

Children Raise Money for Habitat Newark with Lemonade Stands

NEWARK, NJ – November 9, 2010 - Many children set up lemonade stands in their neighborhoods, but few are able to impact the lives of others at such a young age.

Nutley resident Jordan Woods, 11, and Rachel Friedlander, 12, of Montclair, each took it upon themselves to hold lemonade stands in order to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Newark.

“People who don’t have homes should be able to have them and live a normal life like everyone else,” Woods said.

Woods aspires to attend Harvard University or the University of Maryland to become a doctor. When he’s not volunteering, he also enjoys playing video games, drawing, swimming and reading.

“Everyone in the world should have a home- a place to come to at the end of the day and relax,” said Friedlander, a Montclair resident. “That’s why I wanted to help people get a home.”

Friedlander has been raising money from third through sixth grade and was able to raise more than \$160 for Habitat Newark.

She did so by selling cookies, bookmarks, and decorated plates made by her and her friends at her school. She also organized lemonade stands and did face paintings for younger children.

“When I was in third grade, I did a book report about Jimmy Carter and learned that he worked with Habitat for Humanity,” Friedlander said. “My mom volunteered with Habitat Newark and she drove me by one of the houses.”

Friedlander said there she met Executive Director David Zurheide, who taught her about building houses for families that don’t have them.

“He told me that it costs about \$90,000 to build a home in Newark and that became my goal,” she said. “I didn’t reach that goal, but it was fun trying.”

Friedlander hopes to attend college at Northwestern or Stanford University. She eventually wants to become a talk show host and help benefit more non-profit organizations.

Friedlander has other big plans for the future, including her Bat Mitzvah project in which she hopes to raise \$25,000 for the Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

“This organization helps get important Diabetes medicine to people who can’t afford it,” she said. “After that I would like to spend the rest of my time working to raise more money for Habitat Newark. I look forward to when I’m 16 - then I can actually help build the house.”

For more information about Habitat Newark, call 973-624-3330 or visit www.habitatnewark.org.

