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## **Patricia Carey Wirth, Executive Director...**

Summer, 2007 saw the completion of Brendan Woods, the sixty-one home community in Bluffton. Families have settled in and are living productive lives in their new homes, enjoying all the privileges and responsibilities that homeownership involves.

Looking back over the seven years Brendan Woods was under construction, it's amazing to realize that over 6,000 local residents helped make the community come into existence. More than 6,000 people hammered nails, swept floors, installed shingles, painted walls, worked in the Resale Store, conducted homeowners workshops, laid sod and wrote checks and, as a result, more than 300 people are living in simple, decent homes of their own. This kind of support is extraordinary and we're grateful beyond words to everyone who worked, donated and prayed for our success.

Our next houses are planned for Ridgeland, where we've begun site preparation on a parcel that will be the location of the next four Habitat houses. All told, we have land on which to build about 140 houses in Ridgeland, with more land on the horizon. House construction will begin again on September 4 and volunteers are encouraged to call our office for more information about our new building schedules.

Our job is far from complete in southern Beaufort County. There are still thousands of families living in substandard housing. You've all seen it. You know it exists and you have the ability to help change the situation. Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity is the only organization providing new housing for hardworking local residents who earn between 20% and 60% of the area median income. I encourage you to remember the need for affordable housing, advocate for it and remind our elected officials that they can play an important part in keeping Habitat in the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton area. Our mission is the elimination of poverty housing wherever it exists and we're doing it, one house at a time! Although we'll be busy building in Jasper County, let's be certain that effort continues in southern Beaufort County.

## **Give A Gift that Makes A Difference**

The Pension Protection Act 2006 provides tax benefits to donors and offers Habitat supporters the opportunity to create a lasting legacy for Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity's mission of eliminating poverty housing in southern Beaufort and Jasper Counties.

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**This is a wonderful way to support Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity.**

