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A message from our Board President

Greetings, friends! I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Archie Jenkins, III and since August, I have been serving as Board President for Beaches Habitat for Humanity. I am so excited about the promising future of this affiliate and have some exciting news to share but first I'd like to give you a little background on me. I am Vice President of Jenkins-Wise, Merrill Lynch in Ponte Vedra Beach where I live with my beautiful wife, Micki, and five of our six wonderful children (the eldest just started at U.F. - GO GATORS!) I am no stranger to Habitat—in fact, Micki and I were among the affiliate's founding members back in 1991. I look forward to getting to know more of you as we work to eliminate substandard housing in our community.

Back to the exciting news. As many of you know, the vision behind Habitat for Humanity is a "world where everyone has a decent place to live." Over the past 19 years, Beaches Habitat has worked hard to make that vision a reality. In our community of just 50,000, we have helped more than 211 families realize their dreams of homeownership. Unfortunately, in spite of all of our hard work, substandard housing still exists at the Beaches and our mission is far from complete. In recognition of everything we've accomplished but also the amount of work that lies ahead, we will soon expand our offerings through the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

We will continue to build new simple, decent and affordable homes, but we will also work to preserve the existing affordable homes in our community. As one of 163 Habitat affiliates chosen to implement the initiative, we will soon begin to fix up and repair owner-occupied homes, as well as rehabilitate foreclosed and abandoned homes. In doing so, we will increase the number of people we serve and communities we shape, and be one step closer to creating a "world where everyone has a decent place to live."

I invite you to learn more about the NRI in the article below and please don't hesitate to contact me at Board@beacheshabitat.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless.

Archie O. Jenkins, III

Introducing the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) is a multifaceted strategic response to the profound challenges that communities throughout the United States are facing due to the subprime mortgage crisis, the historic increase in home foreclosures and the fallout from the worldwide economic recession. Yet many of the methods included under the

NRI umbrella are not new; rather, this is a new way to look at the work many affiliates have been doing for some time. While Habitat's traditional methods of new construction remain strong, increasingly, affiliates across the country are expanding the way they work to attract more volunteers and sponsors and to ultimately serve more families. The holistic approach of the NRI enables

affiliates to have a broader impact at a neighborhood community level.

The NRI includes such diverse housing solutions as A Brush with Kindness, a program focusing on assisting low-income homeowners with exterior repairs and weatherization programs to help homeowners make their houses more energy efficient.

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*Susan Penny Taylor
1946-2010*

Home to be built, street to be named in memory of Sue Taylor

It seems only fitting that when our Women Build team goes back to work in October, they will begin construction of the first home in Huang Villas in memoriam of their fellow Women Builder, Sue Taylor, on the street of her namesake, *Taylor Way*. Longtime Beaches Habitat supporter and volunteer, Sue Taylor, passed away peacefully on June 30th. Sue will be fondly remembered for her nearly

three years of hard work as a construction volunteer and devoted member of the Women Build team. Always equipped with a radiant smile and bright personality, Sue usually joined her fellow ladies in pink hardhats on Fridays. Her dear friend and fellow builder, Patty Burden, remembers Sue's obliging and pleasant nature each time that, as a lefty, she was called on for toe nailing on the right.

Friends, fellow volunteers and supervisors alike recall how she would always jump right in and get to work with such a positive attitude. Yet in spite of being such a hard worker, Sue always said the best part of her build day was when the gals would gather afterwards for lunch, great conversation and laughter. Sue's memory remains in our hearts, as do our thoughts and prayers for her family and loved ones.

Thank you, 2010 Tax Credit Sponsors!

Beaches Habitat is deeply grateful to the seven local companies that generously donated their time and money to build eight new Habitat homes in our beaches community. Through the State of Florida's Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP), Aqua East Surf Shop, Supply

Source and the PGA TOUR each sponsored two homes this year. The remaining two homes were supported by Al's Pizza and The Ware Group. We value our corporate partnerships and are grateful for their participation in the tax credit program. Through this initiative, the State of Florida encourages

businesses to make donations to certified non-profit charitable organizations that provide affordable housing and promote economic development. CCTCP is a win-win endeavor: it benefits the business, it benefits the homeowners and it benefits the community.

To learn more about our tax credit program, call Development Director Mary Anne Christensen at 241-1222.



Volunteers and a future homeowner working on our newest rehab project in Jax Beach.

World Habitat Week 2010: Focusing on the NRI

Monday, October 4th @5:30 pm: Kicking off the UN-sanctioned World Habitat Day, October 4, Beaches Habitat for Humanity will host a Donner neighborhood pick-up 'n' picnic based at our office on Francis Ave.

Thursday, October 7th @ 4 pm: We will host an educational event with our after-school program

students (but open to the public) during which we will talk about the importance of affordable housing locally and worldwide. We will also read books about Habitat, make recycled art and decorate fold-up paper houses to be delivered to our U.S. Senators to emphasize the importance of affordable housing.

Saturday, October 9 @12:30: In addition to our traditional house dedication ceremony, we will be celebrating the wrap to World Habitat Week with an ice cream social and an update on the NRI at Beaches Habitat. 936 1st Avenue South

RSVPs preferred to katiwebb@beacheshabitat.org or 241-1222.

Beaches Habitat Staffer and Husband go on Global Village Build in Nepal

Beaches Habitat Education Director Kathy Christensen and her husband, Richard, “vacationed” in Katmandu, Nepal this summer through the Habitat for Humanity Global Village Program.

Home to the majestic Mount Everest, landlocked Nepal is also one of the poorest countries in the world. Nearly 430,000 families live in substandard housing. Moved by the deeply impoverished conditions, Kathy and

Richard travelled more than 8,000 miles to join other Habitat volunteers for nearly two weeks. The group worked tirelessly in 110-plus degree weather to build a duplex made out of concrete blocks. Two families with three and five children respectively will live in the 300 sq. ft. homes. The trip left a lasting impression on Richard and Kathy and it deepened their desire to build again with HFHI—

the couple is already looking ahead to determine which Global Village trip will be their next “summer vacation!”

For more information on Global Village, you can email gv@habitat.org or call 1-800-HABITAT, ext 7530.



7th Annual Beach Bash to honor Women Builders



WOMEN AT WORK

Saturday Nov. 20, 6-10 pm
Selva Marina Country Club

Beaches Habitat for Humanity will host its 7th annual fundraiser, **Beach Bash 2010: Women at Work**, on **Saturday, Nov. 20!** This fall, our all-female volunteer construction crew, the Women Builders, will begin construction on their

11th and 12th homes for Beaches Habitat since 2004. Through the “Women at Work” theme, we celebrate many years of hard work from some very dedicated women in our community.

This year’s event will again take place at the

Selva Marina Country Club from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests will enjoy live music by local favorite Mid-Life Crisis, a variety of heavy hors d’oeuvres donated by area restaurants, as well as complimentary wine and beer. *See back to purchase tickets.*

Volunteer Spotlight: John Veal

We salute Beaches Habitat volunteer John Veal. For the past decade, John has served as the head electrician at the construction site. He has personally wired over 100 Beaches Habitat homes which saves almost \$1,500 in construction costs per house. As the head electrician, John oversees

the purchase of all of the electrical parts for the homes and provides input for the electrical infrastructure design of each one. Not only does John spend numerous days at the worksite, he served many years on the Beaches Habitat Board with exemplary attendance and participation. Beaches

Habitat Board President Archie Jenkins recently nominated John as the Ponte Vedra Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year. To no one’s surprise, John was selected for the award. Congratulations, John! Thank you for your outstanding public service and for being a role model to us all.



*John Veal,
Volunteer since 2000*



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