

**Habitat for Humanity of the Jacksonville Beaches and Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry Host the 4th annual Beach Bash!** By Stephanie L. Sapp

On Monday October 16, 2007 over 400 people gathered at the Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant to raise money for Habitat for Humanity of the Jacksonville Beaches and Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM). It was a beautiful night both in weather and in spirit.



Attendees were greeted with an array of gourmet cuisine from local restaurants Bonefish Grill, Dolphin Depot, Casa Marina, Marker 32, Ocean 60, Old Siam, Ragtime, Ruth's Chris, and Shelby's Coffee Shoppe. Each eatery generously donated their services and food. While sampling specialty items like bang bang shrimp, lobster bisque soup and chocolate desserts, guests were invited to browse the silent auction and make bids on items donated from businesses and individuals across the Jacksonville area. They could also try a Grey Goose martini or fine wine selection

from bars set up by Bonefish Grill: and enjoy the live music from Mid-Life Crisis. At 7:30 an exciting live auction with Brian Sexton as the auctioneer took place in the courtyard where exquisite trips were auctioned to the highest bidder, such as a week stay at the Sea Ranch in Sonoma County and a trip for two to the Boca Raton Resort and Spa with use of a Mercedes.

This year's Beach Bash raised nearly \$55,000 through ticket sales, auction items and donations. The funds will help Beaches area families attain affordable housing and emergency assistance in their times of need. We, at Habitat, extend our gratitude to our event sponsor BB & T and the other sponsors and restaurants that made this event a success!

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## HOME DEDICATIONS

### The Campbell Family

By Stephanie L. Sapp

To most people it would seem the Campbell family's road to Habitat home ownership was long and hard, but Betty Campbell would tell you something entirely different. "It was never really hard," Betty said. "We just make things hard on ourselves." The Campbell family has owned the property on Dudley St. in Mayport since 1957 when their father built the family a home. Mr. Campbell passed away in 2002 and the house began to fall apart. "We were all working and mom couldn't take care of the house herself," said Betty, sister to Charles and David Campbell and daughter to Maddie who all now reside in the house.



Twelve sponsors took part in rebuilding the Campbell family's home that now accommodates Betty, her daughter Colleen, her two brothers Charles and David, and her mother Maddie. The home was made handicap accessible for Maddie and includes a beautiful roll-in shower that makes life for the grandmother much easier. "We loved everything about the process," says Betty. "It is a beautiful program and we just couldn't believe there were people out there who wanted to help a family they didn't know." Charles and David agreed that the sponsors who made their home possible were the most rewarding part of the whole process. Children from Beaches Episcopal School raised \$1,700 to put towards the family's home and touched Betty to the point of tears at the dedication service. "Everything about moving into our new home was wonderful," said the family. "There's nothing we would have changed."

Shortly after her father passed, Betty found out the two bedroom house was infested with termites and took her mother to live with her in Jacksonville while her brothers stayed to tend to the property. After keeping her mother in Jacksonville, Maddie asked to come back to her house. Betty says she just heard God telling her to take her elderly mother back home, and she knew exactly where that was. Charles and Maddie then took out a \$65,000 loan from the bank in the hopes of remodeling their deteriorating house. After hearing about Beaches Habitat from friends they came to the office and asked if there was anything the Habitat family could do to help. The ever-faithful Campbell family told their story to Beaches Habitat and the crew started their second ever knock-down rebuild. "When we found out we got the approval for the house we started jumpin' and praising God, just saying 'thank you Father', and then we called everyone we knew to tell them," said Betty.

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-Betty Campbell, new homeowner



The Campbell Family would like to say an extra special "thank you" to the 12 Sponsors who participated in their Apostles Build: Palms Presbyterian Church, St. George Episcopal Church, Hodges Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's by the Sea/Beaches Episcopal School, Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedra Presbyterian, Holy Church of the Living God Revival Center, First Christian Church of the Beaches, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, EPIC Surf Ministries

## HOME DEDICATIONS cont'd



Natasha Williams and her daughter, Azaria

1379 Dutton Island Road

Sponsor: St. Paul's Catholic Church

Special Thanks to the Family and Friends of:

- Ole Flaa
- Mark Vollmer
- Norbert Christensen

For donations to Beaches Habitat in memory of your loved ones.



Cynthia Smith and her sons, Gregory, Tevin, and DeAntone

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*Special thanks to donors in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt's wedding.*

*Congratulations Paul and Cindi!*



## Habitat Welcomes a New Americorps Team!

By Bethany Petkoff

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." In August the new AmeriCorps partners joined Beaches Habitat to begin their service. It was kicked off by a week of training in Georgia. Sarah Chau, Associate Director Beaches Habitat, joined the crew in the secluded woods. After some useful training the crew returned to Jacksonville Beach to begin their service. Three AmeriCorps will be leading volunteers in the construction of our homes. The fourth will be working in the office with Family Services and Education. Joe Mainardi comes to us from New Jersey. He studied History at Catholic University in Washington D.C. and has been involved in many different Habitat builds. He is here in sunny Florida after working in Alaska for the past summer. Rob Kennedy a California native is also bringing in some first-rate building experience. He too has been involved with Habitat builds in the past. Rob has taken some time off school to do service this year however he intends to go to school and study carpentry. Our final construction member is Mia Railing. She is originally from West Virginia but studied Education at Youngstown University. Not only is she a varsity soccer player, but she also competed in collegiate challenge right here in Jacksonville Beach. Mia is excited for her return here after her year of instructing snow boarding and white water rafting. Bethany Petkoff will be working in our office. Bethany comes to us from Ontario, Canada. At the University of Windsor she studied Communications and has also done some teaching. Bethany was a varsity volleyball player and a certified coach. The AmeriCorps volunteers are all very excited to be here and start their service. In their short time here at the beach we can already see how full of life this community really is. Having traveled at least 14 hours to get here, they were welcomed to Habitat and into the community with open arms.



B. Petkoff, M. Railing, R. Kennedy, J. Mainardi, S. Chau

## Habitat Heroes



**Gary and Deb Testa**

Three years ago Gary and Deb Testa were corporate business owners. When someone purchased their business they had a decision to make: Buy another business or volunteer their time.

Luck would have it for Jacksonville Beaches Habitat for Humanity that the couple chose the latter and has been offering their time to the Beaches affiliate ever since. After evaluating himself and deciding that the two things he loved to do were build and work with kids, Gary made the decision to offer his time to the Beaches affiliate Habitat and the Winston YMCA. Deb followed suit and volunteers her time at both organizations too. Gary and Deb serve on the board for the Beaches affiliate and have two children; Ashley, 23 and T.J., 19.

“When I stopped working three years ago I stopped earning a paycheck every two weeks,” said Gary. “My paycheck now is getting to work side-by-side with these families and that’s invaluable.” Deb does most of her volunteer work at home, assisting Habitat with the website design and content, but her joy ultimately comes from getting to see the families receive their homes.

“Years ago an Americorps member came to me and asked if I had the chance to go to any of the home dedications or the wall-raising ceremonies,” Deb said. “I didn’t understand what the big deal was until I went and realized that’s the best part. Habitat doesn’t just build a home they stay with these people forever, offering help and even scholarships for their children.” Habitat for Humanity extends their deepest gratitude to Gary and Deb for their volunteer efforts and years of service to the Jacksonville Beaches affiliate.

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Gary Testa

## Habitat’s Newest Partners

**Margaret Russell** Margaret Russell and her children, Kayla, Justin, and Corey will be residing in the Shangri-la subdivision. Margaret is a Patient Access Rep II at Mayo Clinic.

**Aida Diaz & Edgardo Aponte** Aida Diaz, Edgardo Aponte and their daughters, Felicia and Yvette will be residing in the Sawgrass Chapel subdivision. Aida is a Receptionist at Atlantic Eye Institute and Edgardo is a Detailer and Maintenance supervisor at Affordable Solutions.

**Nelson Osorio** Nelson Osorio and his daughters, Auldrey and Erica will be residing in the Sawgrass Chapel Place subdivision. Nelson works in the Maintenance Department at Avante Villa At Jacksonville Beach.

**Meriem EL Mouki** Meriem EL Mouki and her daughter, Sofana will be residing in the Shangri-la subdivision. Meriem is a pre-press helper at Dagher & Sons, Inc.

**Willy Jimenez** Willy Jimenez, Wendy Rivera and their children, Dianette and Daniele will be residing in the Shangri-la subdivision. Willy is a Service Technician II at Sears and Wendy is employed at Walmart.

**Johnna Bell** Johnna Bell and her children, Deonna and Deon will be residing in the Shangri-la subdivision. Johnna is employed at Brookdale Cypress Village as an Assistant Lifestyles Coordinator.

Contact Joyce Freeman, Family Services Director at (904) 241-1222 and see how you can become a Habitat homeowner.

You can help us lower expenses and raise more roofs with a few clicks of your mouse:



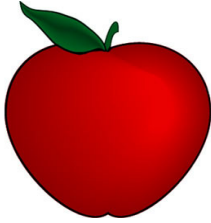
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## Education Corner



The after school program kicked off its 7th year with the start of school. This year there are new programs for every age group. Check out the schedule below. Programs are offered at the Donner and Jordan Community Centers. Call Amanda Ward or Bethany Petkoff for more information. 904-241-1222.

### K-2

Great Leaps Reading Fluency ~ Mon.-Thurs.  
 Book Club ~ Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
 Art ~ Fridays

### Middle School

Q Reads Comprehension ~ Mon.-Thurs.  
 Girls Inc. & Boys Club ~ Mondays  
 JR Achievement ~ Tuesdays  
 Honor Rows ~ Thursdays

### 3-5

Quick Reads Comprehension ~ Mon.-Thurs.  
 Book Club ~ Thursdays  
 Art ~ Fridays

### High School

Girls Inc ~ Mondays  
 Boys Book Club ~ Wednesdays



### Wild Times at Wild Adventures

Saturday, June 30th, 70 Beaches Habitat youth and chaperones spent a fun-filled day at Wild Adventures. Every student earned their ticket by participating in the after school program or receiving A's, B's and perfect attendance in school.



### Honor Rows Kick-off

Thursday September 13th kicked off Honor Rows by having a special guest. Jaxson De Ville the mascot of the Jacksonville Jaguars was there to sign autographs and dance with the kids. They also enjoyed some free food and agreed to participate in a 10 week nutrition and physical fitness program for a chance to go to a Jacksonville Jaguars game on November 25th.

## Education Cont'd

### Scheidel Scholars

#### Record Year for Scheidel Scholars

On August, 26 Scheidel Scholars, began or continued their education at the University of North Florida and Florida Community College. All of this is possible because of two \$1 million donations by Herb and Miyuki Scheidel to each school. All Beaches Habitat children have access to a full four year scholarship at UNF. In addition, Beaches Habitat homeowners and children have access to a two year scholarship at FCCJ. Congratulations to all of our Scheidel Scholars!



New UNF Scheidel Scholar  
Amy Kennelly with Mr. Scheidel

#### FCCJ Scheidel Scholars:

Kenya Bell  
Boyd Deley  
Grace Jotojot  
Annrian Lee  
Diane Little  
Jamal Little  
Fran Masters  
Tina Masters  
Terri McNeil  
Cassandra Mette

Tirrell Mincey  
Staci Pringle  
Nubby Ramirez  
Brandon Reed  
Nona Stevens  
Davie Thomas  
Jackie Thomas  
Brittney Woods

#### UNF Scheidel Scholars:

Yvette Carter  
Ishanna Ible  
Star Kazmierski  
Amy Kennelly  
Danielle Mette  
Miguel Ruiz  
Robert Thomas  
Vashawna Thomas



Kathy Christensen introducing Nat Glover

#### **Retired Jacksonville Sheriff Nat Glover at Jordan Center**

Beaches Habitat students welcomed special guest Nat Glover Wednesday, September 19th. The retired Sheriff challenged middle and high school students to stay in school and stay away from drugs and violence. Over 40 students and their families attended. Mr. Glover encouraged students not to give up and to remember they can achieve their dreams with the 4 P's: Plan, Prepare, Persevere and Pray. He promised to return at the end of the school year to celebrate their progress.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

Beaches Episcopal School	Bike & Build Inc.	Baldwin, Howard and Virginia	Hurlburt, James	Miller, Susie and Mike	Scheidel, Herbert and Miyuki
Thrivent Financial	Adventure Landing	Becker, Marjorie	Hurst, Edward and Penny	Morgan, Jack and Barbara	Schmalzle, Don and Cindy
Beaches Episcopal School PTA	Pam Am Mini Storage	Becker, Darlene	Jones, Thompson	Moyer, Charles Jr. and Christine	Schryver, Jamir
Hodges Blvd. Presbyterian	Girls Night Out	Booke, Max	Jotojot, Teotimo and Fe	Nicholson, Ellen	Shafer, Martha
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Ponte Vedra Woman's Club	Panera, LLC	Green, Patricia	Lowenthal, Katherine	Ratcliffe, Lawrence and Yvonne	Walters, Scott, Carol, and Cole
New Morning Lawn Service	Publix Super Markets Charities	Ham, Robert and Gilda	Lyon, Susan	Ratcliffe, Sara	Weinhert, Christine
Wells Fargo Foundation	Stein Mart	Harmer, Barry and Judy	MacDonald, Keith and Dorothy	Reiss, Francis and Susan	White, Christopher
Greater St. Mark Baptists Church	Palms Presbyterian Church	Hartkemyer, Steven	Marcotte, Alex and Jean	Reynolds, Dean	Winn, Donna
Marvin and Floyd Realty, Inc.	Epic Surf Ministries Inc.	Herrold, William	Maxwell, Douglas and Eleanor	Roland, Larry and Melissa	Wolfson, Don and Karen
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	Barton, William		McKee, Jean		
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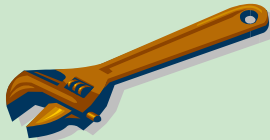
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- 2. Nail aprons
- 3. Utility knife
- 4. Carpenter pencils



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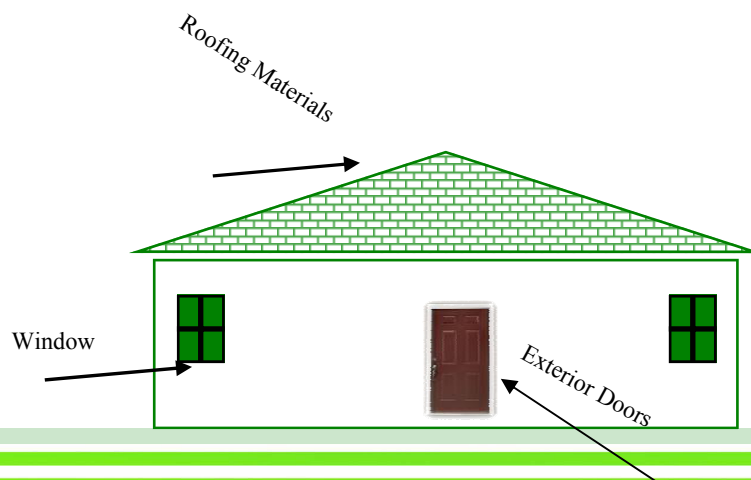
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