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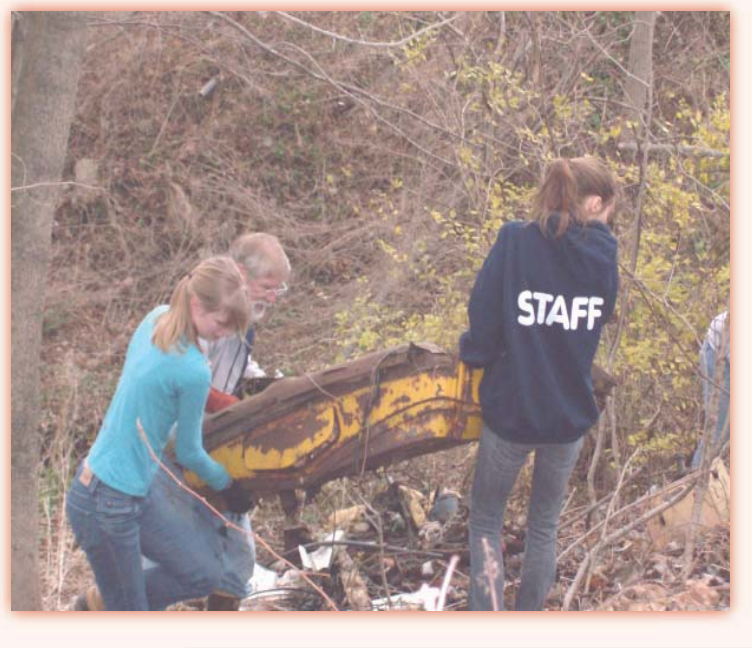
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Clean Up on Breed Road

On Nov. 9th, a group of eager volunteers from the First Congregational Church of Ithaca, Cornell University students, several Lansing and Ithaca area residents, and Cornell Professor Jerry Hass with an Agway-loaned Kabota back hoe & bucket tractor arrived at our Breed Road lot to prepare the land for our next Habitat build. Oh the junk they found! -- tires, asphalt shingles, rusty fencing, car axles, refrigerators, a washing machine, and more scattered around the site among the tall weeds and dense brush. After five hours of hard work, an area for the house was cleared and all the junk/debris was piled for pickup and recycling.



Over the winter, we will continue to raise funds for this house. The family selection committee is looking for our next low-income partner family who will be involved in the design of their home. Stay tuned for more on this project and plan to help us build a home for another local family in need.

Holiday Giving

This holiday season, give a unique gift – make a donation to TCHFH in honor of a friend or family member! Your contribution will stay local and help construct a simple, environmentally “green” home for an area family in need.

- \$10.00 will buy caulk, drywall tape, and other materials to seal our home up tight
- \$25.00 will help fund a gallon of no VOC paint
- \$50.00 will purchase a roll of insulation
- \$100.00 will buy a low-e argon filled window.

Please consider making a special gift this season – the gift to someone you love will be a gift to a deserving family in need of a home. We will send a note recognizing the contribution made in their name. Make checks payable to: TCHFH, note “local work” in the memo and specify name and address of person in whose name you are donating. Further questions? Call (607) 898-4148 or tompkinscortland@habitatnys.org

The NEXT Cortland Build!

Now that our first “green” house at 165 Tompkins St. is nearing completion, we are looking ahead to our next build in Cortland. On Nov. 10th, we became the proud owners of 33 Arthur Ave. Thanks to the generosity of Michael Dropp who partially donated his empty lot; we were able to afford a very nice lot in a beautiful residential neighborhood in Cortland with easy access to sewer and water. Thank you Mike! We hope you and your neighbors will help us build that house!



M&T Bank: Helping Hand
TCHFH just got a grant of \$1,500 from M&T Bank. Thanks! We can’t wait to work on Breed Road with you!

Community Builds First Green Habitat Home

Wells Fargo Employees enjoyed a group-building day on 10/29 at the 165 Tompkins St. build starting with a pizza party and ending with plaster dust white faces for all. Wells Fargo Housing Foundation was also most generous to Habitat in contributing \$10,000 towards this "green" build.

Many other groups as well are helping to get the Fetterly family into their home quickly. Members from St Paul's Methodist Church in Ithaca helped spackle and sand drywall on November 15. A team of union carpenters dry walled the whole house in less than four hours. Ohio, Homer and Ithaca church youth groups all worked at the house.

We had 50 SUNY Cortland Resident Advisors work with us one Friday. Half worked at the green build and half finished up the landscaping at the Fox Hollow house making both houses look like beehives of activity. Cornell University masons installed the front walk pavers; the Building and Ground Dept. did incredible landscaping with the design assistance of Little York Plantations. SUNY Cortland Grounds Dept. provided topsoil and leveling.

Paul Yaman Construction did major supervision, siding and roofing. Tom Niederhofer Construction provided supervision and access to Forest Homes Panelized Builders. Avalon Builders installed the kitchen. Sherman Williams provided paint. Murdock Excavators dug the basement; Finger Lakes Construction did the footers. And the City of Cortland gave the land. We are truly blessed with such generosity!



Wells Fargo group-building day.

Search and Give

Make "search and give" your search engine and you automatically donate to TCHFH each time you search the Internet. The directions are simple: Visit www.searchand-give.com and click on "Sign in." Click "sign up now" and follow the prompts to create an account.

When prompted, set your contribution settings at "Habitat for Humanity" as the name/keyword and "Ithaca" as the city. Click "show results." When the charity results appear, select Habitat for Humanity International Inc., click "save charity" and you're ready to search!

Community ReUse Center Opens in Triphammer Mall

Finger Lakes Reuse just opened as a retail outlet off Route 13 in Ithaca for locally generated reusable materials. Our Habitat will benefit from this store in that donated materials that we do not use in our building can be donated in TCHFH's name. Then, we will share the profit from the sales. Our huge surplus of new windows donated by the Glass Smith in Homer NY, are now on sale at the ReUse store next to JoAnn Fabrics. Our share of the proceeds will support our next Habitat build.

The ReUse Center accepts: building materials, appliances, furniture, carpets, household goods, electronics and art materials. The idea is to save the landfill, recycle, repair and reuse. Finger Lakes ReUse will collaborate with existing reuse programs like Dump and Run, the Student ReUse Project, Cornell and IC. Eventually they will have pickup and delivery service.

If you have building materials to donate, please contact us at 607 898-4148. If we can't use them, you can donate to Finger Lakes ReUse in our name. For more information, contact Diane Cohen at ReUse. 607 257-9699.

WISH LIST

- Electric hand-held sanders (no batteries)
- Extension ladders
- Skilled construction volunteers for Breed Rd.
- Buildable land in both Tompkins and Cortland County
- Storage barns in both counties
- Donations of good building materials
- A bottle/can drop-off location and someone to make returns for us!
- Donation of a dumpster, and other site prep services for Breed Rd.
- Volunteers interested in family support; church relations; or organizing fundraising event



The Fetterly's: Ready for the Holidays!

CALENDAR

Open House and Dedication at 165 Tompkins St. Cortland: Jan. 4, 1 – 3PM, 2009

Bring redeemable cans/bottles to the celebration (we are still raising funds --\$1000 so far -- to finish our building). Please park at Robinson Wood Shop at 19 Delaware Ave.

Build days at 165 Tompkins St. Cortland every Saturday 8AM – 1PM and Wednesday 4 – 8PM until completion. Contact Beth at tompkinscortlandhabitat@gmail.com for the latest schedule.

I would like to contribute to the building of the next Habitat house.

Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Mail to: TC HFH. P.O. Box 4683, Ithaca, NY 14852

Or go to our web site (www.tchabitat.com) if you would like to contribute to HFH through a painless monthly automatic deduction from your checking account or credit card.