

# Habitat Connections

Building Homes and Hope in  
San Francisco and Marin

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Support our Efforts  
this Holiday Season

Did you know that San Francisco and Marin are the two counties in the United States with the *least affordable* housing? With

## Marin Supporters Speak at Design Review Board Meeting

A large crowd was in attendance at the Strawberry Design Review Board meeting in Marin on Tuesday, November 27. The topic of discussion? Habitat for Humanity San Francisco's proposal to build four single-family homes in a housing development in unincorporated Marin County. While the meeting was contentious at times, many local residents wearing "Marin Supports Habitat for Humanity" stickers spoke of the development's benefits for a community in desperate need of affordable housing. Several Marin organizations voiced their endorsement and supporter Robin Truitt even offered to bake a pie for her new Habitat neighbors. The Board plans to meet again to continue the discussion of the development. These four homes will be the first Habitat for Humanity homes in the County.

[Read the latest article about the development](#)

## Donor Spotlight: Roger and Judy Haughton

Roger and Judy Haughton, longtime supporters of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), recently made a \$25,000 pledge of support for Habitat for Humanity San Francisco's local efforts. The Haughton's generous gift exemplifies a new investment strategy whereby HHSF engages potential major donors who see the tangible benefit of our efforts. Roger recently retired as CEO of the PMI Group and Roger and Judy have celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries on Habitat build sites across the globe. Additionally, Roger has served on HFHI's Board of Directors and Judy as a Board member of Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to the Haughtons for their investment in San Francisco and Marin Counties.

the median home price reaching over \$800,000, the dream of homeownership is out of reach for many hardworking families. **You can help!** Your tax-deductible gift this holiday season will help HHSF build homes and hope for families in our community.

[Put your gift to work immediately by donating online.](#)

#### Quick Links

[Donate!](#)

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#### Celebrate with Us!

Join us at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 12 as we celebrate the dedication of our Thrivent Builds home located at 110 Head Street (cross street De Long) in San Francisco's Outer Mission neighborhood. No need to bundle up--the event will be held inside the home and light refreshments will be served.

Bring a holiday ornament to decorate the home and your checkbook! A silent auction will be held during the event, with the proceeds benefiting the Thrivent Builds program. Please RSVP to Libby at [libby@habitatsf.org](mailto:libby@habitatsf.org) or 415.869.1500 x106.

[Get more details about the celebration](#)

#### Tax Benefits this Season



There are many ways to receive tax benefits in 2007 by supporting HHSF before the year-end.

**Transfer securities.** Upon receipt, HHSF sells your securities and uses the proceeds to build more homes. For their generosity, donors pay no capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction based on the fair market value!

**Act on the Pension Protection Act.** This legislation gives donors aged 70 ½ and older an opportunity to direct \$100,000 of lifetime distributions from their IRAs to nonprofit organizations without incurring income tax liability on the withdrawal. Act now! The act will **only be in effect for the 2006 and 2007 tax years.**

**Donate your vehicle.** Contact Habitat's Cars for Homes program by calling 1.877.277.4344 or visiting [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org). Please indicate that you want to support the San Francisco affiliate.

[Learn more ways you can support HHSF](#)



## Volunteer Spotlight: Cushman & Wakefield Bowl-a-Thon

A dedicated group of volunteers from Cushman & Wakefield's Young Leaders group planned and hosted a Broker Bowl-a-Thon to benefit Habitat for Humanity San Francisco. This second annual event, held at the Presidio Bowl on Thursday, November 15, was spearheaded by YLC co-chair Matt Shewey. The evening featured over 100 bowlers, delicious food and plenty of friendly team competition. The Bowl-a-Thon raised a total of **\$41,500** to help HHSF build more homes and hope in San Francisco and Marin. A big THANK YOU to Matt and his team for planning this fantastic benefit event.

Interested in planning your own event to benefit HHSF? Contact Denise Burpee, Development Director, at [denise@habitatsf.org](mailto:denise@habitatsf.org).

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Habitat for Humanity San Francisco has appreciated being one of 7x7 Magazine's 2007 local nonprofit partners. The affiliate is included monthly in the **great style. good karma.** section of the magazine as a leading community organization. Named for the dimensions of San Francisco, 7x7 Magazine is a smart, stylish publication with comprehensive food, design and fashion coverage. Stumped on holiday gifts this year? With every \$15.00 subscription, 7x7 will donate \$5.00 to Habitat for Humanity San Francisco.

[Read more about 7x7 Magazine and give back to HHSF](#)



## Follow our Progress

Spend some time this holiday season on the De Long Terrace construction site. A wide variety of volunteer projects will be available, including framing, painting, flooring and insulation.

The De Long Terrace construction site is located just north of the Daly City BART station in San Francisco's Outer Mission neighborhood. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday.

It's easy to volunteer! Sign up for a workday [online](#).

## Cabaret for Humanity

On November 5 and 6 over 200 guests gathered at the Plush Room for an evening of musical performance and comedy benefiting HHSF. Dozens of singers and comedians from all over the country brought down the house by celebrating cabaret San Francisco style. This first "Cabaret for Humanity" event was a tremendous success and raised \$10,500 to help build homes and hope. A special thanks to producers Ken Barr, Michael Fenter, Joshua Morgan and director Jimmy Strano.

## New Homeowners Host the Holidays

Last year, Denise and her children, Christian and Taylor, were sharing a house with three other people and sleeping on the floor in the dining room. This



year, the family is living in their own home they built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity San Francisco. *What a difference a year makes.*

After receiving the keys to their new home on December 1, 2006, Denise, her son Christian and daughter Taylor started making plans for a holiday celebration. For the first time, they were able to host the holidays for their extended family. Denise writes, "It was incredible! My sister, brother-in-law, their 3 kids and their big black lab stayed with us this time instead of us going to their home in Sacramento. My brother also came from Vallejo. I was so proud of our home. **Not only did the family come for Christmas, they came back again a few days later to welcome the New Year!**"

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