



Welcome Home



Amber Little and her two sons,
Maximus and Maleki

Volunteers, friends, and family gathered at 100 Breed Road in Lansing to welcome Amber Little and her two sons, Maximus and Maleki, to their new home. After the ribbon cutting, Amber received the keys to her first ever home, providing her and her two sons with a safe and stable environment to flourish. Amber had to complete 500 hours of sweat equity in order to purchase this home with a no-interest, zero-profit mortgage from TC Habitat.

Amber thanked all the volunteers for their many hours of hard work and said, "Habitat has made our lives so much better. Now our dreams can finally come true and we can have a steady place to live and not have to move again."

A handcrafted coffee table was donated to the Little Family and guests were invited inside for a tour after the ceremony.

Church Group Travels for Blitz Build

Traveling from Pennsylvania, 39 members of the Clarion United Methodist Church worked industriously at 33 Arthur Ave in Cortland building an access ramp, putting up 2" x 4" walls, framing windows and doors, and even hanging a "Welcome Home" sign for Chad, Courtney, and Emma Hutchings. Starting with a foundation and platform, the group completed the framing of first floor and readied it for the trusses that will make up the second floor - all in just three days."



Youth Group from Clarion, Pennsylvania



American Homes crew setting the house

The group also helped to further the build on Wellsley Drive in Dryden by preparing the two-parted TST BOCES house, previously moved on site, for its placement onto the foundation. Working with TCHF's Dean Shea, Howard Rhoades, Construction Manager of the Church Group, and the Clarion volunteers, were able to push our construction schedule on Wellsley Drive ahead by two weeks! Jessica Couch with her three children, Miles, Jillian and Eliot, brought the group a batch of homemade brownies and handmade "Thank You" cards to show their gratitude.

As of June 30, 2010, over 1,800 hours have already been hammered into our current builds by volunteers!



The Couch Family (left) and the Hutchings

Habitat joins in the fun at Dryden Dairy Day

Future Habitat Homeowners and Volunteers marched through the village of Dryden in the Dairy Day Parade the morning of June 12th. The children of Habitat Partner Families, Emma, Miles and Jillian were excited to ride in a convertible through the parade.



Emma Hutchings, Jillian and Miles Couch

Summer Fund Raiser

Valu Home in Cortland will be holding their annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties this summer. Purchase raffle tickets (\$1 each) for chances to win 5 different prize collections: from a Taste of Tompkins (basket of gift certificates to local restaurants); Spa and Wellness (includes a \$100 gift certificate for Hope Lake Lodge); Tailgating Essentials (barbeque grill and other essentials); a hand-designed and decorated Ukrainian ostrich egg; to the Best of Cortland (basket of restaurant and entertainment gift certificates); AND a grand prize of a new car! Visit Valu Home or contact our Dryden office (898-4148) to buy raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold through July 31st.

Supporting Businesses Include:

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| Hope Lake Lodge | Teresa Gorge, Ithaca Artist |
| Maxie's Supper Club | Cayuga Lake Cruises |
| Just A Taste | The Ithaca Ale House |
| Carriage House Café | Marks Pizzeria |
| Dryden Hotel | A Pizza & More |
| Moosewood | Hollywood Resturant |
| The Elm Tree Inn | Olde Homer House |
| Satori | DigiPro Photography |
| City Health Club | Kelly's Dockside Resturant |
| Tropical Sun | Food for the Planet |
| Oasis Dance Club | Valley House |
| Bernard's | Hope Lake Lodge |
| Maté Factor | King Subs |
| Froggie's Supply | A1 Restaurant |
| Blue Frog Café | |



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

TC Habitat Board Members, Committee Members, and construction volunteers gathered at Dryden Lake for a picnic to celebrate a successful year. The group cheered as the completion of The Little Home on Breed Road was announced. "Golden Hammers" were awarded to volunteers who put in over 100 hours of labor on Little's house and gifts were given to Committee Members who went above and beyond this last year.

JOIN US ON:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 6 Wellsley Drive in Dryden to help build the Couch's home. Please sign up for the day you would like to volunteer at tchabitat.com/volunteer.

Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 33 Arthur Ave in Cortland to help build the Hutchings' home. Sign up at tchabitat.com/volunteer.

Everyday through July 31st at the Valu Home Center in Cortland to enter in a raffle that will help fund local TC Habitat projects.

I would like to help build affordable, decent homes in partnership with those in need.

Amount \$ _____ Use my entire donation for local work
 Use a portion of my donation to support construction of homes globally

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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