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A Message from the Board President



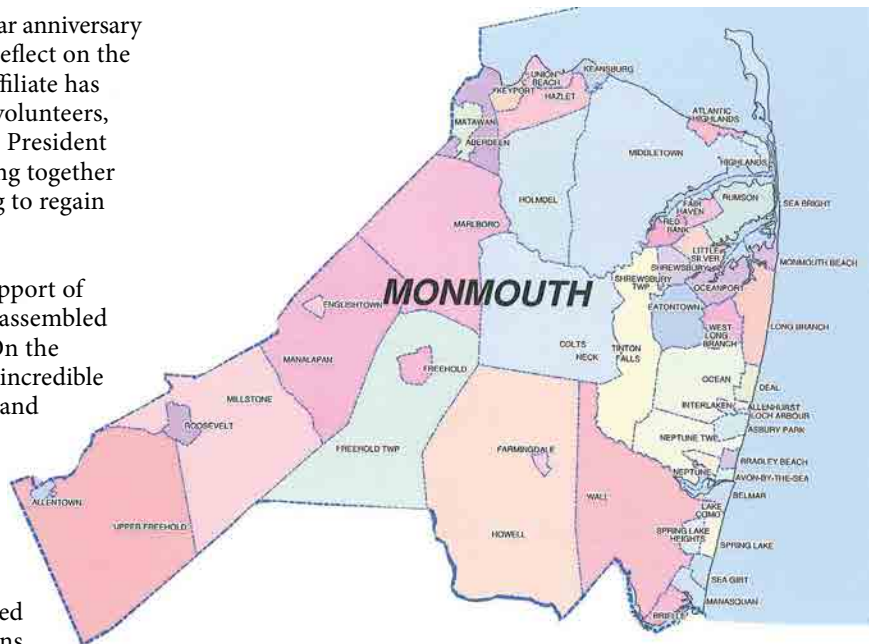
As we approach the two-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, we reflect on the numerous blessings our affiliate has received. From armies of volunteers, generous supporters, a US President to so much more all coming together to help those still suffering to regain normalcy after disaster.

Our work would not be possible without the support of our small staff, board and the network that has assembled to support our mission and our homeowners. On the following pages we invite you to learn about the incredible advances we've made, the struggles we still face and the commitment the organization has made to continue aiding in recovery efforts and to support affordable housing initiatives in our service area.

As part of our efforts to move forward, we are pleased to announce that we have officially merged as one affiliate. Our two originating organizations, Northeast Monmouth Habitat for Humanity and Western Monmouth Habitat for Humanity, have combined resources, and are now one, a larger, stronger, expanded and merged affiliate dedicated towards helping improve the housing needs serving 83% of Monmouth County. Over the last twenty years, our combined efforts have built 41 new affordable homes, assisted over 85 families in Sandy-related projects and opened a ReStore in Freehold that will be relocating in the near future.

On behalf of myself, our board of directors and our staff, I want to thank you for your continued interest in our organization and your efforts to support our mission to "seek to put God's love into action and bring people together to build homes, communities and hope."

Yours in Service,
Nancy Doran
Board President



Service Area: Aberdeen, Allentown, Atlantic Highlands, Colts Neck, Deal, Eatontown, Englishtown, Fair Haven, Farmingdale, Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Hazlet, Highlands, Holmdel, Howell, Keansburg, Keyport, Little Silver, Long Branch, Manalapan, Marlboro, Matawan, Middletown, Millstone Township, Monmouth Beach, Morganville, Ocean Township, Oceanport, Red Bank, Rumson, Sea Bright, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls, Union Beach, and West Long Branch

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Habitat in Monmouth Board President Honored with Clive Rainey Lifetime Achievement Award

The Clive Rainey Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually by Habitat International to two volunteers for their significant accomplishments that have advanced the mission of Habitat for Humanity. Nancy Doran, Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County's board president was named one of two recipients for the 2013 award recognizing her efforts in leading the Monmouth affiliate in Sandy relief efforts. Congrats Nancy!



Our Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Habitat in Monmouth Celebrates 2014 Women Build with Two Events

In July, over 50 dedicated women volunteers worked in Sea Bright and Union Beach for our 2014 Women Build week. The Women Build event was the first for our newly merged Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth affiliate. It came just a month after we celebrated the Women Build Fashion Show and Luncheon honoring the Jersey Strong Foundation, American Red Cross, the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation and Volunteer of the Year, Evangelia Papamarkou.

The all-women volunteer crews were lead by construction leaders Melissa Beaver and Sandra Larsen, both of whom are seasoned construction team leads. The Sea Bright and Union Beach worksites saw significant progress during the week, despite being at different stages of new home construction. Both homeowners, single mothers, lost their homes to Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. In 2013, Habitat in Monmouth partnered with these families to rebuild their homes in their respective communities.

For more pictures and media coverage of these year's Women Build events, please visit www.habitatmonmouth.org



MEET TWO OF OUR HOMEOWNERS

Morris - Sea Bright

The Morris Family lived in their home in Sea Bright for 17 years before finding it filled with tons of sand from Sandy's surge. Immediately following the 2012 storm, Leslie Morris and her son Neil spent weeks living with her daughter, Stefani, before moving into temporary housing at Fort Monmouth. In March, as part of Lowe's Hammers for Habitat initiative, the Morris family got the unexpected honor of seeing their home built in the middle of Times Square in NYC. The family has been eager to return home to give Neil, who has special needs, a familiar place and routine. Throngs of volunteers later, including guests from the United Arab Emirates, the Morris family finally moved back into their home in September. Of her long awaited return, Leslie says, "to be able to walk down my street, to walk to my mom's house, to walk into downtown... this is a brand new, beautiful day." On September 27 dozens of volunteers, board members and staff joined to celebrate the Morris family's return after nearly two years of being displaced.



Lamberson - Union Beach

On May 2, Habitat for Humanity celebrated the dedication of Elmer Lamberson's new home on Prospect Avenue in Union Beach. Elmer's home, which he shared with his two beloved dogs, was completely destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. Last fall, he partnered with Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County to have his home elevated and rebuilt. The project was one selected for the Carter build, and Elmer, a Vietnam veteran, was humbled and thrilled that President and Mrs. Carter worked on his home. A brass plaque commemorating this event is proudly displayed on the front of Elmer's home.

Until his home was ready, Elmer stayed with his dogs at temporary housing at Fort Monmouth. He worked alongside the volunteers throughout the construction process. One wall in his living room is filled with photos and remembrances of the build. At the dedication, many of these volunteers, including groups of Vietnam veterans, joined board members and staff to celebrate and wish Elmer well in his new home.



United Arab Emirates Volunteers Travel to Build in Sea Bright

Fifteen volunteers from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) traveled from Abu Dhabi to partner with local Habitat for Humanity volunteers to rebuild a Sea Bright, NJ home devastated by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

UAE volunteers visited to the US as part of a program of Takatof, an organization that provides United Arab Emirates young people meaningful opportunities to volunteer for important social causes.

"The entire world was touched by the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy. Given the scope of this disaster, we felt it was important to provide assistance," UAE Ambassador to the United States, Yousef Al Otaiba, said. "The UAE is honored to lend its assistance in rebuilding these great communities. Since the storm, we have witnessed New Jersey's courage and determination as its citizens worked tirelessly to restore their homes and schools. So, it is no surprise to see our Emirates Foundation volunteers lined up to come over and lend a hand."

The Takatof trip came almost a year after the United Arab Emirates provided nearly \$10 million in support to aid in Superstorm Sandy Relief efforts in New Jersey and New York.

Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org for more information on the visit from the group from the UAE and the story recently featured in a recent issue of Habitat World.





Shout out to all of our volunteer groups that have volunteered with us this year. Including: 1.) Enterprise 2.) Gap 3.) Credit Suisse 4.) Robert Wood Johnson 5.) SEIC Corporation 6.) Wells Fargo 7.) Wilson Memorial Church 8.) Ironshore Insurance

Thank You for Your AmeriCorps Service, Kerwin Webb!

Born and raised in Alabama, and living his entire life in the South, Kerwin Webb wanted to try something new and do something more meaningful in his career. In Summer 2013, he decided to apply to become an AmeriCorps member and even though he never visited the Northeast, he was given an opportunity to serve on a construction crew, learning new skills, doing Sandy recovery work in New Jersey and moved to Red Bank, NJ to begin his year of service with Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County.

For the past year, Kerwin has worked closely with Habitat staff and volunteers, assisting with critical home repairs and getting to know the families that he has been assisting. "People don't understand how much is still needed in New Jersey," said Kerwin. "There is a tremendous amount of work still to be done" he added.

Since arriving in New Jersey, he became involved with Pilgrim Baptist Church in Red Bank and active with the Youth Group there. He will continue to do his volunteer work, and plans to stay on with Habitat, living in Red Bank. He says of his service to Habitat and the people of Monmouth County, "This has been the most rewarding ten months of my life."



Farewell Kate Nelson!

Since February 2013, Kate Nelson has been every volunteer's go to girl for all things Habitat in Monmouth! Since taking the reigns as Volunteer Coordinator, she has been the affiliate's point of contact for our generous group and corporate volunteers to our countless individual volunteers among a laundry list of other assorted projects. Without Kate's dedication and hard work - including coordinating the affiliate's participation in the Carter Work Project and Hammers for Habitat build in Times Square - our affiliate would not be where it is today! It is with heavy heart that we share Kate has decided to move on from her post as Volunteer Coordinator to dedicate more time to her family. However, like everyone who's caught the "Habitat" bug, we are glad Kate will remain involved as the chair of the A Brush With Kindness program at Habitat in Monmouth.



From the board, staff and the legions of volunteers we extend a special THANK YOU to Kate for all her contributions to Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County. Welcome Lori Schneider our new Volunteer Coordinator! Please visit www.habitatmonmouth.org for more information on how you can volunteer.

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Habitat in Monmouth Builds House in Times Square

On March 19, over 90 volunteers from Lowe's and our Monmouth County affiliate journeyed to NYC to build a house in the middle of Times Square. The opportunity was a product of a national partnership with Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity. Our Times Square project was one of 10 home builds that took place across the country to celebrate Lowe's longstanding partnership with Habitat for Humanity and kick off "Hammers for Habitat,"



a nationwide volunteer drive to mobilize 100,000 new Habitat volunteers this year in support of Habitat's goal of serving one million people annually by 2018. Volunteers who participated in the project worked on framing, assembling and disassembling the three-bedroom home - that was re-assembled in Sea Bright after the foundation was set in May. At the end of August, nearly 40 volunteers from Lowe's returned to Sea Bright to put the finishing touches on the home including painting and building the back deck.



Carpenter's Club

Members of the Carpenter's Club pledge to make a financial gift annually toward new home builds, Sandy repair and the A Brush With Kindness program. To find out more visit www.habitatmonmouth.org/carpenters-club.

A very special THANK YOU to all of our 2014 Carpenters Club members who have pledged so far this year (as of August 2014).



Cynthia Auerbach

Roy Baker

Salvatore & Lucille Castro

George & Dorothy Garrett

Avery & Annie Grant

David & Harriett Hinton

Erwin & Vera Muller

Evangelia Papamarkou

Marsha Pratt

Shane Riley

Ronald & Nancy Rovansek

Paul & Sandra Sandoli

Joseph Schachtele

Stephen Splain

Anthony & Emily Vallelong

Philip & Maria Welch

Nan Wollin

Freehold Savings Bank

The House That Faith Built

The House that Faith Built is an interfaith based fundraising project that engages the entire faith community from across our service area to help raise the funds needed to help the Quezadas, a family of 3 who currently live in a one bedroom apartment, realize the dream of homeownership. The project is the first new traditional Habitat for Humanity house undertaken by the organization since Hurricane Sandy. For faith groups interested in learning more, please join us for our a special breakfast on September 30 at Colts Neck Reformed Church from 9 - 10:30 am. You can also learn more about this initiative by reaching out to Laura Lella-Smith, Director of Operations, at llsmith@habitatmonmouth.org.



MU's Alpha Kappa Psi Donates to Habitat

In May, students from Monmouth University's Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity presented Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County with a check for \$2,085. Over the past year, the organization has volunteered their time and efforts in support of the organization. Thank you for your support and dedication!



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Phone: 732-577-8160

We are accepting donations in our area now! Please call 732-577-8160 to schedule a pick up!

The House That Youth Built

The House that Youth Built is a youth based service project that engages schools and youth organizations from across our service area to help raise the funds needed to help the Henn family of Port Monmouth, Middletown re-build their hurricane Sandy damaged home. For More information, please contact Lori Shafir, Resource Development Coordinator, lshafir@habitatmonmouth.org.



Students from Rumson-Fair Haven volunteer to support Habitat in Monmouth.

NICKELS FOR NAILS

Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County is excited to continue our youth engagement fundraising program called Nickels for Nails. All funds raised will help support Superstorm Sandy relief and other affordable housing initiatives in our communities. If you would like to participate please contact, Lori Shafir at lshafir@habitatmonmouth.org.





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JOIN US FOR RECOVERY BLITZ BUILD IN MIDDLETOWN October 29 – November 1

In the spirit of the Carter Work project and recognizing the continued need to help low to moderate income families still rebuilding after the storm; Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County is hosting a Recovery Blitz build in Middletown – the 2nd hardest hit among Sandy damaged communities in Monmouth County with a total of 1,144 homeowners impacted by the storm.

The Hurricane Sandy Anniversary Blitz Build is a special event that will help raise funds and awareness as to the ongoing need to help low- moderate income families in Monmouth County continue to rebuild after the storm. Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org for more information!

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