

Habitat for Humanity Newark Continues to Expand Operations

First Habitat Homes in Ironbound, Irvington are Underway

NEWARK, NJ – March 11, 2011 – Habitat for Humanity Newark announced plans to further expand building activity in Essex County, according to David Zurheide, the organization’s Executive Director.



With projects in the City of Newark already underway, Habitat Newark announced they are proceeding with rehab work of a home in Newark’s Ironbound section. This will be done in conjunction with the city of Newark and the Ironbound Community Corporation using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Project Two (NSP2) funds, part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. This is the first of a number of foreclosure redevelopments planned by Habitat Newark.

The home to be rehabilitated is a side by side duplex. Each unit will have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a family room, kitchen and full basement. The building will be completely rehabilitated inside and out, including new plumbing and electrical systems.

Additionally, the non-profit affordable housing organization today announced they have a building permit and will soon break ground on their first home in Irvington. The new house will be a single-family two-story structure. With Habitat Newark’s first home in West Orange currently under construction, the home in Irvington will be the second building the group will begin outside of the City of Newark.

“We have been aggressively looking for property to build on and to rehab,” said Zurheide. These two sites are just the beginning and will put us well on our way to achieving our goal of eleven houses in 2011.”

Habitat for Humanity Newark, founded in 1986 is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary.

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