

Donate Your Car and Double the Funds

If you have a car, boat, motorcycle or RV you'd like to donate to help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity Newark, we have a special deal for you.

Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Newark, Bergen County, Morris County and Paterson have been awarded a matching donation grant of up to \$100,000 from Habitat's Cars for Homes program. This means that the cash value of vehicles donated to these affiliates between Nov. 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011, will be matched with donations from Habitat for Humanity International.

Vehicle donations from zip codes in Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic Counties, as well as donations made by phone when the donor specifically asks for the funds to go to one of those Habitat affiliates, will count toward the matching program. Donors should call 877-277-HFHI (4344) to arrange for pick-up or they can arrange a donation online at www.carsforhomes.org.

The highlight of the matching grant program will be Habitat's Cars for Homes "Jersey Road Trip," a week-long event to be scheduled for spring of 2011. A group of representatives from Habitat's Cars for Homes program will help build homes in New Jersey, spending a day at each of four Habitat for Humanity work sites in Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic counties.

The Jersey Road Trip will culminate in a visit to the largest Habitat for Humanity ReStore resale outlet in the area, located in Morris County. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore resale outlet program, like the Cars for Homes program, enables people to make tax deductible donations of construction materials, appliances, cabinets, furniture and other household items, which are used to raise funds for local Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

"We're extremely excited for the Jersey Road Trip," said David Zurheide, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Newark. "We want everyone to know they can donate their unwanted vehicles to help build affordable, energy-efficient homes."