

HFHSC is ready! Are you ready to help?

In its early years HFHSC struggled to become financially stable and find property to build upon or renovate. Everything was done on the proverbial shoestring. Today, while the treasury is not overflowing, HFHSC has no debt, and has property (and continues to look for more). In addition, HFHSC has modernized. Gradually, HFHSC has acquired an assortment of tools, and a chest and building to store them in. Many of the tools actually are powered by electricity! Ladders, cutting tools, drills, a weedwhacker. And now scaffolding, so two-story houses can be worked on safely and more efficiently. At the building site there is a temporary storage building. Once building begins there will be a port-a-john, a small refrigerator and even a cell phone. No frills, but the essentials to carry out the mission effectively and safely.

Adjoining the Henriques home on Albany Street will be three additional homes. While they are unlikely to receive the same level of donated products as the “green house,” HFHSC hopes to build these houses with green and energy-efficient practices that fall within the HFHSC budget. With the site in hand and start-up funds available, construction of the next house will begin in early spring ... *if* HFHSC can recruit the volunteers to supervise and do the construction.

Perhaps in the past you or your group have wanted to work on an HFHSC project and were thwarted by HFHSC's lack of projects. If so, now is the time to come forward and help make an impact on an entire neighborhood. Volunteers who can help with anything from office work to providing Saturday lunches for workers are needed. Especially important are volunteers capable of supervising or doing some of the more demanding work: concrete, framing, roofing, etc.

Thanks to our many donors

1760 Albany Street ...

To offset the expenses accruing to HFHSC, the *Schenectady Builders and Remodelers Association* donated the proceeds from ticket sales to their June Parade of Homes (about \$4,000). SBRA's Remodelers Council then donated about \$1,400, the proceeds from its July 14 barbecue hosted by *Curtis Lumber* at their Ballston Spa location.

By virtue of being built to Energy Star standards the house became eligible for a \$1,000 incentive grant from *NYSERDA*. By being open to the public via the Parade of Homes, the house qualified for an additional \$3,000 in *NYSERDA* funds.

Building plans for the house were adapted by Amsterdam architect *Thomas Cisek* from original drawings used previously by HFH in Denver, Co. provided by *Betsy Pettit, Architect and Building Science Corp.*(Westford, MA). Product contributors include *Belmonte Builders, Bellevue Builders Supply, Bonded Concrete, Carrier Corporation* (Indianapolis, IN), *Crane Industries* (Columbus, OH), *Electric City Concrete, The Friends Lumber, Grandview Concrete, Gloucester, Inc., Honeywell, Inc., J. M. Huber Engineered Woods* (Charlotte, NC), *A.W. Hastings Distributors, Hoboken Floors, Home Depot, Kidde, Merillat Cabinets, Moen, Inc., Owens Corning, Passonno Paints, ProSource of Albany, Shelter Enterprises, Time Warner Cable, Trex, TrusJoist MacMillan, Valspar Paints, Verizon, Whirlpool Corp., Wolberg Electrical Supply/Leviton, and Yale Security.* *Curtis Lumber* not only contributed a variety of materials, the company also provided material “take-offs” and served as a conduit for the delivery of products from several donors.

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Metal Systems (metal roof), *Harbrook Associates* (Marvin Windows), *Precision Glass and Aluminum* (closet shelving) and *Schrader and Company* (custom maple bookcases and bath cabinetry) donated both products and their installation.

Professional labor was donated by *Arket Electric, Bellamy and Sons Construction* (water and sewer lines), *CR Drywall, Rick Cooper Enterprises* (framing), and *Teakwood Builders* (siding) plus far too many individuals to list.

The indefatigable *Joe Constantine* from *Constantine Builders*, chair for the Capital Region Green Building project and a decade-long contributor to Habitat activities in Schenectady and Albany, was the constant driving force as the project manager.

220 Lorraine Avenue ...

Our thanks to the suppliers and subcontractors who contributed to the remodeling of 220 Lorraine Avenue: *Appolo Heating, Whirlpool Appliances, Condos Floor Covering, Belott Carpet Interiors, Home Depot, Curtis Lumber, Arket Electric, St. Clare's Hospital, T.J.Loehr Excavating, Schenectady Floor Covering, Gene's Cleaning Service, Ace Tree Care, Niskayuna Plumbing, Schenectady Builders & Remodelers, and Matthew's Signs.*

General funds ...

Nationwide Insurance presented HFHSC with a check for \$5,000 to be used for construction of the second Albany Street home. As has been the practice for several years, in July *General Electric* presented HFHSC with a check to match donations received from GE employees and retirees for \$3,478.50. *Sunmark Credit Union employees* donated \$470 and *SEFA* donated \$2,800.

HFHSC's fall fundraiser, “A Jazzy Good Time,” netted \$11,500+.

Material donations always welcome

HFHSC is always pleased to have a material vendor offer to supply HFHSC with needed products or tools. Sometimes private individuals offer items as well. HFHSC welcomes almost anything with wide application: good tools, wood (dimensional lumber, moulding, sheathing, plywood), insulation, sheetrock, and many plumbing and electrical components and fixtures.

Unfortunately, some very good and valuable items cannot always be used because they don't match a need. For example, the chance is small that a donated window will fit an existing opening. When there is a potential for later use, HFHSC can accept and store items. While some HFH affiliates have a re-store facility from which they can sell donated items, HFHSC is not yet at that stage of development. (But a

warehouse sale may take place at some point in the future.)

The point is that should you call with an offer of something you know has value and HFHSC declines to accept it, please do not be upset. It is not that HFHSC doesn't want it, it is that HFHSC cannot foresee using it.



“A Jazzy Good Time” was had by all

This year's fall fundraiser, “A Jazzy Good Time,” proved to be a great success thanks to Committee Co-chairs Sylvia Ebeling and Marie Gorman and their able staff of volunteers. \$11,500+ was raised for Habitat.

The nearly 90 people attending the event on November 9 at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia participated in a Silent Auction, which netted HFHSC \$4,000. Items ranging from passes for well-known golf, racquet and polo clubs and scenic plane, train and boat rides to spa and specialty store gift certificates were actively sought by bidders. For those who preferred something more tame there were items of interest to purchase from the Jazzy Bargain Shop.

Honorary chair of the event was Frank Salamone of Grandview Concrete.

A sumptuous selection of hors d'oeuvres were served followed by a full-course dinner of Herb-glazed Salmon, Sliced Tenderloin of Beef or Vegetable Napoleon.

Following dinner guests were treated to the great music of Doc Spring's Rehabilitated Jazz Band playing songs from the Ragtime and Jazz eras.



Above, Doc Spring's Rehabilitated Jazz Band plays some classic songs from the Ragtime and Jazz eras for listening and dancing following dinner. Right, Habitat President Al Finke and his wife Norma are joined at table by HFHSC Secretary Betty Patterson.



HFHSC thanks all those who supported this year's fall fundraiser.

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