

McCarter and English Contribution Builds a House with Habitat Newark

Habitat for Humanity Newark today announced that a substantial contribution from McCarter & English, LLP has fulfilled the goal of the 2007 Corporate Challenge to fund and construct a house for a low-income city family. [Click here for full story](#)

Habitat intends to complete the house on Littleton Street by next year with money and labor contributed by the corporate community, including law firm McCarter & English, which anticipates that many of its Newark office lawyers and staff will participate in the actual construction.

"We are thrilled that McCarter has taken a leadership role in supporting our mission to build affordable housing for Newark's low-income families," said Hendricks Davis, Habitat for Humanity Newark's Executive Director.

"We've admired and supported Habitat's work for many years," said Lois M. Van Deusen, Managing Partner of McCarter & English and a member of Habitat's Board of Directors. "We are grateful for the opportunity to support Habitat's wonderful work in Newark."

Since its founding in 1986, Habitat for Humanity Newark has enabled 58 Newark families to achieve a dream of homeownership that would otherwise be beyond their means. Habitat houses are sold to participating families at no profit, financed with 0% interest loans. Families are expected to invest at least 400 hours of "sweat equity" in their home or their future neighbors' homes. Homeowners' monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that is reinvested in building more homes.

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