

# Raising Hope

## What is Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston?

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is a Massachusetts charitable corporation and an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. We are responsible for raising all necessary funding for our projects - we do not receive funds from Habitat International. We build homes in partnership with families in need in the Greater Boston area, using a combination of volunteer labor, donated materials and charitable contributions.

Please help us by sending your tax deductible donation to:



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neighbors in Newton*



*Volunteers raise the walls in Newton*

*Building community, one family at a time*

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*As always, thank you for your support.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Why is Habitat building in Newton?

Dolan Pond Conservation Area is rich in wildlife and one morning, a scarlet tanager calling in the backyard of the adjacent house at 76 Webster Park, led birder Ted Kuklinski to knock on the door to ask permission to follow the bird. Thus began a long friendship with Irene Forté, a former beloved violin teacher in Newton, who also had an appreciation of nature and the value of “home”. Irene lived to 104 and, with her cooperation, the City of Newton was able to acquire her 1.1 acre property with Community Preservation Act funds.

The Newton Conservators, Newton Conservation Commission, the Newton Housing Authority (NHA), and Habitat joined efforts to both preserve open space and create additional community housing. Today, the NHA rents Irene’s original home to one of its families, two thirds of her land is being added to increase the area of the adjacent Dolan Pond Conservation Area, and Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is building a two unit home on her remaining land in partnership with the Jackson family and LaRosee family.



76 Webster Park, West Newton

## The Families

Kendra Jackson is a single mother providing for her infant daughter Noelle, her daughter Cheyanne, 10, and her niece Rolanda, 11. Currently a resident of Newton Public Housing, Kendra works for a software company in Brighton. She is a hardworking parent with three children to support, and there is nothing she wants more for them than a home they can call their own.



Scott and Jessica LaRosee currently live in Watertown with their three children - Erik, 6, Colin, 3, and MacKenzie, 2.

The LaRosee family lives with Scott’s mother in her 2 bedroom apartment in Watertown. Scott and Jessica are both working at local preschools, but before being selected for the Habitat project in Newton they considered relocating to the South where they could afford to buy a home.

## What can my donation buy?

- \$5,000 will buy kitchen cabinets and counter tops for 1 unit
- \$3,000 will buy insulation for 2 units
- \$1,500 will buy vinyl flooring for 2 units
- \$500 will buy a hot water heater
- \$350 will buy an exterior door
- \$250 will buy a window
- \$150 will buy a toilet
- \$125 will buy a kitchen sink
- \$80 will buy a bathroom ceiling fan
- \$40 will buy a light fixture
- \$30 will buy 50 lbs. of nails
- \$20 will buy a smoke detector
- \$15 will buy a bundle of shingles
- \$10 will buy four 2x4 pieces of lumber