



**Habitat for Humanity
of Schenectady County, Inc.**
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President's Message

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The fundamental objective of Habitat for Humanity, whether locally or internationally, is the same everywhere. We seek to provide responsible, working families of modest means with an opportunity to own basic, clean and affordable homes. Often, the effects are dramatic. Not only do families move out of cramped, seedy and otherwise undesirable shelter, they also gain a new self-image. They function better as a family and their children do better in school.

In pursuit of our objective locally, we have just completed work on the third and fourth houses in the 1760-1772 Albany Street area. With the completion of these houses Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County has built or rehabilitated ten homes.

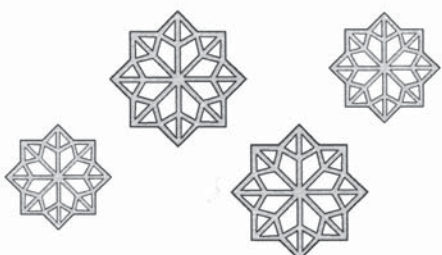
While this is certainly a record of accomplishment in which many can take pride, it is only a good start. We believe we have a capacity to do more and we hope to double our production to four houses in 2004, and then increase it further in succeeding years.

To do so we are taking new initiatives and revisiting old ones whose time may have come. We are teaming with Better Neighborhoods, the Schenectady Land Trust, and other community groups so that we can build in clusters: on Hamilton Hill, the Vale and elsewhere in the city and county.

To meet our more ambitious goals we will be in need of construction supervisors, volunteer labor, and material and financial donations of all kinds. Is there something you can do to help? Together we can do more to regain our neighborhoods from the influence of drugs, thugs and decay.

Bruce Pomeroy

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President



Please see reverse to learn more.

Is there something you can do to help Habitat?

You can support the activities of the Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County through:

CASH DONATIONS

Your generosity through cash donations may be expressed by mailing a check or money order to: *Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, Inc.*

Or use the secure on-line Habitat donations page located on the Habitat for Humanity International web site. If you use the secure on-line page, you may direct your donation to the Schenectady County affiliate by making the proper designation under the "More Ways to Donate."

LAND or PROPERTY DONATIONS

Your generosity may be expressed through donations of land for building Habitat houses or an existing structure for renovation. We would love to speak with you about your site and how families may benefit from your donation.

NEW BUILDING MATERIALS DONATIONS

If it can be used to build a house, we need your new building materials and welcome donations. All such in-kind donation items must conform to the individual project specifications.

SPONSORING ALL OR PART OF A HOME

We encourage businesses and individuals to sponsor a home. Recognition is given to all who sponsor and make a home part of their giving program.

DONATIONS OF TOOLS

We welcome tool donations. We would love to speak with you about your ability to contribute in this way to our building efforts. Tools will be collected during the year and those not used will be sold at the October Tool Sale.

Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County welcomes all to help us build decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need of adequate shelter. Volunteers are always needed for a variety of tasks. No prior experience is necessary to get involved.

If you would like to become a Habitat volunteer and begin lending a hand today, **circle** any of the following areas of interest and return this form to HFHSC or visit our website at www.hfhscny.org to send a message to the individuals responsible for the various activities.

If you have any questions, send an email to our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@hfhscny.org.

Work Projects

(working on a house, crew leader, planning projects)

Outreach

(recruiting volunteers, liaison to other groups)

Development

(fundraising, event coordination, letter writing, grant writing)

Publications

(newsletter, flyers, artwork, computer skills)

Publicity

(posters, banners, press releases, staffing info tables)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Ste _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

e-mail _____



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Habitat for Humanity builds more than houses — it builds families, communities and lives. Every gift to Habitat is a testament to the caring and unselfish spirit of Habitat supporters and friends.

**ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TOWARD
BUILDING HOMES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.**

Yes. I want to help families escape from substandard housing. I want to help Habitat build new lives.

Here is my gift:

- \$30 will pay for paint for one room.
- \$50 will purchase a door and hardware.
- \$100 will buy an insulated window.
- \$350 will pay for shingles for the roof.
- \$1000 will purchase vinyl siding.
- Other

Donor name _____

Address _____

City _____ Ste _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Payment method: check Visa Mastercard
Acct. # _____ Exp. Date. _____

*Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity of
Schenectady County, Inc.*

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Matching-gift companies, please report your gift.

GE only: 1-800-4-MATCH GE (1-800-462-8244) or
<http://benefits.ge.com>. Specify Habitat zip code as 12309.

Mail this form to:

HFHSC; PO Box 9043, Schenectady, NY 12309.