

Women Build III

Habitat for Humanity Newark

Newsletter

Winter 2008

Welcome to the first **Women Build** newsletter. Our aim is to bring you up-to-date on what we have accomplished over the past year and to share with you some of our initiatives for 2008.

2007

Major activities undertaken in 2007 centered on fundraising. We've made great progress. To date we have raised almost \$38,000 toward our third **Women Build** house. *The Door of One's Own Gala* in the fall raised \$10,000 and contributions from the Circle of 50 totaled \$1,750. Participation in charity shopping events at the Westfield Lord & Taylor and Short Hills Bloomingdales helped us raise an additional \$2,200.

Thanks to everyone who helped us in our efforts to build our third affordable home in Newark for a woman and her family. We are now less than \$10,000 short of the \$45,000 needed to begin construction, when the real fun begins!

A Door of One's Own Gala. Our October Gala held at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel featured delicious food and wine from our area's finest restaurants. The Gala featured artwork by regional women artists. These works, along with baskets, sports memorabilia and tickets from the major pro teams in the New York/New Jersey area were auctioned off at the end of the evening.

Our heartfelt thank you to our sponsors and donors of food and auction items:

Restaurant Passionne, Legal Sea Foods, DinnerSmith, Terra Mare, Papillon 25, Roman Gourmet, Sweet Potato & Pecan, New World Catering, St. James Gate Publick House, Taste of Portugal, Café Arugula, Sona, Trattoria Fresca,

Diana Hart Fine Catering, Donna & Company Artisan Chocolates, Harvest Table Fresh Food Eatery, S&P to Taste, Corum Industries International (coffee), The Traveling Vineyard, Joshua & Caryn Rosenberg, Essex County Country Club, NY Mets, NY Yankees, Newark Bears, NY Giants, NJ Devils, NY Knicks, William Tomlin Photography, The House, Terra Sky, Jurlique, Arbonne, Senorita's Mexican Grill, Le Rendez Vous, Sheila Wolfensohn, Harleysville Insurance, Marine Agency, and Susan Turner.

Women Build Clinics at Lowe's.

Lowe's is the national sponsor of **Women Build**. This January we held our first **Women Build** Clinic at the Lowe's store in Union. A group of about 20 listened attentively as our presenter showed framing techniques while demonstrating the safe use of tools such as hammers and power



tools. Future clinics are planned. We hope that many of you will join us. In the next clinics we expect to cover various stages of home construction: installation of windows & doors, siding,

drywall and cabinets, painting walls & trim, and starting a garden. [Watch for times and dates!](#)

Leadership Training. In November, Women Builders' Kathryn Cassidy and Carol Manning attended the first Women Build Construction Leadership



training session sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International. The goal of the training, led by the Women Build

staff from Habitat International and experienced women construction experts, was to improve construction management and leadership skills.

Regular volunteers at Newark Habitat, Kathryn and Carol were among two-dozen women from Habitat affiliates across the United States who helped the Mobile, Alabama, Habitat affiliate build a house in nearby Citronelle, a community that experienced extensive damage from tornadoes associated with Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In just five days, the women framed the house, installed roof trusses and decking, as well as windows and doors. Each evening, the group received instruction on topics such as safety, construction planning and volunteer management.

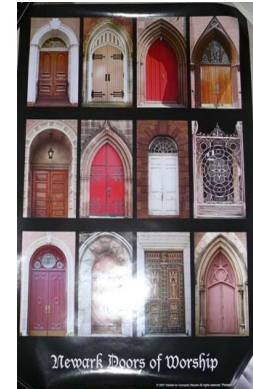
Building in New Orleans. Last January (2007), 15 Women Builders joined Habitat Newark volunteers to help construct a home in New Orleans' Musicians' Village, a complex of 90

Habitat houses dedicated to providing homes for musicians and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. It was a moving experience to build a home amid the still evident destruction caused by the Hurricane.

"Doors of Newark Houses of Worship" Posters still available.

Many of these beautiful posters are still available and we are looking for

new ways to market them. The cost is \$20.



2008 Upcoming Events.

[Please join us:](#)

Habitat for Humanity Newark's Raising the Roof Gala: May 15 at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, NJ. *Women Build III* to share in the proceeds.

National Women Build Week, May 4-10.

During this week before Mother's Day, *Women Build III* will hold a special Women Build day. Date to be determined.

Westfield Lord & Taylor non-profit shopping day. Shop 'til you drop and benefit *Women Build III* at the same time. Tuesday, May 6. Watch for details.

Lowe's Clinics. More clinics planned. Watch for dates!

Note from Co-chairs. Thanks to everyone who has helped us in our initiative to raise money to build our third WB home in Newark. Help us share the joy we as we help another woman and her family move into a wonderful, affordable home!

Welcome fresh volunteers! We need your ideas and help. Join us in our effort to raise another \$10,000 so that we can all get out on the site and use the skills we've culled during the clinics. And, in the process, raise the additional \$45,000 to fully fund our Women Build III home. *Carol & Lynne*

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