



Dear Habitat Partners,

Our fiscal year ends on June 30th of each year. This year was a wonderful year for our community, our affiliate and most importantly our children. We completed the infrastructure work at Haywood Estates and closed on 10 homes in our new 32 home community. We completed 19 homes in total. Our 200th home will be complete in November of this year. We now have 20 homeowners in the pipeline to fill the homes in Haywood Estates. Our volunteer commitment continues at record levels with over 20,000 hours committed last fiscal year and our donations continued strong despite an ailing economy. Our heart-felt thanks to those donors, volunteers, board members and staff who helped make this a wonderful year.



Beaches Habitat Scheidel Scholars that gave their testimony at the 2nd Quarter Prep Club party

This month we would like to provide special thanks to the donors, volunteers, and staff which support our Education program:

- The Scheidel scholarship program provided a full four year scholarship for Danielle Mette who graduated this May. She was the 6th Beaches Habitat scholar to graduate from the University of North Florida.
- Thanks to a second scholarship and second \$1 million donation funded by the Scheidel family, we now have 20 scholars attending Florida Community College of Jacksonville (FCCJ). Students who receive their Associates Degree from FCCJ will automatically be accepted to UNF to continue their pursuit of a Bachelor's degree.
- Our After School Tutoring program at both the Donner and Jordan Centers now assists over 50 students and this year has continued to show dramatic results. All students improved their reading by at least one grade level and 78% improved their reading by 2 or more grade levels. Over 20 volunteers worked with these wonderful students to help them improve their skills. Our thanks to the Jaguar Foundation as well as Comcast for their donations to support this program.
- Our Prep Club includes 150 students from kindergarten through high school. Students are given cash awards for academic excellence and perfect attendance. Thanks to the generosity of the Scheidel Foundation and Legacy Trust, we were able to provide over \$30,000 in awards last fiscal year. This also was a record in student accomplishment.
- In addition, Prep Club members are eligible for a mentoring program, Take Stock in Children. Over 20 members have taken advantage of this program. A weekly one on one meeting with a mentor at the student's school provides a wonderful way to provide personalized guidance and advice to a young student interested in a college education.

Joseph Dagher
Past President

A New Beaches Habitat Partnership—Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children is a Mentoring/Scholarship program that provides a comprehensive plan of success for students in Middle and High School. The program provides a volunteer mentor that meets with the students at their school at least once per week to provide support and motivation. It offers continuous monitoring and intervention services provided by a student advocate. Take Stock in Children plans events and activities around career counseling and social time with mentors and families. Beaches Habitat Prep Club has 20 students participating in Take Stock. We are looking forward to additional students joining this year, and are encouraging all of our middle and high school students who want to pursue post-secondary training to apply for the program. We are also looking for potential mentors who enjoy working with teens to consider getting involved in this community partnership. Contact Kathy Christensen at 241-1222 for more information.



Thank you to the Scheidel Foundation

The Scheidel Foundation pictured to the left with Managing Director, Shielah Lee. They come from all over the world to participate in our Prep Club parties: (left to right): Henry Scheidel (Taipei, Taiwan), Ema Saad (Al Quraya, Kingdom of Bahrain), Miki Geesaman (Burkina Faso, Africa), Miyuki Scheidel (Ponte Vedra), Shielah Lee, Wes Scheufler (Sarasota).



Prep Club members pictured above with Miki, Scheidel Foundation Board President and Miki passing out awards (right).



Prep Club Members Now Have Incentive to Learn and to Save

There has been a change in the Prep Club program at Beaches Habitat. Since the program's inception, students have been receiving cash awards not only for their A's and B's but also for their perfect attendance. The awards ranged from \$50 to \$150 depending on the student's grade level and the number of years the student achieved perfect attendance. Many of the students were spending most if not all of the money and had not saved any. For this reason there has been a shift in the program's structure.

For the upcoming 2009-2010 school year, all Prep Club members will be required to open a savings account. There will no longer be awards for the consecutive years of perfect attendance. In its place there will be Super Savers awards. Instead of the students receiving a check for the full amount of their awards at the quarterly parties, they will only receive half of the amount in a check. The other half of the award will go directly into their savings account. At the last party of each school year, the students will be awarded more money depending on how much they saved in their accounts.

There are three levels of the Super Savers awards – gold, silver, and bronze. All of the awards will be calculated from the total amount that was deposited into their savings account. The gold award is for the students that have more than the deposited amount in their account at the end of the school year. They will receive an additional 25% of the total amount of the savings account balance. The silver award is for the students that have a balance in their savings account equal to the deposited amount for the year. They will also receive 25% of the account balance. The bronze award is for the students that have a balance less than the amount deposited in their savings account. They will receive an additional 10% of the total amount of the saving account balance. It is our goal to have every Prep Club student receive a Super Savers award!



To Our Education Sponsors

- The Scheidel Foundation
- The Jaguar Foundation
- The City of Atlantic Beach
- BB&T
- Comcast
- The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club, Inc.
- Take Stock in Children
- Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement Teaches Students About Savings

The 2008-2009 school year was a huge success for our Junior Achievement (JA) program! We hosted two sessions that covered financial topics. The first was the NEFE (National Endowment for Financial Planning Program) High School Financial Planning Program. The NEFE also provides additional financial education for



Habitat for Humanity International. For this program, the topics covered were setting financial goals, identity theft, credit, and insurance. The second was the JA more than Money™ program. This was offered to our 8-12 year old girls as part of our JA Girl\$ initiative. This program covered bank accounts, deposits, withdrawals, small business management, and unit production versus assembly-line production. Thanks to Junior Achievement, our students have a better understanding of the value and importance of money.



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Bike & Build, Inc. starts the Southern trip from Atlantic Beach, FL

From June 10th through June 13th, riders from the independent, non-profit organization Bike & Build, Inc., began their 2009 Southern U.S. route with Beaches Habitat. The 2009 Southern U.S. route goes across the southern states from Atlantic Beach, Florida to San Francisco, California. Bike & Build's purpose is to spread awareness of providing affordable housing to families across the U.S. Members from the organization raise funds during their route to give to organizations that help the same cause. The riders will be traveling, building, and resting on their route until their arrival in California on August 17th. To learn more about Bike & Build, Inc., please visit their website: www.bikeandbuild.org.