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We wish all HFHN volunteers could have attended the new home dedication last Saturday. It was a great celebration of the work you and many others contributed to the newest homes in Newark.

Shortly before Christmas two hard working single mothers moved their families out of substandard apartments and into brand new homes in Newark's Central Ward. The photo below is from the dedication ceremony.



Judy Boodhramsingh (center) cuts the ribbon to celebrate the dedication of her new home in Newark's Central Ward. On her left are her daughters Shannon and Crystal on her right are Jim and Abby Tierney. The home was built in honor of Jim Tierney, former Executive Director of HFHN and current member of Board of Directors. To read more about our new home owners go to our Website (www.habitatnewark.org) and click on "Faces and Places" and then on "Homeowner Stories."

As you know, the home construction business is experiencing tough times. Rapidly escalating cost of land, skyrocketing costs of construction materials, and the sub-prime real estate market are just a few of the factors that have the housing industry struggling. While we are not in that "business" we are still affected.

These economic conditions make your monetary donations more important than ever. We are continuing to keep our costs as low as possible to build quality low cost homes, and your financial support enables us to continue our mission.

We appreciate your volunteer activity with Habitat Newark and are encouraged that you understand the vital need to provide decent, affordable housing. We hope that you will be able to make a financial donation so we can continue to build. Make your check payable to Habitat for Humanity Newark, PO Box 3246, Newark, NJ 07103 or go to our web site (www.habitatnewark.org) to make a donation on your credit card.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you building again soon.

Sincerely,

Tracey Alexander

President, Board of Directors
Habitat for Humanity Newark

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