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We depend on volunteers to build our houses. You don't need to be an expert. Call us (631-537-1981) and we will have a job for you. Construction takes place on Saturdays and Mondays from 9 to 1. The current construction site is at 668 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike.

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### HELP US FIND LAND

We sorely need donated or discounted building lots or houses in need of rehab. If you can help, call us! (631-537-1981)

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Honor someone special by making a tax-deductible donation in his or her name to Habitat for Humanity of Peconic. We'll even send a card for you! Just fill out the contribution form inside and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

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## PROGRESS AT OUR NEW HOUSE

Our volunteers' heads are spinning. They have never seen a house begin faster, thanks to the help from Farrell Building (see article on next page). The house was framed and roofed in August in a matter of days. In September the volunteers came on the site to start their work. We have 8 to 12 regular volunteers, who come 2 to 3 days a week. Right now they are working hard to get the house closed in by the end of November.

Then we can start on the interior. Professionals will come in to insulate, wire the house, and install the plumbing by the middle of December. The volunteers will then start on the sheet-rocking, painting, interior doors, flooring, and trim.

We hope to have our house dedication by Easter, when Faustin Nsabumukunzi and his family will move in and become homeowners.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We are working on acquiring a lot in Bridgehampton. If the permits go quickly, we hope to start building in the summer of 2009. The next project would be in Amagansett on a lot we own in partnership with the town of East Hampton.

## IN FAUSTIN'S WORDS...

Soon-to-be Habitat homeowner Faustin Nsabumukunzi, who fled genocide in his native Rwanda with his wife and three children, had this to say about the house being built for his family on Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike in Bridgehampton.

### At the groundbreaking last June:

*This house will not be a pile of wood and nails. For us, it is a home. It is American hospitality and generosity; community and human respect; a safe place where we will be able to keep our dignity, our remembrances, and have a true private life. Habitat for Humanity is giving us a way to love life and be joyful without being wasteful or destructive – that's what's important. You, my friends, you know how hard life was for us. Thanks.*

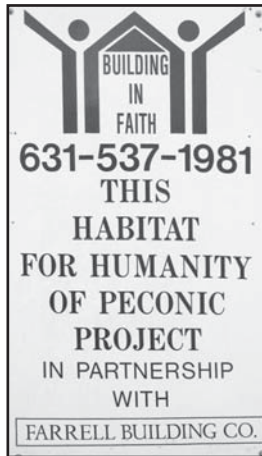
### In the East End Independent last June:

*Now we'll have a home. A house alone is not a home. But this house will be our home because inside I will have my children, my wife – everything . . . Now I have hope – and possibility. Now, my children can travel to New York City, Texas or California and one day they can decide, "We are going home." Habitat gave me a way for my dreams to be true.*



## WITH (MORE THAN) A LITTLE HELP . . . .

By Jane McGibbon



It started with a day on the golf course. A Habitat board member met someone associated with a local construction company. The two thought the construction company might be able to help Habitat in some way. In what way, they were not sure. So the construction company person was invited to a board meeting to better understand Habitat and then go to his boss with Habitat's needs.

At this point, the need was advice. A meeting was set up between several Habitat board members and Joe Farrell and Steve Presby of Farrell Building. The result: a partnership from which Habitat is receiving more help than could ever have been hoped for.

Farrell Building is the brainchild of Joe Farrell, who gave up a career in the Mercantile Exchange, moved out East, and started a construction business 15 years ago. As his right-hand man he hired Steve Presby, a successful New Jersey businessman. Together they quickly established one of the area's top building companies, constructing 15 to 20 custom houses annually, with a staff of 60 and a large pool of skilled tradesmen from which to draw.

You might think two such successful men would be quite self-absorbed, perhaps not likely to care about others. But, according to Steve, it was because of their success that they both felt it was time to give back. And just how became clear at that first meeting, when Habitat asked for some guidance on its latest project – its new house on Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike -- and Joe and Steve decided they would help. And help --in a very big way -- is what they have been providing.

Because of Farrell's size and reputation among the building trades and its knowledge of the ins and outs of construction, it's able to get things done much more swiftly than Habitat.

At our building site Joe and Steve arranged for the excavation of the foundation, construction of the forms, and pouring of the concrete. Within a very short time carpenters arrived and two days later the building was completely framed. The very next day roofers put on the roof.

Meanwhile, back at the Farrell office, staffers expeditiously arranged for the necessary permits from LIPA and Suffolk County Water Authority – tasks that in the past seemed to drag on and on.

Our volunteers have been awed at the speed with which this has all occurred. And because of Farrell Building's help, Faustin Nsabumukunzi and his family will be able to move into their new home much sooner than ever believed possible.

When Steve was asked what Farrell is getting from all this giving, he said that being sincerely thanked by so many people at this summer's groundbreaking was a deeply moving and satisfying experience for Joe and himself. "You get thanked all the time and it usually doesn't mean anything," he said. "The thanks we were given at the groundbreaking were sincere. We could see the real appreciation. It felt absolutely wonderful. And that's it."

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...What do you like about being a HFH volunteer?



"I enjoy the good sense of humor on the site. Also, you get to see what you've done and how it actually helps someone."

John Andrews



"It brings tears to my eyes. I am grateful to give back something, working close to home with people I know. I love the spirit of the people who work here."

Eleanor Molleson



"Basically, it is a way of giving back. The camaraderie among the people who work on the site is special. Plus, it gets me out of bed early in the morning!"

John Anderson

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is good to be working again on another Habitat home. All of the core group of volunteers have returned, joined by a few new recruits. The future homeowner, Faustin Nsabumukunzi, does not just work on our workdays, Saturday and Monday. He stops by daily to ensure that deliveries are put away and the site is cleaned up.

We have a diverse band of volunteers. Each brings his or her special talents to bear on our progress. One woman has assumed the role of "neatness coordinator." She sorts nails, sweeps up, tidies the coffee area, and brings in healthy snacks. A longtime volunteer mans the cutting station to keep the work flowing smoothly; another makes it his business to arrive at the site early to make sure all the tools needed for the day's work are ready to go; still another uses his years of woodworking expertise to serve as our "quality control" person

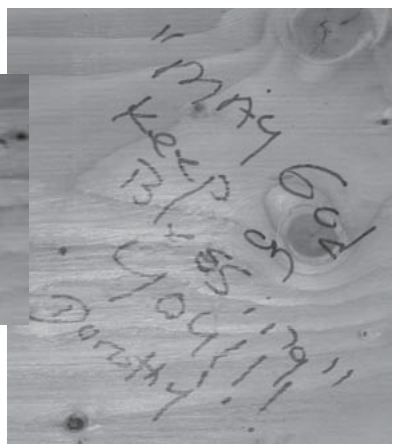
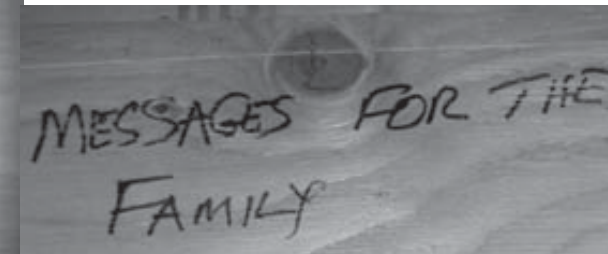
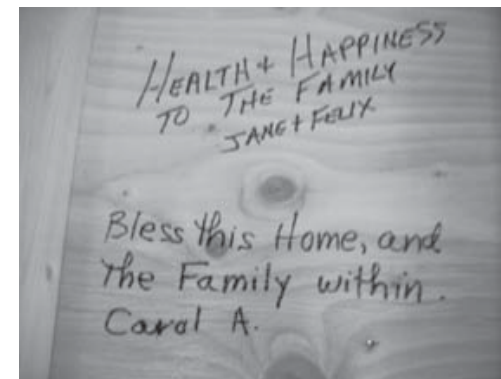
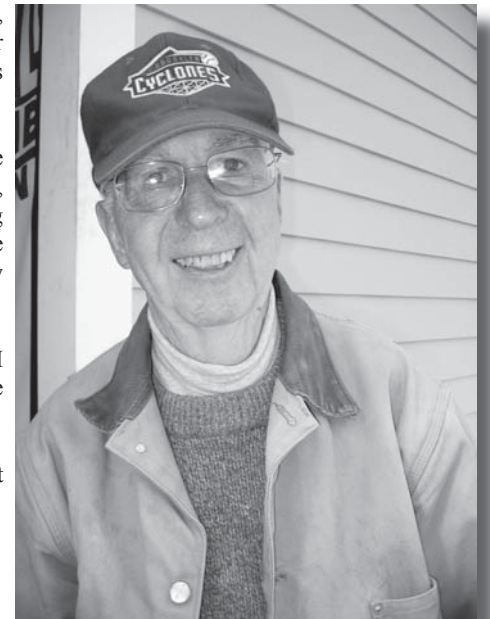
All the volunteers are involved because they recognize the need for affordable housing. Deep down I suspect they are also so dedicated because we have fun. Stop by the site at 668 Bridgehampton Turnpike some Saturday or Monday and have a cup of coffee with us and meet the crew.

The house is moving along quickly, thanks to the mentoring of Farrell Building. The future looks bright as we contemplate another project in the Bridgehampton area, followed by one in Amagansett.

Thanks to all our supporters,

**Felix**

Felix McGibbon,  
President of the Board, Habitat for Humanity of Peconic



A cherished tradition of building a Habitat house in our area calls for the volunteers to write messages for the family on the raw walls, before sheet rocking. Above are some of the messages written for our new Habitat family. If you would like to write a message for a Habitat family, fill out the form below and we will take care of it! This form will also give you an opportunity to donate and/or volunteer. You can mail it to us in the enclosed envelope. If you prefer to donate online, you can use the secure donation link at our web site: [www.hfhpeconic.org](http://www.hfhpeconic.org).

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**My address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ (bucket of nails!) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ (a window!) \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ (a sink!) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of honoree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Send us information for additional gift donations with this form.)

**Your message for** \_\_\_\_\_

**a Habitat family:** \_\_\_\_\_

### COMPUTER SAVVY?

We are looking for a volunteer who can update and maintain our website. Please give us a call if you are interested! 631-537-1981.