Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity®

Building...

Homes, Families, Communities and Hope!

Fall 2011

Carliss Green with her daughters, Shawna and Marie

Homeownership Provides Stability

Carliss Green celebrated a milestone in May shared by families across Cincinnati -- a graduation party. But her joy was doubled because both her daughters were graduating. Her oldest daughter Marie graduated from the University of Cincinnati (UC) with a degree in Social Work and her daughter Shawna graduated Valedictorian from Horizon Science Academy. Both girls are continuing their education. Marie is at the Masters program for Social Work at UC and Shawna is at Indiana Tech working on a degree as a Therapeutic Recreational Specialist. Carliss' son, Tevin, is in 10th grade at Hope Academy.

When Carliss bought her Habitat home in 2005, she was a recovering addict who had been sober for 7.5 years. But her addiction took its toll on her, her family and their lives. Carliss had no diploma, three children and was battling addiction. During this time, her kids would live with relatives and be placed in foster care while Carliss entered treatment. It would then take Carliss a year to earn her diploma, get a job and start rebuilding a new life with her kids.

Carliss said, "I had to do different this time. I knew nothing would improve until I got grounded, looked at my character defects and got those changed. It was such a growing process for me. My family was skeptical, but I knew they had faith in me and I had to prove myself it was deserved. Being in treatment, I learned to own my mistakes and apologize for transgressions."

Cincinnati Habitat provided Carliss the opportunity to prove that goals can be made into reality. Carliss said, "I kept telling my kids that we would own our own home and not be stuck in these horrible apartments and projects, but why would they believe that? Habitat made that dream a reality. At the end of the day, we have a home to go home to. I can't find the words to describe what strength and courage that gave me and, in turn, my kids."

The Green family's story exemplifies what statistics prove. Studies show that children of homeowners are 25% more likely to graduate from high school and 116% more likely to graduate from college – accomplishments that both of Carliss' daughters achieved and which her son is well on his way of reaching.

Home ownership has provided a means for Carliss to stabilize life for herself and her children. It truly has been a hand up – and not a hand out – for her family. Carliss probably put it best when she said: "We live in a home that is proof that anything is possible and it has given me the courage to ask, 'Ok Lord, what is next? I am ready for the next accomplishment!'"

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Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing by building simple, decent, affordable homes to sell to low-income families in need.

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SPOTLIGHT ON A LOYAL HABITAT SUPPORTER

Molloy Roofing Co. Has Long History Of Donated Roofing Labor With Cincinnati Habitat

Molloy Roofing Co. is a family-owned business serving Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Located in Blue Ash, the company offers both commercial and residential roofing service to its customers. It was founded by H.J. Molloy in 1900, and is presently led by Dave Molloy, the fourth generation President. About 20 years ago, Dave was recruited by a Habitat volunteer from his church to personally assist with shingling the roof of one of our earliest Habitat homes in Cincinnati. Dave and his company have remained active in providing free roofing labor to our ministry over the years.

Molloy employees typically shingle between 1 and 3 Habitat homes per season. Over the past 10 years alone, Molloy Roofing has tackled 24 projects for Cincinnati Habitat, chiefly homes built by our Eastside Coalition of Churches in Avondale.

The estimated value of their labor during this period is nearly $24,000! A crew of 5-6 Molloy employees are able to complete the shingling of a 2 house project in about half a day. They often work alongside our volunteers and share lunch.

"Habitat blesses more than new homeowners. From the lunch providers to the professionals that donate their countless skills, we are all blessed by simply placing someone else's needs before our own. And building a house is so concrete!

I'm grateful that you think to include our company in Habitat's plans each year and hope that we may continue to serve with you for many more years."
Dave Molloy

Cincinnati Habitat wishes to salute Molloy Roofing for their dedication to our organization, through good economic times and bad. We look forward to continued partnership with them.

Donate to Cars for Homes™ and Help a Neighbor in Need

Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program has distributed more than $10 million to Habitat affiliates since the program's inception in 2003! Help continue the impact of this program by donating a car to Habitat's Cars for Homes™\ vehicle donation program. Your donation helps build houses in partnership with local families in need of decent affordable shelter. Your car donation will benefit the Cincinnati Habitat Affiliate, serving families within your local community! It is quick and easy to donate a car, truck, boat, RV, motorcycle, construction equipment or other vehicle—running or not!—although auction-quality vehicles (late-model, running and in good condition) generate significantly more funds than salvaged or recycled car donations. Plus, your vehicle donation may be eligible for tax deduction purposes. For more information, see IRS Publication 4303, "A Donor's Guide to Vehicle Donations," at the IRS Web site and consult with your own tax adviser.

Donate a car online at www.carsforhomes.org, or call Cars for Homes™ toll-free at 877-277-HFHI (4344).

Ed Lee
Executive Director

What will you build?

Summer is upon us and that means the building season is at full throttle. Cincinnati Habitat continues to grow and is undertaking 9 new construction builds and 7 rehabs in 2011. Sixteen more families will have a decent, affordable home thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. It is an exciting time as this is the most rehab projects that we have ever tackled in a single year. And, we are still focused on energy efficiency, striving for Energy Star Plus certification on the new builds and LEED certification on one new build (Mohawk St.) and 2 rehabs (Elm St.). Plans are progressing on 18 projects in 2012. We are committed, even in this tough economy, to continue to increase the number of families served each year.

Faith is the most important component in our growth plans. I can tell you we do not know for sure how we will fund 16 houses this year and 18 next year. But our faith and abundance mentality keeps us pushing forward. God has blessed Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity and we are committed to making it work. I am reminded of the loaves and fishes parable in the Gospel. Jesus assured his disciples that they could feed the masses with 5 loaves and 2 fish and they did! We are determined to utilize the gifts God has provided to Cincinnati Habitat through you and leverage it as far as it will go to reach more families in need of decent, affordable housing.

So what will you build this summer? I invite you to join us in building decent, affordable housing for 16 families this year and 18 families in 2012. Your tax deductible donations will combine with others and multiply the impact. Your contribution will be leveraged like never before to complete the 2011 builds and position the 2012 builds for success. Individual giving to Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity has declined each year since 2008 and this mirrors the national individual charitable giving trends of our slow economy.

I ask you to join me in faith and turn that trend around for Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. Help us fund all 16 houses this year and 18 in 2012. You will find a donation envelope in this newsletter or you can make a credit card donation online via our secure website at cincinnatihabitat.org (click on Donations on the left side).

Your friend in faith,

Ed Lee

Thank You to our Recent Supporters

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their monetary and/or in-kind donations valued at $1500 or more*

***Gifts are based on cumulative giving for the current calendar year beginning 1/1/11 through 6/30/11**

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2011 Habitat Homes

This year, Cincinnati Habitat is on track to complete more homes in a singular build season than ever before in our 25 year history. Our long term goal continues to be striving towards reaching 20 homes per year by 2013. Your support is helping to make this a reality. Read below about where they will be built or renovated, the families who will call them home and their sponsors.

Eastside Coalition #36 Home

3220 Fairfield Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Evanston)
Primary Sponsor: Eastside Coalition of Churches
Partner Family: Carlisha Anders
House Model: Blair
The Eastside Coalition of Churches will build their 36th Habitat home in the eastern side of Cincinnati. They will not only be building and sponsoring this home, but also providing the construction leadership and volunteers for the two neighboring homes on Fairfield that are being fully funded by Ohio National.

The Ohio National #5 and #6 Homes

#5: 3224 Fairfield Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Evanston)
Partner Family: Lauren Snellings
#6: 3228 Fairfield Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Evanston)
Partner Family: Mary Brantley
Primary Sponsor for both homes: Ohio National Financial Services
House Model of both homes: Blair
Ohio National Financial Services is entering its third year of a 5-year, 10-home commitment to Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. Ohio National officials said they chose Habitat for Humanity because it reflects Ohio National's tagline: "Life changes. We'll be there." Joining Ohio National again this year will be Cincinnati Habitat's Eastside Coalition who will provide the project leadership for all three homes on Fairfield Avenue, making these their 37th and 38th houses.

The Community Rehab #3 Home

1734 Holloway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Evanston)
Primary Sponsors: Crossroads, Xavier, Union Savings Bank
Partner Family: Siffa Andre & Kabura Christella
House Model: Rehab
Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity continues to shift our focus towards true Neighborhood Revitalization, targeting specific communities for development. This will be the 4th home in the Evanston community during our 2011 build season. Union Savings Bank will be joining long-time supporters Crossroads Community Church & Xavier University. Union Savings Bank also donated this home to Habitat in 2010.

The G²OTR #1 & #2/P&G #1 and #2 Home

#1: 1522 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (OTR)
Partner Family: Nicole Holloway
#2: 1524 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (OTR)
Partner Family: JaQuanna Moses
House Model of both homes: Rehab

The G²OTR #3 Home

270 Mohawk, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (OTR)
Primary Sponsors: Wells Fargo, Episcopal Churches of Cincinnati, Duke Energy
Partner Family: Tiffany Stewart
House Model: Blair

The G²OTR Project will result in the production of three houses in the Historic Over-the-Rhine community of Cincinnati. Phase I will result in two renovated homes and Phase II result one newly constructed home. By incorporating innovative green building features and techniques, each home will be LEED certified—a first for Cincinnati Habitat.

The Shalom #15 Home

built in partnership with Our Lord Christ the King Church
273 McCormick Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 (Mt. Auburn)
Primary Sponsors: Shalom Coalition of Churches & Our Lord Christ the King Church
Partner Family: Amy Bomar
House Model: Blair
The Shalom Coalition of Churches formed in 1998 and will be building their 15th Habitat home in the Cincinnati area in 2011.

The Shalom Community Rehab/Fox19 Home

1219 Lincoln Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206 (Walnut Hills)
Project Leadership: Shalom Coalition of Churches
Partner Family: Nicole Benson
House Model: Rehab
The Shalom Coalition of Churches will be taking on a new challenge in 2011. In partnership with FOX19, they will be working on their first rehab in their history with Cincinnati Habitat. They will be providing both project leadership and the volunteers for this build. This will be in addition to the new build they are doing in Walnut Hills, making this their 16th home built with Cincinnati Habitat.

The Delta #3 Home

7373 Werner Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231 (Mt. Healthy)
Primary Sponsors: Delta Airlines
Project Leadership: Delta Airlines
Partner Family: Heather & Ali Owda
House Model: Kremer
For the third year running Delta Airlines is generously donating time, talent and funding to support a 6-week blitz build in partnership with Cincinnati Habitat. Delta, a longtime supporter of Habitat for Humanity across the country and around the world has made a global commitment to community and we are thankful to partner with them during our 25th anniversary year.

The Westfed #24 Home

3647 Fyffe Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211 (Westwood)
Primary Sponsors: Westfed Coalition of Churches, SC Ministry, Cincinnati Habitat Young Professionals
Partner Family: Miranda Taylor
House Model: Blair
The Westfed Coalition continues to make their presence known on the west side of the city where they will be building their 24th home in 2011. The 3rd home to be built on Fyffe, they will again be joined by students from Seton and the College of Mt. St. Joseph for this build. The Cincinnati Habitat Young Professionals will proudly build alongside the Westfed group again this year, making it the 3rd year in a row that these two groups have built together.

Madisonville #6 Home

5335 Owasco Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227 (Madisonville)
Primary Sponsors: Madisonville Coalition of Churches, Regency Centers, Citigroup
Partner Family: Joan Gray
House Model: Blair
The Madisonville Coalition will build its 6th home this year. The group of churches will be joined by groups such as Regency Centers, Northstar and Citigroup as they work together to build homes in the Madisonville area.

The Cincinnati Habitat 25th Anniversary / Sycamore #1 Home

1402 Regent Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 (Bond Hill)
Primary Sponsor: Sycamore Coalition, Friends of Hammer Time
Partner Family: Tamica Smith
House Model: Blair
2011 marks Cincinnati Habitat's 25th Anniversary of building homes and this house located near the Cincinnati Habitat office and ReStore was chosen to commemorate that. The Sycamore Coalition will be joining Cincinnati Habitat for the first time this year and, in addition to funding, will also be providing the project leadership and volunteers.

The North College Hill NSP Rehabs #1 & #2 Homes

#1: 1829 Goodman Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 (N. College Hill)
Partner Family: Toshia Bishop
#2: 1940 Sundale Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 (N. College Hill)
Partner Family: TBD
House Model: Rehabs
Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity is partnering with North College Hill to utilize Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) III funding to complete two rehab projects in North College Hill.

The Community Rehab #4 Home

219 Carthage Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215 (Lockland)
Primary Sponsor: North Star, Cincinnati Habitat's ReStore
Partner Family: Jorreina Allen
House Model: Rehab
This Community Rehab provides another example of Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity's commitment to Neighborhood Revitalization. When this home, which housed a Habitat partner family, became available, rather than sell it, Habitat took the opportunity to provide another home for a local family in need. North Star Church is partnering with Cincinnati Habitat for the first time on this minor repair project.

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Cincinnati Habitat would like to thank the City of Cincinnati for its continued commitment to and support of our mission.

Calling all Runners, Walkers & Golfers!

Come out and enjoy the last great days of Summer with Cincinnati Habitat at two great events thanks to sponsors Procter & Gamble and Project Management Institute of Southwestern Ohio

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Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity® Young Professionals

For the third year "running", Cincinnati Habitat's Young Professionals group is hosting its Raise the Roof 5K Run & Walk at the beautiful and scenic Sharon Woods Park on Saturday September 17th at 10:00 a.m. Both runners and walkers are welcome, you can even bring the kids and your dog! Join us after the race for the rockin' after party complete with a Bounce House courtesy of Queen City Inflatables as well as food, games and refreshments. This year's after party is again being sponsored by Mt. Carmel Brewery and this year we'll feature the latest rage in the Nati'…Food Trucks! You won't want to miss the fun…plus you could win a medal or a coveted hand-made winner's plaque if you strive to finish in the top three.

Pre-registration is now open!

Pre-register for only $20 or join us the day of the race starting at 8:30 a.m. to register for $25. All registrations include a t-shirt. Join us at the after party for just $10 more. Learn more and sign-up for the race and/or after party at www.raisetheroof5k.com

2010 winners

2009 winners

2011 Golf Outing Benefitting Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity

PMI Project Management Institute Southwest Ohio Chapter

Not a runner? More interested in working on your game on a gorgeous course? Then join us on **Saturday September 10th** at Beckett Ridge Golf Club for a day of golfing, food, prizes and fun! Project Management Institute (PMI) of Southwestern Ohio is proud to announce the 1st Annual PMI Golf Outing benefiting Habitat for Humanity. PMI has supported Habitat in the past and decided to do more by organizing this fantastic event.

Registration is now open!

log on to www.pmi-swohio-chapter.org

What: ***2011 PMI Southwest Ohio Chapter Golf outing benefiting Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity***
When: Saturday, September 10th
Time: 8:00 am (first tee time "Beat the Heat")
Where: Beckett Ridge Golf Club • 5595 Beckett Ridge Boulevard • West Chester Township, OH 45069
Cost: $80 per person – Includes greens and cart fee, 2 drink tickets, catered reception and prizes!

Event and Hole Sponsorships are available – see the PMI Southwest Ohio Chapter website for details - www.pmi-swohio-chapter.org/

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ReStore Turns 1 Year Old

ReStores are continuing to support home building and community revitalization across the country and Cincinnati Habitat's ReStore is proud to have had a successful first year in our local community. Shoppers and donors alike helped keep tons of waste from our local area waste stream and helped hundreds of shoppers save money on everything from washers and dryers to lighting and furniture. In a tough economy, everyone needs a good deal on quality materials, and the ReStore has been a valuable resource for our community. The ReStore's profits offered nearly $200,000 in support of Habitat's home building ministry and with your continued purchases and donations we can double, triple, even quadruple that number!

The ReStore continues to offer FREE PICK-UP services for large materials and thanks to a generous individual donor, has added another truck to its fleet to help better meet the demand in our community. Now open 6 days a week (closed Sunday), give us a call or stop by to learn more about donations, volunteering or inventory.

Thank you for a great first year!

Casey Huber
ReStore Director