



# Habitat News *Fall 2015*

## Progress on Two Special Houses

The sign on the two-story new build at 457 Busti on the city's West Side says, "This (Habitat) house is built in honor of Pope Francis." He will be visiting the U.S. in September, and his birthday is in December. The house being built in his honor will be dedicated on December 13.

An anonymous donor gifted Habitat Buffalo with \$60,000 and challenged us to raise \$40,000 primarily from the local Roman Catholic community. We have already raised \$10,000 and



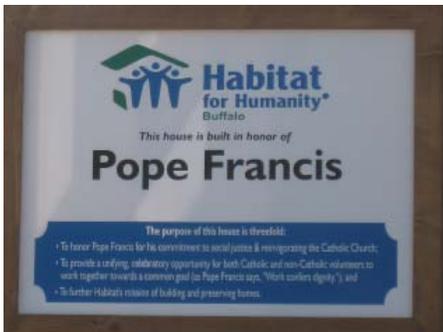
*Enclosing the 2-story Pope Francis House at 457 Busti*

need your faith and help to raise the balance of \$30,000. This effort of faith and commitment to social justice is foundational to this house built with and for the low-income family which dreams of owning the house.

Habitat Buffalo invites local Roman Catholic parishes and individuals to

help fund this house by the Pope's December birthday. Others who honor and respect the tenets of the Pope's commitment to the poor are also invited to participate with a financial and/or volunteer time gift. Call the Habitat office for further information. Please use the enclosed envelop for a donation, mark it "Pope Francis Build."

Another very special house at 467 Busti is the Veteran Build underwritten by the General Motors Foundation/Power Train Plant here in Buffalo. Veterans are encouraged to apply for the house, drive by the location and stop in to see the preliminary construction. Meet the supervisor and volunteers who do the building and get an application to have the dream of home ownership come true. Work hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 9-2. Call the office for further information.



*Sign in front of Habitat Buffalo House in honor of Pope Francis*



## ReStores – Ten Years, Five Years!

Two significant ReStore anniversaries were celebrated in one year! The ReStore North marked its 10th anniversary on June 20 at 501 Amherst Street in Black Rock/North Buffalo. During these ten years, supporters have made over 5,000 donations and helped contribute over \$1 million to the Habitat Buffalo house building effort. Domenic Cortese of "Hammertime" fame on WBEN 930 radio was on location and encouraged people to come in and shop for the special sales. The Habitat pickup truck was in the 18th annual "Discover Amherst



(Street) Day" parade to further remind people to come in and shop.

The ReStore South celebrated five years at 1675 South Park on Saturday, July 18, with sales, hotdogs, and

"Hammertime"—a great combination. Funds raised continue Habitat's house building providing security, safety, and energy efficiency to low-income families who desire home ownership.

Both stores need volunteers to run the stores along with the staff. This is a wonderful way to help at a retail level and help build houses! Check in at the stores during business hours and join the crews who enjoy retail, making friends, greeting the public, and feeling good about helping others! You might even do a little shopping yourself, as some volunteers regularly do!

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# Ron's Toolbox



**Kate Whitlock, Habitat Buffalo's executive director since August, 2014, submitted her resignation at the June board of directors meeting. Habitat Buffalo thanks her for her energy and foresight in moving its offices to the ReStore South location where such space**

was already part of the building but needed rehabbing. **Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the move.** Our staff and needs are growing, and more space was needed to carry out the mission of Habitat more effectively. **This saves us \$12,000 annually** in rental fees at our former Kensington location. **We also thank her for her ventures into housing on the city's West Side** in a variety of settings including the **Pope Francis Build** and the **Veteran Build No. 3** on Busti. **Habitat wishes her well into her future.**

We look ahead now. **A search committee will work on recruiting a new executive director** who will be able to lead Buffalo's vibrant affiliate that seeks to always work in partnership with families, volunteers and dedicated funders. **A new supporter is Harmac Medical** which is inviting a variety of entities to **work on Wende, Zenner, Kilhofer, and Leslie Streets**, a neighborhood on the east side standing in readiness for growth, safety, and stability. **We own five building lots and propose**

**to build at least two ranch houses in 2016** to begin the development of a fine neighborhood with a number of partners adding their expertise to the project.

We continue to seek your support in prayer, financially with monetary donations and shopping at our ReStores, and volunteering in construction, retail at the ReStores, at our relocated office and on fundraising/public relations and family selection and support committees. My volunteer time has been a tremendous blessing over the past thirty years. Your volunteer time is precious to both you and us in many ways. Come, enjoy, meet new friends, and above all, partner with low-income families who dream of home ownership. You will be a blessing to many!

*Ronald G Talboys*

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## Yes, You Can Build a House/Art Festival

**If you're artistic, philanthropic, or ready to celebrate a good cause, this is the one event in 2015 you can't miss!**

**When:** Friday, October 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**What:** Habitat for Humanity ReStore Art Festival & DIY Contest

**Where:** Habitat ReStore, 1675 South Park, Buffalo

**Why:** Use your talents to help build a home in Buffalo for a low-income family

Tired of the same old wine and cheese events? **Are you the kind of person who binge watches HGTV remodeling?**



This is an event like no other because **Habitat puts the fun back in fundraising.**

Whether you need to express your artistic side and design unique, hand-crafted décor or you want your home to feature one of these pieces, this event has your name on it. **Here's how it works:** If you are an artist, crafter, or builder, this is a chance to show off your work to your fellow Western New Yorkers. Simply **log on at <http://restorediycontest.com> and register** to design and produce a piece of furniture, cabinetry, or useable household item. All **qualified registrants get a voucher good at either ReStore** (1675 South Park or 501 Amherst Street) where you will **choose a suitable "canvas"** to restore, repurpose, or revise into something amazing, functional, and artistic.

**Get your DIY project to us by September 18, and your piece will be featured and sold at the October 2 event** to bring in the money to build a

house with a family in need. **DIY-ers also get two free tickets** to the event and the opportunity to mingle with the influencers and buyers in the art world as well as all your fellow Western New Yorkers who are looking for that one-of-a-kind piece that makes a statement and makes a house a home.

How often do you get the chance to make a difference and have the time of your life while you are doing it? Whether you are a DIYer, an art lover, or a buyer, join us on October 2. Food trucks will be on site where you can purchase a tasty supper. Light snacks will be included with the ticket price. **Contact us today for further details.** For more information, event tickets and artist registration, contact either **John Walzak or Chris Plumb** by e-mail at [restorediycontact@gmail.com](mailto:restorediycontact@gmail.com).



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# Celebration/Partnership Church Ingathering

The Celebration event will be held on Thursday, December 3, from 5:30-8:00 at the Pearl Street Grill. There will be hearty snacks, a basket auction, a 50/50 raffle, cash bar, and laughter, talk, and



friends to add to the joy of the holiday season.

Featured will be the **Hope awards presented to honor dedicated volunteers, supportive business partners**, and those who have “gone the extra mile” in supporting Habitat’s mission. Plus, **there will be the Partnership Church Ingathering** where money gathered from Partnership Churches will

be presented and totaled for 2015. The **M&T Charitable Foundation will provide a matching grant for up to \$8,000** of the money collected. The total amount will sponsor the Pope Francis house.

This is a genuine way to get into the Christmas holiday spirit! **Mark your calendar now** and hope for no major snow (or other) storm.

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## 2015 Golf Outing Thanks!

We are happy to announce **all proceeds this year from our Golf Outing will go towards Habitat Buffalo’s Pope Francis Build** at 457 Busti Avenue. Over the Christmas season, Habitat Buffalo was approached by an **anonymous donor** who chose to give **\$60,000 toward a Habitat house to be built in honor of Pope Francis** and his commitment to social justice. **Habitat Buffalo was challenged to raise \$40,000 to completely cover the cost of the new build.** As you know, Habitat relies on the generous support of the Western New York community in carrying out the mission of assisting low-income families achieve their dreams of home ownership. This golf outing is one of the major events that help us to carry out this mission. **Thanks go out to all the sponsors that have provided support for this event.**



### 2015 Sponsors

- Ebenezer Endowment Fund
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## 30-Year Congratulations

Here are a few of the congratulatory comments Habitat Buffalo received regarding our 30 anniversary:

- Many sincere thanks to all who have united in the organization, an outstanding, cooperative unit! Endless thanks for 30 years of achievement. May the next 30 be greater, more wonderful, and rewarding. – **Family Committee Volunteer**



- Happy 30th anniversary, a partnership made in heaven! -- **Family Selection Volunteer and New Construction Volunteer**
- Thank you for helping coordinate our University of Delaware alternative spring break with Habitat Buffalo. I only heard AMAZING feedback from the leaders of the trip and the participants. -- **Samantha, University of Delaware**

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## Annual Report 2014-2015

**Construction volunteers hard at work doing a good day's effort!**

### President's Report

Habitat Buffalo's new office location is within the ReStore South facility. The renovation and move occurred in January and is functioning very nicely. Executive Director Kate Whitlock oversaw the rehabbing of the office space at the location and the moving during the month of all equipment and data. An open house for the office was held in May along with a celebratory sale at the ReStore. Come visit and then shop during business hours.

The ReStores North and South continue to have increased sales to help underwrite the building of Habitat houses with pre-qualified low-income families who need simple, decent, energy-efficient housing and dream of home ownership. As you shop, donate, volunteer, you support Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. There are 832 ReStores across the country accomplishing the same goals.

The total number of Habitat Buffalo houses dedicated in our thirty years rose to 269 as of June 30. This means 269 families, including 394 adults and 740 children are living in secure, safe houses they call home. Mortgages of 26 families have been paid off in this 30-year time. We celebrated our 30th anniversary in April at Illio DePaulo's with good friends, delicious food, many memories and great hopes for the future as we prayed God's blessing on continuing this housing ministry.

Underway are a Pope Francis Build, Veteran Build, BOCES and McKinley High School modular builds along with a continuing variety of rehabs in various city locations. The Bailey Green project on Bailey Avenue and Wende Street is a new area to begin work in 2016 with Harmac Medical as a major partner. This calls for a variety of partners reclaiming the Wende, Zenner, Kilhofer, and Leslie Streets area. Habitat plans to continue into the next thirty years working in partnership with low-income families, dedicated volunteers, generous funders and supporters to build houses, communities and hope under God's blessing and with your prayers and support.

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#### **Houses completed in this fiscal year:**

- New Builds: 290 and 297 Trenton Avenue, 118, 94, and 106 Fox Street
- Rehabs: 324 – 14th St., 272 Dewitt St., 106 Wilkes Ave., 822 Humboldt Pkwy, 256 Rhode Island St., 143 Freund St., 130 Elmer Ave.



**The beautiful rehab house on Alexander is just about ready for the family's move-in.**



**The Karen adult choir of New Light Christian Church sang a blessing at the house dedication on 14th Street.**

## Board of Directors

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Margaret Talboys	.....	Secretary
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Toni Canazzi		Don Marx
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**Luke 6:38:** Give, and it will be given to you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over...

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**Mission Statement:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat Buffalo brings people together to build homes, community, and hope.

## **Fiscal Report -- Cash Basis (unaudited)**

*July 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 (11 Months)*

### **CASH INFLOWS**

Donations	
Individuals	.....\$165,874
Businesses	.....293,003
Churches	..... 16,899
Foundations	..... 207,869
Organizations, Schools.....	35,439
Net ReStore	.....265,891
Mortgages/AHC Grants	.....936,836
Fundraising	.....8,680
<b>Total Cash Inflows</b>	<b>.....\$1,930,491</b>

**Net Cash Flow Fiscal Year 5/31/2015 = \$332,939**

### **CASH OUTFLOWS**

Construction	.....\$1,228,693
Indirect Costs	.....181,995
Administration	.....93,573
Tithe (of undesignated funds to HFHI for overseas building)	.....43,458
Capital Expenditures	.....49,833
<b>Total Cash Outflows</b>	<b>.....\$1,597,552</b>

(An early newsletter deadline is the reason for an eleven-month report.)

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### Mission Vision

A World where everyone has a decent place to live.

### Mission Statement

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# ReStore

Like us at facebook.com/BuffaloReStore

You're invited to Shop, Donate or Volunteer at a ReStore and help build a home for a Buffalo family.

- ⇒ Inventory changes daily, so shop early and often.
- ⇒ Turn your clutter into someone's treasures.
- ⇒ Use your retail and people skills for Habitat's mission.

With over 10 years on Amherst St. and 5 years on South Park Ave. the ReStores have contributed more than \$1 Million to Habitat for Humanity Buffalo's homes.

Shop, Donate or Volunteer today by calling 716 852 6607 or visiting us at 501 Amherst St. or 1675 South Park Ave.

You can help create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

## Litany for Shelter

**Leader:** O Lord, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end,  
**People:** Break down the walls that separate us.

**Leader:** Help us understand how to tear down the former things,  
**People:** Show us how to bring renewal to your world.

**Leader:** Awaken in us the passion to dream.  
**People:** Guide us as we take small steps toward great visions.

**Leader:** We ask that you give us wisdom and strength,  
**People:** Patience and compassion.

**Leader:** Lord, who can make all things new, open our eyes,  
**People:** Let us see in our own communities and around the globe those who are without shelter.

**Leader:** Today we lift up to you those who yearn for a simple, decent and affordable place to call home.

**People:** Give us courage to respond.

**Leader:** As we give of ourselves, let us be grateful for those who give to us.

**All:** By the power of your Spirit, make us one. Amen.

*See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare (Isaiah 42:9a).*

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Prayer and Action  
for Human Habitat



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# Gifts From The Heart

## In Honor of...

- Sandra by Arthur E. Surdam
- David & Anne Floyd by anonymous
- Habitat Buffalo by Margaret Rowski
- Pope Frances Build by Dr. Robert Klocke

## In Loving Memory of...

- Victor Norton by Michael Brady, Louis DiCanio, David Christie
- Clarence "Clem" Licht by Larry & Linda Cummings

## Churches, Foundations, Schools, Businesses, Civic Groups

- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence
- Praxair Matching Grants for Education
- Give With Liberty
- Pilgrim-St. Luke UCC, Buffalo
- IBM Employee Services Center
- First Niagara Bank Foundation
- Citizens Bank
- Microsoft Giving Campaign
- NBT Financial Group.
- GEICO Philanthropic Foundation
- Salem UCC, Tonawanda
- Allstate Giving Campaign
- Asa Ransom House, Clarence
- New Hope United Methodist Church, W. Seneca
- CFCNCA, MD
- Clarkson University, NY
- Our Lady of Charity Parish, Buffalo
- SEFA (donor option)

- Amanda Bailey & Trueman Muhrer-Irwin by George B. Bush
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- Evans, Devereux, Memorial
- James Baldwin School, NY
- Stella Niagara Education Park, NY
- Patrick P. Lee Foundation
- Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo
- Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
- Cameron & Jane Baird Foundation of Buffalo
- Cars for Homes



- Burdette Lampe for Father's Day by Gayle Lampe
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- Marie Kurtz by David Kurtz

- Lions Club of Orchard Park
- Morgan Stanley/Cybergrants, Inc.
- St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Society, E. Amherst
- St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, Lancaster
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Citigroup Foundation
- Canisius High School
- Amherst Presbyterian Church
- Asbury United Methodist Church, AL
- Clarence Lions Club
- Elma United Methodist Church
- St. Paul's Women's Sodality, Kenmore
- North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville
- Congregational Church of S. Glastonbury, CT
- First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, PA
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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# Dedication and Building Update

- **Projects in Progress:** 2161 Niagara, 88 Grey, 41 Guilford, 98 Thatcher, 95 Ericson 65 Sirret, 457 and 467 Busti.
- **Dedications:** April 26, 324 – 14th Street, sponsor: Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo/UI Grant; 272 Dewitt Street, Oishei Foundation; May 17, 290 Trenton, Bank of America; 297 Trenton, East Hill Foundation, Patrick Lee Foundation; July 12, 74 Alexander Place, Citizens Bank; 81 Rounds, HSBC Bank.

- **Future Dedications:** check the Habitat website for dates and times.
- **Construction sites are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9-3.** Minimum age on the worksite is 16. Stop in to see the work, meet the volunteers and homeowner families, and/or volunteer yourself.
- **To volunteer as an individual,** click on Volunteers and sign on with Volunteer Up. Or call Meghan, Volunteers Coordinator, at 204-0740, x106.

- **Volunteer groups call the office for Meghan,** an Americorps volunteer, who will coordinate your groups with you.
- **Community Service Hours are available** with Habitat for high school students on the worksites or ReStores. Again, call Meghan for further information.
- **Become a member of the Carpenters Club** by pledging an amount for each house when it is dedicated. As a member, you will receive notice of the dedication and then a picture of the homeowner family. **Call the office for further information.**

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*These are the before and after pictures of Habitat Buffalo house #206, a rehab on Dartmouth on the city's East Side. Volunteers did an outstanding job, and the family and neighborhood are blessed.*

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Habitat Buffalo ReStore  
Art Festival and DIY  
Contest**

**Friday Oct. 2, 2015  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**ReStore South**  
1675 South Park, Buffalo  
(See newsletter article)

**Habitat International  
Day of Prayer**

**Sunday Oct. 4, 2015**

Please consider using the  
Litany for Shelter at your  
church to support the work  
of Habitat in prayer.

**Habitat Celebration and  
Ingathering Event**

**Thursday Dec. 3, 2015  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Pearl Street Grill**  
76 Pearl St., Buffalo

Tickets \$15  
**Call Toni (716) 626-5922**

**Pope Francis  
House Dedication**

**Sunday Dec. 13, 2015  
Time (TBD)**

**475 Busti Ave., Buffalo**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

## Quicklines

- **Business First listings with Habitat Buffalo: Community All Stars: Jakai Harrison**, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute lists Habitat Buffalo among his volunteer activities as does **Molly Budzinski** of Orchard Park High School; **Peter Hafner**, Hafner Financial Group names Habitat among his favorite nonprofits as listed with Financial Leaders: Who's Who in Banking and Finance.
- **New light gray T-shirts** with a city scape design and the Habitat Buffalo logo are available **at the office for \$15**.
- **Thank you to Valu Home Centers for year #23 in its fundraising and informational campaign** to assist Habitat Buffalo and affiliates in Western and Central New York and Northwest Pennsylvania. This year, **support was raised** from the communities where stores and affiliates are located.
- The enclosed **Prayer for Shelter** can be **prayed on the first Sunday in October**

for your church's or your personal use—or anytime that is appropriate.

- Meet your charitable and financial goals through a **planned gift with Habitat Buffalo**. All gifts, including one through your estate, help build houses with low-income families. As their mortgages are repaid, the money is recycled to build more houses.
- **Enclosed** is a **donation envelop** to keep the funding flowing so that more families can be served with more houses built.
- **United Way, CFC, and SEFA** campaigns will be underway soon. Please **consider designating Habitat Buffalo** as the recipient of your gift.
- **Spring and summer workcamps** included volunteers from seven cities that worked alongside Buffalo volunteers which meant more nails were pounded in more houses for those in need of good housing: This volunteer input **amounted to 13,620 hours of construction and 1,616 hours in non-construction efforts**.

**The following schools and church groups participated in the workcamps:**

- James Baldwin School, NYC
- CHRIST Choir, Madison, AL
- Congregational Church of South Glastonbury, CT
- First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA
- St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia
- First Church Oberlin UCC, OH
- MCC UCC Pilgrim Fellowship, Monroe CT