



# Legacies

A newsletter by the Planned Giving department  
of Habitat for Humanity® International



Jonathan Reckford, HFH chief executive officer, during his visit to Egypt in January 2006.

## A Message from Habitat's CEO

Dear Habitat Partner,

**W**e can probably all agree that springtime symbolizes rebirth and transformation. It also serves to remind us that every day, throughout the world and in every season, Habitat homeowner families start a new life the moment they receive the keys to their new Habitat home.

This is the hope we have for Habitat homeowners—that their lives will be transformed, not just because of a house, but because of all that a house can mean, including a sense of community, a sense of belonging and a sense of security. Habitat for Humanity partners with families and communities to create lasting transformation in the lives of children, families, neighborhoods and cities.

During my visit with Habitat homeowners in Africa this past January, I heard many stories of how this transformation has taken

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## A legacy remembers the less fortunate

**H**elen Del Valle spent her career working as a stenographer at the CIA. Two of her passions were her religion and helping those less fortunate than she. Now, because of her generosity, Habitat for Humanity will be able to build houses with at least 60 families.

“She lived a very Spartan life,” said David Lococo, Del Valle’s attorney, “but she had values in her mind as to what she wanted to do.”

What she wanted to do was give her estate to nonprofits that helped the homeless. She donated half her estate to Camilla’s House, a Catholic church-run homeless shelter in Miami, and half to Habitat for Humanity.

“She believed in helping the homeless and helping them get a home,” said Lococo. “This is her legacy of remembering the less fortunate.”

Del Valle’s father was killed when she was very young. He was transporting a load of cattle that shifted and toppled his boat into the Mississippi River. To help her family, she went to several Catholic schools to become a sec-

retary and wound up at the CIA.

“She never would tell me anything about that,” Lococo said.

Del Valle died in May 2005, with the plans for her estate in place. Lococo realized the nine-month period it usually took to disburse an estate would be too long. The need created by the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast pushed Lococo to act faster than usual with Del Valle’s estate.

“The court was rather amazed, but I said, ‘They need the money.’”

Five months later, Habitat and Camilla’s House received their gifts from Del Valle’s estate.

“She was able to give 10 families homes to raise their kids in and have a decent life,” Lococo said. “That is really a nice legacy to leave.”

*Kara Loftin is a writer for Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Ga.*



With the generosity of those like Helen Del Valle, Habitat’s planned gifts help support the urgent need for house building worldwide and in the Gulf Coast where thousands lost their homes in last year’s hurricanes.

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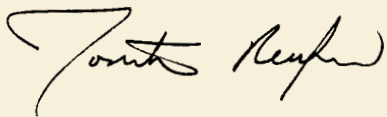
place. The families I met represent what Habitat is all about: transforming lives, helping families escape the hardships of poverty housing, reaching out to help those still in need. Habitat has forged ties in communities where none existed previously, building capacity for more community development, empowering people to prepare a better future.

According to an Egyptian saying, a bag that has two handles must be carried by two people. In many ways, this is the essence of Habitat for Humanity, not only in Egypt, but throughout the world—strengthened at all levels by partnership, cooperation and a shared focus on Habitat’s mission to lift people out of poverty housing. Low-income families simply need a hand up.

To learn more about how you can support Habitat’s future home building, please contact our Planned Giving department at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2253. Also please visit the Planned Giving Web site at [www.habitat.org/giving/planned](http://www.habitat.org/giving/planned) for articles and information about Habitat’s planned giving programs and opportunities.

On behalf of all families who now have a simple, decent home because of your generosity, I would like to thank you. May you and your loved ones have a blessed and joyful year.

With appreciation,



Jonathan Reckford,  
Chief Executive Officer



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The **More Than Houses** campaign significantly accelerated Habitat’s home-building capacity and, in August 2005, Habitat celebrated its 200,000th house dedication with homeowners Koffi Kouassi and Tonya Harper.

## *More Than Houses* campaign: Final report

Over the course of the campaign’s five years since its inception in 2000, **More Than Houses** dramatically accelerated the pace of house building worldwide, expanding its presence to 100 countries, building 100,000 houses and raising more than \$593 million in new capital for house building around the world.

The campaign was a collective effort involving most dimensions of the global resource development operation, including corporate programs, affiliates and national offices, major gifts, foundations, organizations, and institutions, planned gifts and direct marketing.

In addition to significantly growing Habitat’s building capacity, the **More Than Houses** campaign prompted initiation of a proactive planned giving program; the Planned Giving department was formed in 2003. Since that time, the Planned Giving department

has become a vital and successful component in Habitat’s fund-raising efforts.

Planned Gifts contributed over \$62 million to the **More Than Houses** campaign. New planned gifts for FY 2003 totaled approximately \$8.6 million against a goal of \$8.0 million. In 2004, the new gifts were \$11.6 million against a goal of \$9.8 million. And in the first half of FY 2005, new planned gifts are at \$5.5 million against the full year goal of \$11.25 million. Actual revenue from maturing planned gifts was about \$7.1 million in FY 2003, \$7.5 million in 2004, and about \$4.0 million for the first half of FY 2005.

As a result of the campaign’s success, Habitat for Humanity is poised to grow and reach new heights, and will build upon the success of the **More Than Houses** campaign to continue expanding its capacity to eliminate poverty housing from the face of the earth.

# Habitat for Humanity Legacy Society

**T**he Habitat for Humanity Legacy Society recognizes the importance of legacy gifts in eradicating poverty housing.

To become a member of the Habitat for Humanity Legacy Society, you must plan to benefit Habitat for Humanity after your lifetime—whether in the form of a bequest, annuity or other planned giving arrangement—and notify Habitat of your plans. Habitat for Humanity welcomes these members to the Habitat for Humanity Legacy Society:

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Nathan & Lillian Ackerman  
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Linda Alderman  
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Carol W. Anderson  
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Renee Rojahn  
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Don & Mary Ann Warren  
Teresa Warren  
Regina Watkins & Larry Malsam  
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John & Bessie Weaver  
John & Diane Weaver  
John H. Weaver  
Benjamin & Norma Westrate  
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Glenna J. Wood  
Stephen G. & Mary E. Wylong  
Nona Wynne  
Joe & Janet Yambrovich  
Madonna Yates  
James E. Young

If you have questions about the Habitat for Humanity Legacy Society or would like to join, please contact the Planned Giving department at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2253, or [plannedgiving@habitat.org](mailto:plannedgiving@habitat.org).

## Contact us

There are several ways you can find out more information about planned giving:

### Write:

Planned Giving Department  
Habitat for Humanity International  
121 Habitat Street  
Americus, GA 31709-3498

**Call:** (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2253

**E-mail:** [plannedgiving@habitat.org](mailto:plannedgiving@habitat.org)

**Web:** [www.habitat.org/giving/planned](http://www.habitat.org/giving/planned)

# Habitat gift annuity illustrations online

Participating in Habitat for Humanity's Charitable Gift Annuity program is now easier than ever. In the past it was necessary to contact the Planned Giving department by phone or mail to request an illustration. Now all that is required is to navigate to [www.habitat.org/giving/planned](http://www.habitat.org/giving/planned) and click on the "Planned Giving Calculator" located on the right-hand side of the page. Select "Gift Annuity" from the drop-down menu, enter a dollar amount, date, and age or ages for one or two annuitants. Then click "Calculate" at the bottom of the page and the result will be an illustration customized to your situation. When you are ready to go ahead, just call Audrey Thomas at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2253. Audrey will ask a few ques-

tions and give instructions for transferring funds, and that is all there is to it. As always, if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

The Gift Annuity is a wonderful way to continue your support of Habitat after your lifetime, while still enjoying income and tax benefits during your lifetime. We would be delighted to include you in our rapidly-growing list of annuitants. And by the way, we always enjoy communicating with our partners, so if you would rather not go online, do feel free to give us a call.

*Robert Schmidt is the director of the Planned Giving department at Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Ga.*

## Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are joining in a nationwide effort to create additional homeowner-ship opportunities with low-income families, building up to 312 homes in 2006.

Thrivent Builds Homes will engage thousands of volunteers nationwide and expand the home-building capacity of Habitat for Humanity International affiliates by six percent, adding to the more than 5,000 houses affiliates build annually. The effort is part of a new partnership, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, a four-year, \$105 million home-building alliance. The alliance makes Thrivent Financial Habitat's largest single ally in its mission to eliminate substandard housing and rebuild communities.

The homes sponsored by Thrivent will be built in more than 200 communities in 43 states and the District of Columbia. Habitat affiliates across the nation were invited to apply for Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity funding. A total of 265 affiliates were selected based on their ability to increase local building efforts and have been paired with 388 Thrivent volunteer chapters.



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