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February 2011 Newsletter

A message from our Board President

Happy New Year, friends!

As we enter 2011, I want to thank each of you for making this past year a very special one for Beaches Habitat and reflect on some of the accomplishments that you helped make possible.

History was made late December when Beaches Habitat completed its largest development ever, the 32-home subdivision Haywood Estates. Thanks to our dedicated staff, homeowners and volunteers, this neighborhood exemplifies the vision behind Habitat for Humanity — a “world where everyone has a decent place to live.”

As construction in Haywood Estates was coming to an end, another neighborhood was starting! In October, ground was broken in Huang Villas for ten more homes. Our dedicated women in pink hard hats are building the first duplex!

In addition to new construction, we began efforts to preserve the existing affordable homes in the Beaches community. In October of last year, the Butler family of three moved into their completely refurbished home in South Jacksonville Beach. We will continue this Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative this year, as we fix up and repair owner-occupied homes, as well as rehabilitate foreclosed and abandoned homes.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without our fantastic corps of volunteers and committed donors. We deeply appreciate the generous support from our local church families and corporate partners as well as the college groups who take part in Collegiate Challenge each year.

Our education programs continue to flourish thanks to our outstanding team of volunteer tutors and mentors who support our children.

In closing, you are the reason that Beaches Habitat has now closed on 219 homes since our affiliate began nearly two decades ago. Thank you for your generosity and May God bestow many blessings on you in 2010.

Archie O. Jenkins, III

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Deb Gianoulis to speak at Hats, Hope & Habitat



Our second annual education fundraising event, **Hats, Hope & Habitat**, will be held Wed., May 11 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at

North Beach Bistro. This year's keynote speaker is education advocate and former TV anchor, **Deborah Gianoulis**. Tickets are \$50/person or \$400/table sponsorship of 8. The annual cost to support a child in our after school program is ~\$250. Take part in

raising awareness and funds for our education programs by purchasing a ticket at beacheshabitat.org. Not only will you be helping a great cause, you can also show off your favorite hat at the same time! For more information, call Education Director, Kathy at 241-1222.



Mrs. Miyuki Scheidel (2nd from right), co-host of Hats, Hope & Habitat 2010, with guests at the event.

Ten homes to be built in Huang Villas

Construction on Beaches Habitat's newest neighborhood, Huang Villas, kicked off with a wall-raising ceremony in October. The new subdivision is named after our benefactors, Nancy and Larry Huang.

Nancy is also one of our most dedicated women builders and can be found at the worksite every week. It's fitting, therefore, that the first duplex in Huang Villas is being built entirely by Nancy and her fellow Women

Builders! These first two homes are sponsored by Al's Pizza and Aqua East and are built in memory of Women Builder, Sue Taylor.



Nancy Huang and family were surprised at Beach Bash 2009 to learn that our newest neighborhood would be named after them.



Golfers playing in our 2010 Builders Classic.

Builders Classic Golf Tournament Save-the-Date

Kick off the month of May by participating in our Builders Classic Golf Tournament on Friday, May 6th! Money raised will benefit affordable housing and charitable

giving in the Jacksonville Beaches. We will partner with Oceanside Rotary for the 12th year in a row to present this year's event, which starts at 11:30 am at the Selva Marina Country Club. Play is \$200/

individual or \$800/foursome. An awards dinner and reception will follow play around 5 pm. Sponsorship opportunities, tickets and more information are available at beacheshabitat.org/golf

Beach Bash 2010: Wo-MEN AT WORK

Beach Bash 2010 was dedicated to our women builders who are working on their 11th and 12th homes. Women Builder Jane Wright was honored at the event for her contribution in organizing the group eight years ago. Surrounded by her fellow builders, Jane

was given a crown and a pom pom from Nancy Huang for being the group's cheerleader. Board President Archie Jenkins recognized Jane and her fellow Women Builders for pouring their heart and soul into their work all these years. Delicious food was

Women Builders show off their gift from Habitat: Women Build pink work gloves and their very own pink snack bin!



provided by Marker 32, Ocean 60, Palm Valley Fish Camp, Pusser's Caribbean Grille and Selva Marina Country Club.

Music by Mid-Life Crisis filled the air and guests generously bought tools for the worksite and books for our students.



Eli Thomas Jared, 2 months

On November 15th, Sarah Rutkowski and Josh Jared, Beaches Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator and Construction Supervisor (respectively), received the surprise of their lives — Sarah was 35 weeks pregnant when her water broke

unexpectedly in Selma, North Carolina. The couple was far from home, having traveled to Delaware for a family wedding, and hoped it was a false alarm. Their son had a different agenda— Eli Thomas Jared entered the world the following day, November 16, 2010. The doctor soon determined Eli needed special care for his lungs and was transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wake-Med in Raleigh. Not only was Eli's health in question but his mom and dad were in an

Thank you from Sarah Rutkowski and Josh Jared

unfamiliar town with no support system and no place to stay. Much to their relief, the hospital staff found Josh and Sarah a hotel room and provided them with a gift card for the cafeteria. The couple says that the outpouring of generosity and support from friends and family was overwhelming. "I don't think we could have made it through those weeks without the help we received from the staff, volunteers and families of Beaches Habitat. We are so grateful to everyone

who reached out to us. Your support helped us keep our attention where it belonged — on Eli and his care," said Sarah. Two months later, Eli grows stronger every day. As Josh and Sarah adjust to their new lives as parents, they can't help but reflect on their good fortune. "Our baby is healthy and we have all been loved and cared for by our Beaches Habitat family. We can never thank everyone enough," added Sarah.



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**Habitat Young Professionals
of the Jacksonville Beaches**

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