



CHANGE LIVES



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES



ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life to build decent houses for families who otherwise would live in substandard conditions. We believe that affordable, safe housing is a necessary prerequisite for the health and well being of the communities we serve.



A message from the *Executive Director*

Dear Friends,

Looking back on fiscal year 2010 (July 2009 – June 2010) we are thrilled by the growth and resilience we see even in the face of disturbing economic and housing conditions. At the very core of our program, we were blessed with the support of hundreds of volunteers who with their spirit and dedication not only helped implement our mission but also sustained our capacity to change lives and strengthen communities.

During this year we served families with a variety of new programs. We built homes, we painted homes and we weatherized homes and in each and every case our work led to an improved quality of life for deserving families.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity means accepting that very important work takes place at our jobsites and also, behind the scenes, at our board and committee meetings. During this fiscal year our Family Team (e.g. Family Selection and Family Support) rose to the challenge of expanding services to include financial well-being workshops and planning for our inaugural family picnic. The newly strengthened Faith Relations Committee introduced the tradition of an annual clergy breakfast and the Finance Committee added members and oversight to insure that the affiliate's finances were properly managed.

We sincerely appreciate the hundreds of people, businesses, churches and organizations who provide the financial resources needed to implement our programs. And, we point proudly to the fact that our annual audit shows that 88 cents of every dollar we spend was on program related activities. A dollar invested in our affiliate is spent carefully and with the intention of helping individuals who need our support.

As this is published, we are already well into the new fiscal year. We again look to the creativity, knowledge, skills and will of the people to move this affiliate to a higher level of achievement. We ask your support to spread the word about this affiliate. Help us find new partners, new donors and new ways of bringing a higher quality of life to those now living in sub-standard conditions.

Kind regards,

Sharifa Townsend

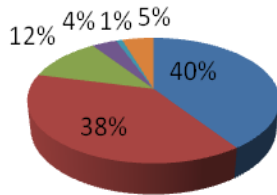
Sharifa Townsend
President

David Tracy

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Executive Director

Revenue

- Contributions
- Home sales, less mortgage discounts
- Mortgage discount amortization
- Rents
- In-Kind materials
- In-Kind Services



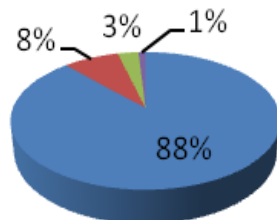
Ratio Expenditures:

Recommended that total program expenditures be at least 65% of total expenditures (www.give.org—Wise Giving Alliance and affiliate of the Council of Better Business Bureau).

Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs exceeds the recommended ratio with 88% of all expenditures going directly to programs and services.

Expenses

- Programs & Services
- Management & General Operating
- Fundraising
- Other Expenses



Thank You

Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs would like to thank those who have contributed to our success. Throughout the year you have shopped in our ReStore, made a donation of cash, goods or volunteered. All of this has helped our organization reach our goal by providing homes to families in need.



These are Our Stories.....

It was nice meeting you today at the Cornerstone School in Chicago Heights. My family and I had a wonderful time and look forward to attending another project. My husband Marvin was really excited, which is great because he hadn't been able to find something he was passionate about in order to volunteer his time. I believe he has found it! That was also the first service project in which my older daughter Nia, can remember us volunteering so she was also happy that she came. She is the one who reminded me to email you "today" to find out about additional dates for volunteering. Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity truly made an impact on our lives. We look forward to volunteering again soon.

Zetta Piggot
2011 MLK Day Volunteer



What will you build?



*We are thankful for Habitat for Humanity, especially the
Chicago South Suburban branch!*

*Thank you all for your sacrifice of time and energy. It is not in vain!
Habitat has been our answer to prayer for three, almost four, years now.
We thank the Lord for you all and pray for you and the other Habitat families.*

Barbara Medlen
Partner Family

For more information about these program and services visit: www.gohabitat.net. Are you eligible for a Habitat home? Call Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs 708-756-2015.

Financial Supporters

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Saint Paul Community Church
United Methodist Church

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County of Cook Housing Authority

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Softwood Lumber

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State Farm Insurance-Rich Schwab

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Schneider Electric
Valspar
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*Prepare Habitat for Humanity Chicago
South Suburbs for the Future.*

There are many ways to contribute:

- Bequest*
- Charitable Remainder Trusts*
- Gift Annuities*
- Lifetime Gifts*
- Life Insurance Policies*
- Donations*

*To learn more about ways to give to Habitat
for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs visit
www.gohabitat.net or call us 708-756-2015.*

Our Yearly Events:

<i>A Brush With Kindness</i>	<i>Year long event</i>
<i>Martin L King, Jr. "A Day ON not a Day OFF"</i>	<i>January</i>
<i>Earth Day</i>	<i>April</i>
<i>National Women Build</i>	<i>April-May</i>
<i>ReStore Garage Sale</i>	<i>May-August</i>
<i>International Day of Prayer</i>	<i>September</i>
<i>World Habitat Days</i>	<i>October</i>
<i>Holiday Giving Campaign</i>	<i>December</i>

Get Involved!

Build - Think - Act

Experience the build, and action that go into creating and preserving home ownership!

While Habitat is best known for creating and preserving homeownership, our mission also includes creating public awareness of the importance of housing to the communities we serve. A typical day on the construction site offers volunteers the chance to learn about housing issues and be a part of the solution in a unique and interactive environment.



BUILD - THINK - ACT

Build: Work on a habitat home and gain deeper understanding of how Habitat for Humanity works.

Think: While on site, talk about the challenges and solutions related to creating simple, decent housing. We know that Habitat alone cannot meet the needs of 55,000 south suburban families living in sub-standard conditions. Creating stable healthy communities requires people to learn about a variety of solutions.

Act: Education and understanding are key components of achieving our mission. We hope volunteers will share what they learn and help us create wider circles of understanding about the need for decent, affordable shelter for all people.

Consider this: The National Housing Conference (www.nhc.org) in their “paycheck to paycheck” study illuminated the struggle faced by too many people to afford simple, decent housing. In this area, an annual income of \$62,686 is required to purchase the median priced home valued at \$210,000.



* An hourly worker earning \$15.00/hour earns \$31,200 per year.

* A trained technician earns approximately \$52,000 per year.

* Studies show that one of the best ways to strengthen communities is by investing in quality housing that's affordable to people at all income levels. This means that creating quality housing choices in our neighborhoods benefits all of us.

Housing matters to everyone, it is a critical component of stable families and strong communities.

Help Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs continue to build decent, affordable homes for families in need.

VOLUNTEER

Join with us as we fight poverty and homelessness.

Visit: www.gohabitat.net and click on **“Volunteer”**

LEARN MORE

Read about Habitat for Humanity International.

Visit: www.habitat.org

DONATE

Help us help families secure a better way of living.

Visit: www.gohabitat.net and click on **“Donate”**

SHOP OUR ReStore

Our ReStore is conveniently located at 180 W. Joe Orr Road Chicago Heights, IL

ADVOCATE

We need your voice to spread the word about ending poverty housing.

STAY INFORMED

Visit Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs on Facebook and “Like” our page. You can also become a fan on Twitter.

Can we urge you to help us further engage in the solution, particularly in terms of supporting our mission? We know that we alone cannot end poverty housing. It will take collaborative efforts from the public, private and nonprofit sectors in order to make an impact. Your support will make a difference. With your help, we can change the reality for future generations in our communities.

Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES VISIT:
WWW.GOHABITAT.NET

WOMEN BUILD

Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children worldwide. Women Build events have helped to construct more than 1,750 houses.



A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

Habitat for Humanity's *A Brush with Kindness* is a locally-operated program serving low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. This program is made possible by the generous donation of paint provided by Valspar.

DONATE YOUR CAR

Each year the steel industry recycles more than 14 million tons of steel from junk cars and end-of-life vehicles.

Cars for Homes™



Nice car.

This is equivalent to nearly 13.5 million new automobiles. Consider donating a vehicle to Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs.

Go to www.gohabitat.net and click on "Get Involved".



Building on Faith

September 18, 2011 is ***International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat.***

The International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat, observed on the third Sunday in September, is a time when the entire Habitat for Humanity community is urged to come together in prayer for those in need of shelter. Through prayer, Habitat for Humanity continues to make a

dramatic difference in the lives of people around the world. Many volunteers are drawn to this ministry after hearing God's call and seeking God's guidance through prayer.

Other prayers are answered when families and communities grow in the shelter of God's grace. The hurdles of funding and building homes are overcome through the miracles of prayer.

Offering ourselves as instruments of service

The Day of Prayer began in 1983 to make housing a matter of conscience. The intent was to place in the hearts, minds and souls of people everywhere the idea that poverty housing is unacceptable. The New Testament passage from 1 John 3:17 teaches that we must respond to those in need.

Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs *Faith Based Relations Support*

Calvary United Protestant Church

Covenant United Church of Christ

Flossmoor Community Church

Mount Olive United Methodist Church

Peace Memorial

United Methodist Church

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

New Faith Baptist Church

Saint Paul Community Church

Victory Apostolic Church

"But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22: 34-39

Re-Door

Re-Floor



ReStore

Wednesday: 10 a.m. –6 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Did you Know?

Landfill operators report that a weeks worth of new and lightly used construction demolition materials taken to the landfill can build a complete moderate-sized house.

Help HFHCSS continue to “go green”. Drop-off all your old and unused electronics at the ReStore for us to recycle.





David Tracy
Executive Director

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We offer a hand up, not a handout.

Each selected family is required to work a minimum 400 hours of sweat equity building their home, save \$1,500—to establish their escrow account, pay a zero interest mortgage and pay monthly escrow for property tax and insurance.



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