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Call 757.5864 to donate your land.

Surprisingly enough, one out of every four families in Beaufort and Jasper Counties is living in the most deplorable of conditions: without heat, hot water, proper ventilation, little or no plumbing, faulty electrical systems, structurally deficient or unsafe housing. Many live in overcrowded conditions, some far exceeding building and fire capacity codes. Those in public housing con-

tend with increasing incidents of crime, drug sales, and violence. But we can do something about it.

Through a very generous donation by a local real estate developer, Brendan Woods, a Habitat for Humanity community in Bluffton, has grown to a thriving neighborhood that will soon be home to 61 families. By June, construction in Brendan Woods will be completed and Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity needs more land on which to build.

This spring, we will begin building four houses in a small community in Ridgeland. Four houses will help four local residents needing a simple, decent place to live, but there are many other families that need the same hand up. Habitat for Humanity stands ready to take the lead in providing affordable housing in both southern Beaufort County and Jasper County, but to do so, we must have land on which to build.

Habitat houses are built at zero profit and Habitat goes on to hold the mortgages on the houses at 0% profit. A four-bedroom two-bath house sells for \$70,000. Through these favorable terms, a family pays a monthly mortgage payment of about \$350, which includes principal, insurance, taxes and pest control.

Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity is the only organization building new homes in southern Beaufort County for those residents who earn between 20% and 60% of the median income of the county. Without land, we simply cannot fulfill our mission of eliminating sub-standard housing everywhere it exists in southern Beaufort County and in Jasper County. Without additional land on which to build, people will continue to live in sub-standard houses and trailers in overcrowded conditions with inadequate or absent water, sewer and heat. *We ask that those individuals in the community who have knowledge of land available at a reasonable price contact our office at 757-5864. You'll make a dream a reality for a local family.*

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**(BIRTHDAY, CHRISTMAS, ANNIVERSARY, OR ANY
OTHER SPECIAL OCCASION)**

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From the Volunteer Coordinator's Corner ... Lois Wilkinson

Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity is fortunate to attract a large base of volunteers who come from all the communities from Sea Pines to Sun City. In addition, because of our affiliation with Habitat for Humanity International, we are able to participate in two programs that bring volunteers from across the United States to build with us in Bluffton, SC.

One of these programs is the Care-A-Vanner program whose purpose is to further the mission of Habitat for Humanity by assisting local Habitat affiliates, who act as hosts, in accelerating and/or supplementing their building programs. Members of the program are RV owners who travel the country volunteering their time at Habitat for Humanity projects. This year we have enjoyed having Care-A-Vanners from Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Texas, and Minnesota. They are able to stay at the construction site for as long as they desire. They follow our construction schedule of working Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:00 AM until noon and spend their afternoons enjoying the area. Our experiences with these generous people have been mutually rewarding.

Another Habitat for Humanity International program in which we participate is Collegiate Challenge. This year more than 11,500 students have signed up to participate at 235 Habitat locations across the country. Throughout its 18-year history, Collegiate Challenge has sent more than 139,000 students to build Habitat houses. During this time, students have raised more than \$11 million in donations to the program. This year alone, Collegiate Challenge students will contribute \$1.4 million to help build homes. Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity expects 165 students to spend their week-long winter or spring breaks building with us this year. We have hosted students from NC State and Colgate University this winter and expect groups from Siena College, Ohio State, Lincoln Memorial, SUNY-Binghamton, College of Misericordia, Purdue, Penn State and Skidmore. Our volunteers enjoy working with the students because of the great enthusiasm and energy they bring to the work site.

ALL THAT JAZZ!

WomenBUILD 2007 presents *All That Jazz*, on Sunday, April 1st.

Swing along with Ron Burton, Carole Galli
and The Alligator Dixieland Jazz Band

2 to 4 pm, 04/01/07, at the Jazz Corner at Wexford.

Doors open at 1:30 pm.

Limited reserved seating \$25.

Tickets at: Burke's Main Street Pharmacy, Habitat Office in Bluffton
and The Jazz Corner.

Information: 689-9495 or 757-5864.

Thank You Dick Hart

On February 23, Dick Hart was recognized for his 12 years of service to Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity. Dick was presented with a plaque and a live oak tree was planted on the Community Center grounds in his honor. In the last two years, Dick has volunteered over 400 hours building in Brendan Woods. He serves as a house leader and has supervised many new volunteers in this capacity.

New Family Orientation

Monday, April 30, 2007, 6:30PM at Palmetto Electric Cooperative Rte 278,
New River Center, Hardeeville

Learn how you may apply for a
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

Construction Update ... Susan Sommer

What a grand day, Saturday, 1/27/07 – three families received keys to their new homes in the Brendan Woods Subdivision. Those same families celebrated the day by providing a delicious meal to the folks who attended the dedications. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and homeowners who built these houses with the Alvarez, Polanco, and Umana-Garcia families.

Construction continues, as of 1/31/07, on three houses. Moss Creek is building one, a generous donor sponsored the second, and The Realtors' Association built the third. This is the sixth house that the Realtors' Association has constructed with the Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity affiliate. During a blitz build, 1/18-1/20/07, and despite rain the first day, the realtors dried in an entire house.

Two additional houses had their kick-off on Saturday, 2/3/07: one is sponsored by four local Methodist churches; the second is this affiliate's third **WomenBUILD** house. Dedication of those houses is set for May 12, 2007, the day before Mother's Day. The final house in Brendan Woods is scheduled to kick-off in March 2007, and the subdivision will be built out by June 2007.

Family Support - Ann Diercxsens & Janet Quaille

Part of a home buying family's commitment in working towards purchasing a house, consists of attending eleven workshops. These are generally held once a month and are mandatory. Since most of our candidates have never owned a home, we go over home maintenance, landscaping, insurance and wills. To help them make sure they pay their mortgages on time, we have several workshops on budgeting, how to handle medical costs, what is a mortgage and legal matters. To promote a better community, we have workshops on conflict resolution, what and how a homeowner's association works and how to talk to children. With this education, we feel that our new homeowners have all the tools for successful home ownership.

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Furnish your room... your house... your church with items from the ReSale Store. All of the items (with the exception of the large TV) were purchased at the ReSale Store. Every day new items come in, so don't miss out! The hours are 10 to 5 M-F and 10-2 on Sat. We are always looking for volunteers and donations. Call 757-9995 for more information or to schedule a pickup for your donation.