



**Rapidan Habitat for Humanity (RHFH) is a non-profit, volunteer Christian ministry that provides affordable housing for qualified, needy families in Orange County Virginia**

## Winter 2005

### Rapidan Habitat for Humanity Builders BLITZ

The organizational planning for the 2006 Rapidan Habitat's Builder's Blitz has already begun," according to John R. Henry, President, Rapidan Habitat. "The construction of several new Habitat homes will take place during the period of June 5-9, 2006. Sun Builders has agreed to Partner with Rapidan Habitat in the 2006 Blitz Build. God has been good to me and my business," said Nathan Tolbert, one of the partners / owners of Sun Builders. "Now we want to give back to our community and help God's people," he said.



Sun Builders is the first building contractor to make a commitment to Rapidan's Building Blitz, but several more are expected to join the effort. "While Habitat International has a goal of building 1,000 homes during the June 5-9 period; in Virginia we are shooting for 100 homes," reported Henry. "We have about forty Building Contractors committed to the Home Builder's Blitz in Virginia."

Rapidan Habitat expects to build up to eight homes in Orange County with contractors' help. Home Building Contractors are invited to partner with Rapidan Habitat

in order to insure the success of the Builders Blitz. To partner with Rapidan Habitat please call John Henry, 540-972-2706 or Dwain Cox, Executive Director at 540-222-6090.

These homes will be sold to qualified, needy families in Orange County who have been selected after a rigorous screening process. Habitat for Humanity is definitely not a 'give away' program. Selected families are required to contribute 300 'sweat equity hours' in building their homes. Mortgage payments without interest are required of each family. Rapidan Habitat does not make nor take a profit.

Habitat's standard home is 1120 square feet, 3 BR and 2 baths. No frills such as dishwasher and garages. All appliances are new and include a family laundry.

Habitat provides the foundation, footers, and the water and sewerage hooked to the completed foundation. Rapidan Habitat also works to get donated building materials from local resources as well as major building supply companies. The partnering Building Contractors are expected to arrange for the sub-contractors and help get donated materials, volunteers and other appropriate services. Contractors will hold to the Monday through Friday five day work schedule-to complete the house by Friday.



**Middlebrook Home Dedicated** – On November 13 family, friends, and Habitat partners gathered together on this beautiful autumn afternoon to dedicate the newest Habitat for Humanity house in Orange County. The new owners are Henry and Melinda Middlebrook and their children. The house was packed with people, and the table full of wonderful food, all prepared by Melinda and her family with loving hands and generous spirits. Rev. Elizabeth McCrary of Orange Presbyterian Church offered our thanks to God in this endeavor, and presented the Middlebrook's with a family Bible. Ann Leahy gave a lovely cross-stitched "Welcome" to the family on behalf of the Charlottesville Chapter of Monticello NeedleArts. Dwain Cox, Executive Director of Rapidan Habitat for Humanity gave the traditional basket from Habitat to the newest partner family.



After the presentations, the packed house spilled outside into the warm afternoon. Children played in the yard, and everywhere, family and friends talked and laughed. It was a great day for a house dedication.

Thanks to all who attended and participated.



## The Presidents Corner:

by **John Henry**

### Greetings:

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Now we are working to get new building sites for our future families. We have two families approved to get new homes and several more are in the pipeline and will be considered very soon.

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may take on another house or two. **Andrew Coleman** has agreed to build a Habitat Home. Others are close to the commitment stage.

### Rapidan Habitat's Board welcomes two new members!

**Henry Middlebrook**, (A Habitat home owner), Joined the Board in October. The Middlebrook family has worked more Sweat Equity Hours than any family we have worked with.

**Adrianna Cowan** is the newest Board member. Adrianna owns and manages her Real Estate Agency in downtown Orange. She is busy trying to find new building sites. The talents and enthusiasm of these new Board members is exciting and very welcome.

**Lastly** -- One of Habitat's homeowners needs a kidney transplant! We don't think about kidneys until they stop working and we have to go to a kidney dialysis machine just to live. If you or anyone you know may be willing to donate a kidney, please contact the HENRICO TRANSPLANT CENTER, 804-289-4941, and donate a kidney for Brenda Baumgardner, of Rhoadesville, VA.

## Habitat Golf Tournament A Success



Capitalizing on fantastic weather, the Rapidan Habitat Golf Tournament drew together more than 70 players at Meadows Farms Golf Course on September 30. This marked the 12<sup>th</sup> golf tournament for the Rapidan Habitat and by far exceeded the size of the three prior tournaments.

The morning opened with a bit of a chill in the 50s, but the continental breakfast helped to warm that chill.

The team of Glenn Robinson, George Allman, CID, and Buzz took first places honors with a blistering rounding of 58.

The second place team of John Faulconer, Jim Kite, John Nettles, and Tom Flarey scored an impressive 61.

Closest to the pin on #13 (on Longest Nine) was Matt Quillon, driving accuracy or closest to the line on #11 (on Longest Nine) was Jim Hoffmann.

Upon completion of the Tournament everyone

gathered at the Clearwater Grill for an absolutely delicious and bountiful buffet. Our collective hats are off to the owners – Lenny and Julie Schafer for being a most gracious sponsor of the Rapidan Habitat golf tournament.

Herndon Chevrolet sponsored the hole-in-one contest this year. Everyone left in the same car they came in. Maybe next year we can have a winner.

Among the many other sponsors are: Orange County Review, Orange Paint Center, Custom Printing, Mason's Insurance, Senator Houck, Delegate Scott, Dr Hugh Teller, Breeden's Auto repair, Purvis Ford, Mr. & Mrs. John Henry, Marvin Snoddy, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hill, and Dr. William Crawford, Superintendent of the Orange County Public Schools.

The next opportunity for you to join the Rapidan Habitat Golf Tournament is April 29, 2006 at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course.

## VOLUNTEERS CORNER

Reach out to helping the qualified, needy families in Orange County by VOLUNTEERING your time and skills in continuing the Habitat mission.

You say "I do not know how to do that"? *Give us a call (540-672-5401) or send us an email (dwaincox@msn.com) – maybe we can help you "learn how to do that".*

Do you want to volunteer to help us at the office? How about some bookkeeping talents? Marketing? Public relations? Raising funds to buy land and build homes? Habitat Family mentoring in budgeting, home care?

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## DONORS CORNER

### TWENTY FIVE GALLONS????

Of paint are needed for the average Habitat Home. Over the past 13+ years, our good friends and neighbors at the Orange Paint Center have been donating the paint needed to turn those gray sheet rock panels into warm inviting walls. Say thanks to Don Hughes when you see him next. Now Sherwin-Williams Culpeper store, Market Manager Will Keiner, is helping provide the first quality paint that goes onto the walls of each Rapidan Habitat home.

Be sure to check out our website to see how you can get a discount on quality Sherwin-Williams paints and help Rapidan Habitat at the same time.

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Please complete and mail the donation form below today! If you have questions please call Dwain Cox, Executive Director at 540-222-6090.

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