

## Home At Last!

House #16 at 388 East Second Street is now *Home* to Pam LaVigne and her two children. After six months of construction, the dedication was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, celebrating a new start as a homeowner for Pam.

Bishop Mark Vaughn of Faith to Face Ministries gave the House Blessing. Also, Vida Johnson presented Pam with a quilt made by the Corning Quilters Guild.

The highlight of the ceremony was the members of the construction team, headed up by Bill Wirz, giving Pam her own house key.



"THANK YOU!!! for doing this for me and my girls!!" said Pam. "THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts."

The family has since moved in and is making this house their home. In fact, if you pass by, you can probably join the girls in a game of hopscotch on their very own sidewalk! And smell a pumpkin pie baking.

### Benchmarks

This house represents a new standard for SESC Habitat. It is the first house built using a design originated by this affiliate, incorporating many suggestions from other Habitat homeowners. It is compact with many family-friendly features, well insulated and easily maintained.

It also represents a large number of community partnerships, some continuations of past partnerships and some new.

"Old" partners returning to help with the house include the Corning Credit Union, Christ Episcopal Church of Corning, First Presbyterian Church of Corning, the First Congregational Church of Corning, Son and Moon Landscaping and Corning Building Company.

New partners include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 139, and Carpenters Union Local 281.

Support also came from the Ithaca College Campus Chapter of HFH (both in donations and in many volunteers!), Cornell University, Mansfield University and Elmira College. Groups joined in from Corning, Inc., Corning Credit Union, Phillips Lighting, Avon, Corning Rotary Club and the Corning Lioness Club.

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President's Notes

# Dreams Come True For Habitat!



For many years, we have wanted to get a place of our own to house our office, storage, and construction shop. While the Corning First United Methodist Church has been a great home for our office and a wonderful partnership, if you have been to our office, it really does look more like a storage unit than an office.

And speaking of storage, we have had so many things donated to us in the past couple years, all of the storage places we have are overflowing and we can't find a thing! Not to mention people's garages, barns and attics!

And finding a space adequate for us to build the wall panels in for the houses has been a Herculean task!

But now, all those worries are at an end. We have purchased a 14,000 square foot building on State Route 414 to house **The Habitat Center**. (You might know this building as the home to ID Booth Electric Supply or in the "golden days of my youth," as Happyland Roller Skating Rink.)

This truly is a dream come true for this affiliate. There is so much opportunity to serve our mission at a higher level awaiting us with this building. We will have the space we need to enact many programs that we currently have been unable to.

There are five sections to this building. Two of them are rented out to other businesses, which will pay our mortgage on the property. The other three spaces will serve as the office, the construction shop and a new venture for us – a Habitat ReStore. You can read more about the ReStore on the last page of this newsletter.

I do want to reassure you that your monetary donations have **not** been used to purchase this building and will **not** be used to maintain it. All monetary donations are specifically earmarked for **constructing houses!** The profits from the ReStore will be used to cover our administrative costs, which will soon include the expense of an Executive Director, and to help us build even more houses.

**That is the ultimate goal – to build more houses!**

*Jan Harvey* 

# Annual Report ending June 30, 2007

## Special Events Partnerships:

- 🏠 **Elmira-Corning Board of Realtors** -- Again sponsored the **Habitat FORE Humanity Golf Tournament**, splitting \$8,000 between SESC and Chemung County HFH.
- 🏠 **Corning Inc. Summer College Interns** – Perpetrated the **Flamingo Flocking**, raising over \$2,000
- 🏠 **Ithaca College, Cornell University and Mansfield University student groups** – sent teams to participate in the **Leaf Raking Marathon**, raising over \$2,000. **Mansfield University** was the winner in this intercollegiate competition.
- 🏠 **International Baccalaureate Students** from East and West High Schools sponsored the Inaugural X-Treme East-West Chess Game, raising \$200 and laying the foundation for this event for years to come.

## Other News:

- 🏠 We sponsored **Jean and Larry Ecklund** to go on the **Jimmy Carter Work Project 2006** to India, a first for this affiliate to have our volunteers participate in a JCWP.
- 🏠 A 1997 **International Truck**, an incredible asset in our building efforts, was donated by Van VanDusen,.
- 🏠 We were accepted into the **Organizational Development Program** offered by Habitat for Humanity International providing us with a consultant to help finish developing our strategic plan and also lay the groundwork to reach the next level of building capacity and hire an Executive Director.
- 🏠 **Jan Harvey** was a presenter at the October Fall State Conference for NY State affiliates.
- 🏠 The new **Website** was developed by Alison Wolfe and launched this spring.

## Construction News:

- 🏠 A new **House Plan** was developed for the new houses we would be building in the future. The new plan is family-friendly, space-efficient, and cost effective.
- 🏠 Using lessons learned from the House-in-a-Box building project, we built the **wall panels** for the house at 388 East Second St, in Corning in 2007 off-site in a warehouse, transporting them to the build site in our new truck.
- 🏠 We held our first ever **Blitz Build** at the end of April, erecting the house shell in three days, complete with roof. We were overwhelmed with over 200 volunteers – individuals and also groups from Corning Credit Union, Ithaca College Campus Chapter, Corning First Presbyterian Church, Alfred Tech, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 139.

## FISCAL REPORT

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

### Receipts

Individuals.....\$37,942.95  
 Churches.....\$8,031.00  
 Businesses.....\$9,334.00  
 Ithaca Campus Chapter...\$4,000.00  
 Foundations.....\$270.00  
 Event Income.....\$16,928.94  
 Mortgages.....\$38,259.45  
 Grants.....\$5,485.00  
 Other.....\$3,076.25

### Disbursements

Construction Expenses.....\$50,298.00  
 Non-Construction Expenses.....\$24,445.57  
 Tithe to HFHI.....\$5,120.36  
  
**Total Receipts.....\$123,327.59**  
**Total Disbursements.....\$79,863.93**

**Over (Under) June 30, 2006 = \$43,463.66**

# Year-End Investments

It is said that the way to raise money is to have a good story about why there is a need for the cause. You've read the stories of our families before. You know how important it is for people to have a home of their own. And all you have to do is read about Pam and her family on the first page of this newsletter.

You know SESC Habitat is capable of making dreams come true. Our track record speaks for itself. Now we are working to bring this reality of homeownership to more than one family a year. We are almost there – to build two houses a year. And then to build three!

We are not asking you to just *give money*. The money you donate to Habitat is not a gift. It is an **investment**: an investment in the **community** we live in; an investment in the **lives** of our homeowners; an investment in the **future** of the children of our families; an investment in making **dreams** come true.

Many of us have not ever considered life without a house or at least a decent place to call home. Our partner families were not so blessed.



"Without Habitat, we would never have been able to afford a house anywhere. This house means the world to us."



"My Habitat house made it possible for me to raise my daughter in a secure and happy environment."



"This house brings us freedom from slum landlords. The freedom of owning your own home is amazing."



"There is no longer the worry of pipes freezing or unexpected cold drafts. The freedom that comes from having a well-built, warm house is a truly indescribable feeling."



"We own our home! Weathering all the storms of life, the one thing our family can rely on is our Habitat home."

You can actually see your money at work right here in our community. Your money is in the boards, nails, roof, wiring, pipes and even the grass seed of every house we build. Your money is at work in every volunteer hour it takes to build the house, for without your investment, our volunteers would just be standing looking at a bare piece of land. Without your help, Habitat would not exist.

As you consider your year-end contributions, please keep Habitat on your list. Your help is most sincerely appreciated!

*Habitat builds more than houses. We **build lives**.*

*Habitat houses mean **security** for our families.*

*Habitat houses mean **opportunity** for our families.*

*Habitat houses mean **freedom** for our families.*



*Habitat houses bring a **sense of pride** to our families and their children.*

*Habitat houses bring **hope** for the future to our families.*

***Habitat builds community.***

# ADOPT A HABITAT HOUSE!

*For someone special this holiday season*



*Available for Christmas, birthdays or other occasions!*

Low-income families' very survival is threatened: the cost of living keeps spiraling upwards making ends harder and harder to meet. Unable to save the large amounts of down payment monies necessary for conventional mortgages, these families are forced into lower rent apartments, often sub-standard and over-crowded, made even more costly by the lack of energy efficient heating systems and insulation. When you adopt a house with your investment, you will help these struggling families realize their dreams of home ownership in a simple, decent and affordable Habitat House.

Your adoption package includes:



- A snazzy bright green Habitat House key chain
- A certificate of adoption
- A "Gift Card" from you to the recipient

**Adoption Packages available in the following amounts:**

Box of Nails (to hold the house together):	\$10
Lumber (to hold the roof up):	\$25
Kitchen Sink (to keep the food clean):	\$50
Window (for light and air):	\$100
Insulation (to keep the house warm in the winter)	\$150
Bathtub (to wash away the blues):	\$200
Furnace (to keep the home fires burning):	\$500
Flooring (to provide a stable footing):	\$1,000
Roofing materials (to shelter from the storms)	\$2,500

*Just complete the order form below or call 936-4444 to adopt your house today!*

*Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.*

Enclosed is my donation of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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It's OK to recognize my contribution.                      Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please, I'd rather you not publicly recognize my contribution

For adoptions: I would like to adopt a: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Occasion of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send the Gift Card to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your donation and this slip to: SESC Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 800, Corning, NY 14830

## A sincere Thank You to all our many donors this year!

**Albertalli, Stephen**

**All Saints Parish**

**Anastasio, Frank**

**Antos, Joe & Leslie**

**Bardhan, Pronob & Gail**

**Barrett, Arline & Robert**

in memory of Jane Lewis

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in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweeney's  
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in honor of Louis Chollet

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in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Marcello,  
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in memory of Ken Baker

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**First Presbyterian Church - Wellsboro**

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in memory of Jane Lewis

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**Ithaca College Campus Chapter of HFH**

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in honor of Claudette Dzybon and Corning  
East High Class of 1966

**Jonas Harry S**

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**Route 81 Radio**



## What Is A Habitat ReStore?

Habitat ReStores are retail outlets where quality used and surplus building materials and household furnishings are sold for a fraction of their original retail value, helping local businesses by recycling overstock materials, seconds, used, discontinued, and salvaged building materials. The ReStore is a collaborative recycling and fundraising effort of SESC Habitat. Useable materials, donated by retail businesses, contractors, individuals, and other organizations are sold at a discount of 10% to 50% the original new-value cost.

## How Does A ReStore Help?

The Habitat ReStore allows area residents the opportunity to help SESC Habitat build homes for families in need without picking up a saw or hammer! All monies raised by the ReStore will go toward alleviating administrative costs, as well as help to fund the building of additional homes.

## The Habitat ReStore will:

- Provide affordable building materials for low-income home-owners
- Help to divert reusable materials each day from local land-fills
- Provide tax deductions to contractors and individuals donating surplus building materials to the ReStore
- Offer volunteer opportunities to people

### Address:

3412 State Route 414, Corning

Phone: 936-4444; soon to be: 377-5524

Hours of operation: To be determined

## What Can I Do To Help?

**Donate!** Your tax-deductible donation will help Habitat for Humanity build decent and affordable homes for those in need. Donations are accepted on-site during operating business hours. Pick-up services for larger items may also be available, free of charge, by appointment by calling (607) 936-4444.

**Shop!** All proceeds from materials sold at the ReStore go directly to SESC Habitat.

**Volunteer!** Getting involved in the ReStore allows you the chance to make a difference, without even picking up a hammer! Volunteers are needed to staff the store: people to take phone calls, organize, clean and price incoming merchandise, and sales people. There will be something to do for anyone interested in helping out. Just call 936-4444 and let us know you want to help!

## We Accept:

### Appliances

Refrigerators, stoves and ovens, range hoods and tops, washers and dryers, microwave ovens, dishwashers (all less than five years old and in working condition)

### Architectural Items

Antique windows, porch posts, mantles, columns

### Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Vanities

### Residential Electric Items and Lighting

### Flooring Materials

Carpet and padding, sheet vinyl, tile, linoleum, ceramic tile, hardwood or parquet flooring

### Hardware and Tools

Complete hinge sets and cabinet hardware, nails, screws, hangers, etc, Hand Tools and Power Tools of all kinds

### Insulation (new only)

### Cinderblocks and Bricks

### Lumber and Trim

Plywood, milled lumber, siding

### Paint and Wall Coverings

Latex paint or stain, wall coverings

### Vinyl Siding and Accessories

### Doors, Windows and Screens

### Plumbing Fixtures and Hardware -

Sinks, bathtubs, shower enclosures, plumbing hardware pipe (metal, PVC, copper, supplies and fittings),

### Roofing Materials and Gutters

### Sheet Rock

### Household Goods

Furniture (not mattresses), kitchenware, knick-knacks, yard sale items, etc.



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**Board of Directors 2007-2008**

- President:** Jan Harvey
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- Treasurer:** Ann Balch
- Jason Bierman
- Robin Foster
- Arlene Moseley
- Glen Moseley
- Pat Osborn
- Bill Wirz
- Alison Wolfe
- Kim Woodruff



**Special Volunteers Needed**

**Job Title: Inventory Manager**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- . Develop and execute procedures for ensuring Supplies for: Construction, Maintenance and "Re-Store" are well organized, stored to avoid damage and safely arranged to avoid injury to volunteers or clients.
- . Catalog all inventory so as to determine "on-hand" balances and location of all material and items for use in construction or for sale.
- . Work with the Purchasing and Construction Manager to relieve inventoried items for Construction or provide Storage Space for Purchased Items.

**Job Title: Purchasing Manager**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- . Develop and execute procedures for obtaining donated items (e.g. Whirlpool washer, lock sets, etc)
- . Determine the suppliers that can provide HFH with the lowest cost material while maintaining a high quality level in the material purchased.
- . Negotiate agreements with larger suppliers of material on purchase price of material to ensure stability in the cost of building HFH homes.
- . Order and coordinate delivery of material with the Construction Manager and Inventory Manager to ensure timely delivery of material to the jobsite and/or available storage at the HFH Building.

**Skills and Experience:**

- . Work well with people. Detail oriented. Excellent organizer. Treat everyone in a kind and courteous manner.
- . Knowledge of the terms used in the Construction Trades
- . Can use EMAIL and MS EXCEL program
- . Prior Experience is a plus but not required.

**Grand Opening  
January 2008**

See Back Page  
For Details!

Southeastern Steuben County  
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**ReStore**