



Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity®

Patricia Carey Wirth, President/CEO

One of Habitat for Humanity's firmest beliefs is: *"With God's help and more people embracing this life saving mission, Habitat will keep on hammering until all of Humanity can proclaim that no one, no where, no child, no family, no grandparent any longer must live in unsafe, unhealthy housing."*



Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Since 1990, local Habitat volunteers have built eighty-eight houses simple, decent houses and have three more under construction in the southern Beaufort/Jasper area of the Lowcountry, providing affordable housing to over 400 people in need. Habitat's goal is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness and to make decent, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action.

Houses have been built by many communities in southern Beaufort County, including Rose Hill Plantation, Sun City Hilton Head, Moss Creek Plantation (2 houses), Callawassie Island (2 houses), Sea Pines Plantation, Wexford Plantation, Hilton Head Plantation, Colleton River Plantation (6 houses), Long Cove Plantation, Palmetto Dunes (2 houses) and Belfair Plantation. How about your neighbors? Are they ready to put their faith into action and build a Habitat house for a family in need?

Lacreda Riley ReStore Manager

Are you looking for something unusual for that corner in your room? Check out the Bluffton or Ridgeland ReStores! Every day new items come into the stores from the **expected**—sofas, tables and chairs, books, dishes, appliances, cabinets, doors, windows, to the **unexpected**—motorcycle scooters, pin ball machines, and all sorts of vintage items.

The ReStores are open from 10:00 until 5:00 M-F and 10:00 until 2:00 on Saturdays. We are always looking for additional volunteers, donations, and customers. The stores are located at Highway 46 in Bluffton (1 ½ miles from 278 on the right side of 46) and at 11332 N. Jacob Smart Blvd in Ridgeland. We can be reached at 843-757-9995 in Bluffton and 843-645-6510 in Ridgeland. We look forward to seeing you soon!.



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From the Family Services Corner ... Lynne Nordenberg

Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity held the Dedication of three houses on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10 am. The houses are on Promise Way in Ridgeland. About seventy-five people attended the Dedication. It was a joyous day for the families, who worked hard to achieve home ownership. Mayor Gary Hodges from Ridgeland welcomed the families to the community. Patricia Wirth, President and CEO of the affiliate, talked about the mission of Habitat which is to build simple, decent affordable housing. Habitat worldwide has now built more than 400,000 houses. The Hilton Head affiliate just started its ninetieth house.

Each of the families, whose house was being dedicated, was introduced by their support partner. Someone from each family spoke for a few minutes thanking those who had helped to make their home ownership possible and expressing what having their own home means to them. Each of the houses was blessed and the family was presented with a new Bible. The family then cut a ribbon across the front door of their new home. Those who came were invited to tour each of the houses following the dedication ceremony. The public is invited to Habitat Dedications. They are moving and provide the opportunity to share in a very important moment for the new homeowners, the Habitat volunteers, Board and staff, and the community in general.



Each Habitat home buyer goes through a several month long application process which includes a home visit and a meeting with the Family Selection Committee.

A credit check, criminal background check, and sex offender check are done on each applicant. Before a homebuyer family can move into a Habitat house they must do 300 hours of sweat equity for a one adult family and 400 hours for a two adult family. They must attend twenty hours of workshops designed to help them be successful homeowners. Topics include homeowners' insurance, budgeting, home maintenance, predatory loans and landscaping to name a few. Habitat sells three bedroom houses for \$67,000 and the four bedroom homes for \$70,000. Habitat has traditionally carried a thirty year mortgage at no interest. Each of the families whose houses were dedicated had completed the sweat equity and workshop requirements and helped to build their house and their neighbors' houses.



From the Volunteer Coordinator's Corner ... Jeff Schafstall

When people think of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, the building of houses immediately springs to mind. While we are always in need of volunteers at the construction site, there are more ways to serve with Habitat.

Habitat ReStore – We have two ReStores located in Bluffton and Ridgeland. The stores are in need of cashiers, pricers, stock people and warehouse assistance. Helping out may in the warehouse may include loading/unloading of merchandise, organizing inventory, etc. If you are interested in volunteering at the ReStore, please call Laceda Riley at 843-757-9995 to sign up.

Deconstruction – This similar to construction, only in reverse. During deconstruction we will go into a house and remove the items specified by the homeowner. For example, if a homeowner is having a kitchen remodeled, we will go in and remove the cabinets, countertops, appliances, etc at no charge. The homeowner is given a tax receipt for their donation and the items are then sold in our ReStores. It is a win-win for everybody. Deconstruction events are listed on our website or you can call 843-757-9995 to inquire about upcoming events.



Committees – We have several committees on which to serve. Family Selection, Support Partners and Church Relations are just a few of the committees needing members. If you are interested in serving on a committee please call 843-757-5864 for details.



Construction – Of course, there is always construction. We are currently working on completing our latest neighborhood in Ridgeland. The work schedule is Tuesday through Friday from 8:00am to 2:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Please call Jeff Schafstall at 843-384-9939 if you would like to volunteer on the construction site.