

Sandtown Habitat for Humanity

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“To Me it is Sunny!”

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 30th, more than 100 individuals gathered to celebrate the completion of 1610 North Calhoun Street. It was raining, but the umbrellas came out and no one left. The homeowner, Ronald Fitzgerald, said “To me it is sunny!”

And so for an hour we stood outside together in the rain filled with joy and celebration, thanking God for the blessing of a new home and a revitalized community. Doug Thomas from T. Rowe Price, the sponsor of the home, presented the keys to Ronald and shared how exciting it is for T. Rowe to participate in the rebuilding effort. This is the fourth home completed by T. Rowe toward their commitment of five homes. They began work on their fifth home the following Saturday, a home we will dedicate by the end of the year.



Ronald Fitzgerald and his mom, Habitat staff member Danny Waid and T. Rowe Price volunteer Marc Cross at 1610 Calhoun

In April we held three house dedications, and at each one both the homeowner family and the volunteers who worked on the home shared their feelings of tremendous joy and blessing. This is what Habitat is all about, a partnership of individuals and groups working joyfully together to rebuild. The homeowner family invests hundreds of hours of sweat equity on the home and the sponsor provides funding and volunteers. Both claim that they receive far more than they give.

At 1332 North Mount Street, homeowners Tarray Bonaparte and Diane Watford worked with the co-sponsors, St. Thomas Garrison Forest and Church of the Good Shepherd, the 7th home completed by these two Episcopal parishes. Church of the Redeemer



Diane Watford, Tarray Bonaparte and her daughter with Rev. Scott Slater from the Church of the Good Shepherd at 1332 Mount

Join Us For SUMMER BUILDING WEEK 2005!

Sign up for our 14th Annual Summer Building Week, June 20-24, 2005. You can obtain applications, liability waivers and orientation manuals on our website, www.sandtownhabitat.org (look for the pop-up about Summer Building Week).

Space is limited, so sign up right away before the June 1st deadline. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Episcopal completed their 6th home, 1709 Presstman Street, and homeowner Tannya Kimble stated “I am blessed!” And Timonium Presbyterian Church completed their fifth sponsored home, 1805 Presstman Street, with homeowner Doreen Spencer.

Tremendous challenges remain in our community. Too many families continue to struggle in low-wage jobs or to rent substandard units from absentee landlords, too many children must still contend with lead paint in their environment or violence and drugs on the corners. But every completed home brings our community that much closer to a community of joy and justice where there are no vacant houses and where the children know that a wonderful future awaits them. And so we are grateful to the sponsors - Timonium Presbyterian, St. Thomas and Good Shepherd, Church of the Redeemer and T. Rowe Price - for your investment of time and funding and expertise, for your investment of love. You are causing so many of us here in Sandtown to proclaim “We are blessed!” and to see sunny days even when it is raining.



Tannya Kimble with family and friends at 1709 Presstman



Doreen Spencer at 1805 Presstman



Diane Watford receiving gifts from her new neighbors

Additional House Sponsors...



Columbia Presbyterian Church began work on 1327 North Fulton Avenue in April, their first sponsored home (*see photo left*). The congregation had so many volunteers sign up that there had to be a cut-off point! We look forward to working in partnership with this congregation for years to come.

And Black & Decker has signed on for their fourth sponsored home which they will begin in May in partnership with Provident Bank and the Maryland Credit Union League. Black & Decker has been a tremendous blessing to Sandtown through their generous contributions of funding and power tools as well as house sponsorships.

BUILDING PARTNERS 2004

A Project of Sandtown Habitat for Humanity in Partnership with the City of Baltimore and The Enterprise Foundation

Major Grants

The Abell Foundation
The Baltimore Ravens
City of Baltimore Department of Housing
and Community Development (funding
and vacant houses)
The Enterprise Foundation (Living Cities)
The Rouse Company Foundation
State of Maryland: Maryland Affordable
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State of Maryland: Neighborhood
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State of Maryland: Self-Help
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House Sponsors and Operating Support (\$10,000-25,000)

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Cathedral Church of the Incarnation
(Episcopal)
Central Presbyterian Church
Chapelgate Presbyterian Church
Gabe & Belinda Chen
Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)
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New Community Presbyterian Church
Provident Bank
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T. Rowe Price Associates Foundation
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Financing

Baltimore Community Development
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Central Presbyterian Church
The Enterprise Foundation
Kelly Family Investment Trust
Municipal Employees Credit
Union (MECU)
New Song Urban Ministries
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Special Funds

Divinity Lutheran Church Furnace Fund
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Mark Lange/Computing@Home
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In-Kind: Construction Services

C-Joy Construction Company
John DiLaura
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Charles Horn
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(CSD Architecture)
Merritt Properties
Timothy Naughton
Doug Nelson
Real Men of Steel
Skarda and Associates (Timothy Sibel)
Mel Tibbels
Dr. John Wessner

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Carey Restaurant Sales
City of Baltimore Bureau of Solid Waste
City of Baltimore Dept of Recreation and
Parks
Greater Baltimore Inspection Services
Lynn Pest Management
New Song Family Health Center
Old Country Buffet - Towson
Party Perfect
Waste Management

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Baltimore Window Factory
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Tony & Cheryl Cannon
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Duron Paints & Wallcoverings
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The Home Depot Maintenance Warehouse
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Volunteer Lunches

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Municipal Employees Credit Union
(MECU)
Provident Bank
Subway Shops
Urban Financial Services Coalition



Johns Hopkins Undergrad Class Volunteers in Sandtown

For seven weeks in March and April, 18 Johns Hopkins students, along with their professor Dr. Neil Hertz, came to Sandtown to volunteer with Sandtown Habitat and New Song Community Learning Center. These students were in a class taught by Dr. Hertz entitled “Cities: for example, Baltimore.” Each Wednesday afternoon this group graciously helped with various projects in Sandtown, including moving New Song’s preschool to a new building, helping in the Habitat warehouse, painting an about-to-be dedicated Habitat house and assisting in the kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms of New Song Academy. We are grateful to these students and their professor, who shared that “it is not just eye-opening, but positively heart-lifting, to take in what New Song has done and is doing.” Our thanks for their contributions to the rebuilding of our neighborhood and to the Johns Hopkins Habitat Campus Chapter which is working on their 7th house in Sandtown.

YPO House Sponsorship Kicks Off

April 2nd began as another rainy Saturday in Sandtown, but this didn’t stop 50 volunteers of the Young Presidents Organization (Baltimore/Washington Chapter) from heading into Sandtown to work on construction and landscaping. While 33 of their children worked on building and planting flower boxes at New Song Center, the YPO adults completed clean out and demolition at 1362 North Stricker Street and planted new flowers and trees donated by The Brickman Group in the garden at Calhoun and Presstman Streets. It seemed like the more it rained, the harder everyone worked!

To end a wonderful day, the whole group gathered at New Song Center to celebrate the kick-off of their house and were joined by Mayor O’Malley, Sandtown Habitat Board President Bert Hash, Co-Executive Director LaVerne Stokes and New Song’s Pastor Thurman Williams (*see photo bottom right*).

We appreciate the hard work of these volunteers and the \$33,000 committed to the house sponsorship by various YPO organizations/individuals. Thanks to you all for helping in the rebuilding of our neighborhood. And thanks to Phillips Restaurant for the provision of a delicious lunch!



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Urban Affiliates Conference in D.C.

In March many of our staff members attended the Urban Affiliates Conference in Washington D.C. The conference provided a great opportunity to network and renew acquaintances with urban Habitat staff from across the country and to visit the homes and communities being rebuilt by the D.C. affiliate. A highlight was a luncheon message delivered by Habitat International Board President Rey Ramsey on the state of Habitat, which has now been in existence for almost 30 years and has completed more than 175,000 homes worldwide housing nearly 1 million people.

