

We Invite You...

to our **Art Show and Auction Gala** on Saturday, April 8, at the Chase School in Waterbury at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a wine-tasting, food, and a silent auction in addition to the art auction.

Proceeds will go toward building the first HFHGW home.

Habitat is still looking for sponsors and advertisers.

Contact Sharon Hallock at 203-596-2240 for information and tickets.

to a Duck Race

in Naugatuck at Whittemore Bridge and Parcel C on Saturday, May 7 at noon. Fees are \$5 per duck, and \$2.50 from each sale will go to Habitat.

Contact Dick Kahn at 203-267-4206 for information or to purchase a duck.

to hear a presentation

about the upcoming plans of the Waterbury affiliate of Habitat by HFHGW board member Feisal Sharif.

Contact Feisal at the Habitat office at 203-596-0014.

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Inc.

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Because you care about your neighbors...

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER WATERBURY, INC., (HFHGW) is working toward building its first home with a partner family in the Greater Waterbury Area this year.

That means we're busy raising funds for building supplies and promoting an awareness of HFHGW's mission to eliminate homelessness and poverty housing in the Greater Waterbury Area--one family at a time, one house at a time.

HFHGW works with people from all walks of life to develop communities with people who have a need for decent housing, the ability to pay for it, and a willingness to help achieve the goal of home ownership.

We all benefit when our neighbors can improve their standard of living.

The elimination of sub-standard housing is a benefit to the homeowner as well as to the larger community.

The beneficiary of this first building project will be a limited-income family selected by HFHGW's Family Selection Committee to work with HFHGW to build the house.

Your support is vital at this time. Please:

- Support our fundraising activities;
- Encourage civic organizations to support HFHGW financially and by promoting awareness; and
- Volunteer your gifts and talents to this project.

--Bud Behlman
President, Board of Directors

The Habitat Family

Writer/volunteer shares insights with Waterbury affiliate

THE WOODBURY UNITED Methodist Church Men's Fellowship sponsored a community breakfast Saturday, February 11, in support of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury.

The event raised both money and awareness for the new group, which only achieved affiliate status two years ago.

Author Chris Goodrich of Brookfield, the featured guest speaker, spoke about his experiences with Habitat for Humanity and about his book, "Faith Is a Verb."

Proceeds from the sale of "Faith Is a Verb" during the breakfast were donated to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury.

Woodbury resident Bud Behlman, president of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury and a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, noted, "the history of this church and of

the larger denomination throughout history, has been to embrace social outreach."

More than 50 people attended the breakfast and most were new faces. Several filled out volunteer interest surveys.

Still in its infancy, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury is looking for volunteers in all areas, as well as financial support and corporate sponsors. The group also needs warehouse space in the area.

The group plans to break ground for its very first home construction project in late spring on a donated parcel of land in Waterbury.

"It usually takes about five years for a new affiliate to build their first project, so we're doing pretty well," Bud said.

After the breakfast, construction committee members were hard at work upstairs in the church offices discussing plans for the project. Two of the four



committee members had signed up to be volunteers that morning.

Anyone interested in more information about Habitat for Humanity or in becoming a volunteer may call Habitat's Waterbury office at 203-596-0014 or president Bud Behlman at 203-266-4879.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at different locations. Those interested in attending may call the office at 203-596-0014.

The group is organizing an art auction fundraiser, featuring live and silent auctions and a wine tasting, for April 8. Those seeking additional information may call Dick Kahn at 267-4206.

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