



WEST ORANGE GROUND BREAKING

**Habitat Breaks Ground in West Orange** by *Kelly Stevens*



When the shovels broke ground at 112 Whittlesey Ave. in West Orange on November 23, 2010, it signaled more than hope for two special families waiting for homes; it also marked an important stride for Habitat for Humanity Newark. It was the groundbreaking for the first house to be built by the affiliate outside of Newark. [Full Story.](#)

CAROL PASTER, VOLUNTEER

**Dedicated Volunteer Wears Many Habitat Newark Hats.**

by *Carol Manning*



Many in South Orange and Maplewood only know Carol Paster as the Director of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel's Iris Family Center for Early Childhood education, a local pre-school but among Habitat for Humanity Newark's (HFHN) leaders Carol stands apart for the many ways she works to help provide affordable housing for families in need. [Full Story.](#)

VALUE ADDED WINTER TIPS

**Home Winterizing Tips** by *Jasmine Barnett*



Temperatures are dropping and heating fuel prices are going up! Is your home winterized?

If not, it's time for you and your home to bundle up!

Habitat for Humanity International has partnered with The Home Depot Foundation to offer some tips on how to save money on your energy costs.

Here are some simple and affordable ideas to winterize your home inside and out:

Re-evaluate your attic insulation

Why: Many American homes don't have enough insulation in their attics. If you can see your ceiling joists, you need to add more. Buy unfaced insulation, which won't trap moisture, and lay it overtop of the existing insulation on your attic floor. Adding an extra layer will help you save money this winter. [More Tips.](#)

DONATE YOUR CAR AND DOUBLE THE FUNDS

**Donate Your Car and Double the Funds** by *Marty Steinberg*



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.

**A message from the  
Executive Director  
David Zurheide**



A new year always brings with it new hope and new resolve, and such is the case for Habitat for Humanity, Newark. 2011 will mark our 25<sup>th</sup> year of building affordable housing that hard-working partner families can call home. There is no better time to reaffirm our commitment to our mission and our ministry.

2010 was a difficult year for many, but that only means that we as an organization have the opportunity to do even more good. We have accomplished much in our twenty five years, and we have much to celebrate, (which we will!) But we have only scratched the surface.

Last year, I had the pleasure of getting to know Katina Leake. She shared with me the struggles she went through after a job loss. Listening to how Habitat helped to get her through some tough times reminded me why it is our organization does what it does. Houses

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. [Full Story.](#)

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are more than a place to live. They are about connections-connections to community, connections to people. In 2011, we are hoping to make even more of those connections with our plan for "11 in '11". [Full Letter.](#)