, bringing many great ideas to the board. We thank him for all he has done and look forward to his continued service as an active member of the board. We also welcome the other new board officers, Vice Chair, Jay McGarvey, Secretary, Janet Wiley and Treasurer, Kerry Cleek. Other members of the Board are Carlos DelValle, Chuck Diebel, Curtis Ford, Fred Franklin, James Gray, Pat Thompson, Dale Wappes, Brian Wheeler and Bill Whitmire.



Bill Gulliford

At a recent planning session, our Board of Directors made some significant changes and decisions for the upcoming year. Some of these initiatives include additional educational programs, new land for future projects, a new administrative office for our growing affiliate and additional space for our education department. New committees have been added to our roster, including a Faith Relations Committee and a Neighborhoods Committee. Finally, the board has approved the budget for the upcoming year.

We move forward with a new team of officers and board members and our affiliate continues to prosper. God bless all of you, staff, board, volunteers, supporters and donors who have helped make us so successful.

Ralph Marcello, President

Volunteer Opportunities off the Construction Site

Habitat for Humanity is known for its volunteer opportunities building homes and our construction site welcomes volunteers five days each week. But did you know that you can help in other ways? The staff in our office is also looking for volunteer assistance and you can be a part of it! Do you have great math or reading skills? Sign up to be a tutor for middle or high school students. Are you interested in helping to guide families through the process of becoming a homeowner?

Come to a Family Support committee meeting to learn how you can assist the program. Are you an event planner at heart? Our signature event, Beach Bash, can't get the party started without volunteers. The Non-Construction Volunteer Opportunities page, on the website, has more information on many of the volunteer positions available.

If you want to be involved in building, but can't swing a hammer, then we've got the position for you! Become a

Construction Site Support Volunteer. On Saturday mornings, a Site Support Volunteer will assist the Volunteer Coordinator with volunteer sign in. Once construction is under way, you'll help keep volunteers in tip-top shape by filling water coolers, refilling the first aid cabinets and serving as supply runner. Volunteers are asked to be 16 or older with a vehicle. A full position description can be found at www.beacheshabitat.org/non-construction.

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Beach Bash 2012: Building Homes for Wounded Warriors

Building Homes for Wounded Warriors is the theme of this year's 9th annual Beach Bash. Beaches Habitat will hold its signature event at the Sawgrass Beach Club on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests will enjoy live music, a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres donated by local restaurants, as well as complimentary wine and beer.

This is Beaches Habitat's primary fundraiser, and money raised will help our mission of eliminating substandard housing in the Jacksonville Beaches community. In particular, we are seeking financial support to help build homes for qualified Wounded Warriors. We believe the men and women that have served our Nation valiantly, and returned with visible and

invisible scars of war, are deserving of community assistance in the form of decent housing. The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Warriors is exciting and we encourage you to support this endeavor.

Tickets for the event cost \$75 each and there are a variety of sponsorship levels available. More information on Beach Bash



2012 is available at beacheshabitat.org/beach-bash or call Beaches Habitat at 904-241-1222.

Congratulations Class of 2012 Graduates!



Mose Stokes, Senior Class Treasurer, participates in the singing of the national anthem during the Fletcher High School graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012! We would especially like to congratulate the following students who graduated from Fletcher High School on Tuesday, June 5th: Raymond Bachman, Destiny Bronson, Mara Cortes, Joseph Inman, Eric Johnson, Paulette McCrary, Akheem Owens, Brandon Payton, Tyree Smith, Tyrone Smith,

Moses Stokes, Michael Whaley and Josh Wigley. Many of these students have registered for fall semester classes at either Florida State College at Jacksonville or the University of North Florida. Moses Stokes has already left for the University of South Florida and has expressed his satisfaction with the new and challenging

environment.

Most of the students have been supported through the Scheidel Foundation's Prep Club and are now enjoying their accomplishments over the years of their participation. We wish them continued success as they journey on to reach new goals.

Congratulations to Our Newest Homeowners!

Beaches Habitat welcomed eight new homeowners into the Habitat family this spring. Families are selected based on need, ability to pay and willingness to partner. Once approved as a partner family, anyone 18 years or older are required to invest sweat equity hours (this is

labor contributed to the construction of the home). Also, our newly approved families must attend at least ten workshops to help prepare them for homeownership. Many of them are full-time employees and must rearrange their employment work schedule to satisfy

our sweat equity requirement; this is true dedication.

The purchase of a Beaches Habitat home requires a \$500.00 down payment with a no-interest 25-year mortgage. Our philosophy is that we provide a "Hand up" not a "Hand out". The

homeowners and their families celebrated the completion of their home construction with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. We would like to congratulate the new homeowners and wish them peace, love and happiness in their new home.



Jessica & Conrado Ortega (left)
Kristen & Derryl Sanders (Right)



Tracy Bascom (left)
Evette Harris-Pierce (right)



Freda Edmonds (left)
Colette LeTang (right)



Marsha & Tony Randolph (left)
Linda & Jesus Pacubas (right)

Summer Happenings in Education



The Roar cheerleaders Chelsea (left foreground) and Heather (left background) meet a participant at the Honor Rows Kick Off event.

June 28, 2012, marked the Honor Rows Kick Off event at the Donner Park Community Center. Honor Rows is sponsored by the Jaguar Foundation and is an eight week program for kids ages 9-18 and their parents. Participation in these sessions earns them a ticket to a Jacksonville Jaguars home game in September. The Beaches Habitat for Humanity Education Department, in partnership with The City

of Atlantic Beach, conducted the sessions. Participants learned to make healthy snacks, read labels, and create healthy meals on a budget.

Other great programs by the Education Department include the Summer Literacy Camp sponsored by The Jim Moran Foundation and Khan Academy math tutoring. Prep Club students in middle school were invited to the Summer Literacy

Camp to learn strategies for improving reading comprehension, general organization and study skills. The Khan Academy math tutoring program was for school-aged children struggling in math concepts and students who wanted to brush up on their math skills for the upcoming academic year. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or a mentor please contact Sue Goebertus at 241-1222.

Volunteers from France

For twelve weeks this summer, Beaches Habitat is hosting three students from La Rochelle Business School in France. The school offers a unique program, called Humacité, which gives students the opportunity to spend 2 to 5 months in France or abroad working with an organization devoted to social change. The goal of

the program is to equip each student with essential values that will help to prepare for life after graduation: commitment, responsibility, humility, solidarity.

This is Beaches Habitat's second year hosting students. The participants this summer are Camille, Sarah and Aurélien. All three students have

completed their first year in the Bachelor of Business program. They have been hard at work, improving their construction skills as well as their English. The construction staff is grateful for their commitment to our program and we look forward to a continuing relationship with La Rochelle.



(From left) Camille, Aurélien and Sarah pose for a quick photo before heading back to work.

AmeriCorps Volunteers Completing their Service



(from top) Allen Dugan, Leslie Katz, Jake Williams, Kelly Bruss and Sharon Saternus were the 5 AmeriCorps for 2011-2012.

Beaches Habitat is saying farewell to an integral part of our team: five AmeriCorps members. Allen Dugan, Construction Crew Leader, served his second year with Habitat AmeriCorps. He is using his Eli Segal Education awards to study civil engineering at the University of Colorado. Jake Williams, Construction Crew Leader, came to Beaches Habitat with a degree in architecture. He has decided to serve another AmeriCorps term with

Habitat New Orleans. Kelly Bruss, Resource Development Coordinator, used her Public Relations degree to help Beaches Habitat achieve several development goals. She will be serving as a team leader for the Southwest campus of the National Civilian Conservation Corps, another AmeriCorps program. Sharon Saternus, Community Outreach Coordinator, joined AmeriCorps after spending two years teaching in Tajikistan. She has helped implement several

programs for our education Department. She has not determined her next adventure, but she has a bright future ahead of her! Finally, we've been blessed with Leslie Katz, Construction Development Coordinator, for two years of service. Leslie's passion and hard work have helped start the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. She will begin classes in the Master of Architecture program at Tulane University this fall. We are grateful for their service and wish them best of luck!



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Doing More than Building Homes

Almost two years ago, Beaches Habitat for Humanity launched the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI). The initiative includes two main aspects- a home repair program and a community development commitment. Last year, we implemented A Brush with Kindness and Critical Home Repair where we began repairing owner occupied homes. As our first repairs were being completed, we began asking the question "How do you feel about your neighborhood?" The answers we received have been overwhelming! Over 200 of our partner families and their neighbors responded, telling us why they love their neighborhood, what they want to see improved, and what their vision is for the future of their neighborhood. After months of surveying, the results for the Donner neighborhood are in. It turns out that 85% of neighborhood residents would recommend Donner as a good place to live and 78% feel safe in their homes at night. The biggest problems in the neighborhood are: (1) traffic or speeding vehicles, (2) drug activity, and (3) stray cats and dogs. The full results of the surveys are going to guide Beaches Habitat as we form a neighborhood coalition and begin to fulfill our commitment to community development. If you are interested in becoming involved in our NRI efforts or reading the full survey results, please contact the Beaches Habitat office, 241-1222.



Members of the Huang Villas homeowner association beautified their neighborhood by planting flowers in honor of Nancy Huang and Sue Taylor. The residents of Huang Villas are so thankful for all these two women have done in order for them to own their own homes. Every time they open their doors and see the Huang Villas sign they are reminded of all the love, time and financial donations Nancy Huang and Sue Taylor have put into the residents' dream of homeownership.