



Habitat-NYC Welcomes 41 Families Home

*More photos from the
Atlantic Avenue Home
Dedication on page 3.*

Photo by Deborah Schwartz

1969 Miracle Mets Hit a Home Run with Habitat-NYC

Mets and Citi Field Habitat-NYC builds are Amazin'!

In August, the New York Mets, Citi and members of the 1969 World Series Champion Mets celebrated the 40th anniversary of their famous season by building affordable homes with Habitat-NYC.

On Aug. 20, Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, pitcher Jerry Koosman, first baseman Ed Kranepool and coach Joe Pignatano stepped onto our Atlantic Avenue complex in Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Brooklyn, to put the final touches on the project, which began back in 2007. They helped install the last of the cabinets and doors in the homes.

Two days later, the entire 1969 World Series Mets team participated in *2009 Mets Miracle Build*, joining Habitat and Citi volunteers in the parking lot of Citi Field to build the frame of a home, which will be delivered to an up-state affiliate, where it will be completed.

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4 Questions for Habitat-NYC Volunteer Susan Sarandon

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*Mets Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, rear left, worked with Habitat-NYC family partners Esther Huambo and Erickson Castillo to help them complete the construction of their Atlantic Avenue homes.
Photo by Anthony Collins.*



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transforms lives and our city by building quality homes for families in need and by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing.

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From the Executive Director

What an amazing time for Habitat-NYC! It is a year with so many firsts for our robust organization.

With more units under construction than ever before, we are proud to be partnering with record numbers of hardworking families.

We launched a remarkable "Brush with Kindness" program that sends Habitat-NYC volunteers into distressed communities to paint and rehabilitate dozens of aged and dilapidated neighborhood facilities that are crucial meeting places and service centers for local residents. We embarked on innovative, cost-saving partnerships with private developers that enable us to build affordable homes in mixed-income environments and strengthen our ability to partner with more families. We built our first green roof in the South Bronx, celebrated the dedication of the largest, greenest Habitat complex in the nation and were recognized for the first time as Non-Profit of the Year by the New York State Association for Affordable Housing.

But while statistics and benchmarks provide us with comfort that we are doing all we can to aid families in need, the stories of individuals remind us of how much work is left to do. I conducted a home visit recently for an applicant to our homeownership program. The mother of two children broke down in tears when she described the conditions she lives in: drug dealers in hallways, refuse in stairwells, sporadic burglaries and electricity that was turned off by the landlord for one week each month.

We hear hundreds of stories like this one each year, and as proud as we are of our accomplishments, we are determined to do more. You have helped us reach a point where our impact is greater than ever before. In these difficult times, we are proud to be working with you to ensure that responsible, hard-working families can find a better life in a safe, stable, green, affordable home. On behalf of our staff and board of directors, thank you for your commitment to our work.

United Way: How You Can Help

Do you work for New York City, New York State or the Federal Government? If so, you can help build Habitat-NYC homes for hardworking families—without leaving your desk!

Habitat-NYC is enrolled in United Way workplace-giving programs at the municipal, state and federal levels. Most government-sector campaigns are starting up now, and you may be invited to participate in a charity of your choice by selecting its code number. Our codes are:

City Employees (CMC and CUNY): 0765

State Employees (SEFA): 51-1674

Federal Employees (CFC): 20514

Private-sector campaigns create their own sign-up methods, so if you'd like to support our mission, ask your HR Department about United Way campaigns. For your reference, our EIN number is **11-2857055**.

Your on-going support is crucial to keeping our programs running smoothly throughout the year, and we offer heartfelt thanks for your generosity!

Q & A with Susan Sarandon

Discussing 'nuts & bolts' of volunteerism

Actress Susan Sarandon is a member of Habitat- NYC's Leadership Council, a longtime supporter of our organization and a frequent volunteer on our construction sites. We recently had the following conversation with Susan:

Habitat: What drew you to Habitat- NYC?

Sarandon: Home and family is very important to me; the idea that Habitat finds a way to help families build a sound, safe place to live was very appealing.

Habitat: What construction tasks do you prefer to do on Habitat- NYC construction sites?

Sarandon: Love the screw gun.

Habitat: Most memorable moment?

Sarandon: Every time I meet and work with the families that will live in the home I

am working on is always memorable and moving. I remember one single mom with two small boys. She hadn't told them anything about how she was working on their new home. She was planning on surprising them, and I thought that was the best treat ever.

Habitat: Why is volunteerism a priority?

Sarandon: You meet the best people, and they give me hope for the future. I love watching a house go from just a frame to actual walls. When I did a build with my son Jack's high school basketball team and some of our friends—we had transformed a frame house to an actual home. It was great!



Families Celebrate as Habitat- NYC Finishes Our Largest, Greenest Complex of 41 Homes

Habitat- NYC families may be seeing green, but it was a red-letter day for Habitat- NYC on Sept. 26 as families and friends gathered to cut the ribbons on our Atlantic Avenue complex in Ocean Hill- Brownsville, Brooklyn. Expected to receive a LEED Gold certification, this is the largest multifamily complex built by a Habitat affiliate in the nation.

With 10,000 volunteers, thousands of hours of sweat equity and the support of corporations, foundations, faith groups and individuals throughout New York City, this project was under construction for more than two years.

Almost 500 Habitat- NYC friends and families turned out to help dedicate these homes.

Among them were:

Top left, Sharisse Gillus, who cut the ribbon on her new Habitat- NYC home.

Top right, Marilyn Vazquez and daughter Angeleace Jimenez.

Bottom left, Rosalyn Jolly and daughter Tamara.

Bottom right (left to right), Shing Hui Cheng with his sister, Yu Yan, and mother, Pik Yung.

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Delta Volunteers Plant Habitat-NYC Green Roof

In South Bronx, Delta launches 6-city build by installing our first green roof.

Delta Air Lines employees took to the clouds recently—or at least to the seventh floor roof of our Fox-Leggett project—to install Habitat-NYC’s first green roof.

The event launched Delta’s six-city build with Habitat affiliates at hub cities around the nation. By the end of the day, this hardworking crew had planted 2,400-square-feet of flowering sedum, small succulent plants that will absorb rainfall and insulate the roof, helping to reduce energy costs.

The green roof will also help to improve air quality in the South Bronx, which has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the nation.

Delta dispatched about a dozen volunteers to work on the green roof and 90 more volunteers to help us on a range of projects.

Bottom right, Gail Grimmett, Senior VP for the New York City region, makes sure that sedum plants are installed correctly. Above, volunteers unload flats of plants to be laid on the roof.



Goldman Sachs Volunteers Build at Bronx Site



Goldman Sachs President and Chief Operating Office Gary Cohn and Analyst Katherine Maxwell work together to install drywall screws as part of the firm’s global volunteer initiative on August 13.

Since 1997, Goldman Sachs has been committed to assisting those in need and communities around the world through volunteer endeavors and partnerships with nonprofit groups. Goldman Sachs’ Community TeamWorks (CTW) embodies this commitment and gives the people of the firm time off each year to volunteer in team-based projects with local nonprofit organizations. Habitat-NYC has worked with CTW since the program’s inception. This year, more than 140 CTW volunteers helped build our Fox-Leggett project in the South Bronx.

Mets Bring Families Home



Above: Citi volunteers build a home in the parking lot of Citi Field. Below: ‘69 Mets stand by the home’s first completed wall. Photos by Anthony Collins.



Volunteers 'Give Back'

Meet Tom Pace and Martin Friedman

The 41 new homes at Atlantic Avenue might feel a little warmer than expected this winter season. Maybe it's the energy-saving "green" techniques used in building. Or maybe because of the 10,000 volunteers who donated their time and energy to help transform a garbage-strewn vacant lot into 41 new, green Habitat-NYC homes.

Two especially dedicated volunteers who have seen the project from ground-breaking to Home Dedication are Martin Friedman and Tom Pace. Just as their days of full-time employment were ending, construction on Atlantic Avenue was beginning.

"I knew as soon as I retired, I would have to find things to do," says Martin.

"I wanted to give back to the community," says Tom. "My wife and I have been very lucky and fortunate ... and affordable housing in the city is extremely important."

As members of Grace Church in Brooklyn, Martin and Tom had participated in single-day builds, and both enjoyed the hard work and deep emotional rewards of building Habitat homes.

They began as regular Habitat-NYC volunteers just as the



Tom Pace and Martin Friedman. Photo by Anthony Collins.

Atlantic Avenue complex was rising. "We've been there from the very beginning," says Tom. "We were in Atlantic Avenue before there was a roof on the building."

"When we started," Martin remembers, "there were no walls or windows. We started in really freezing weather, when we all had to huddle around the heaters, and we worked right through to the summer."

Even after about 1,000 hours of volunteer labor apiece, doing everything from installing studs to laying flooring, both say they got much more out of the experience than they put in.

"We've worked with many of the family partners," says Tom, "and have formed a bond with them." In fact, Tom led a blessing of one of the family partners' homes during our dedication festivities.

Martin and Tom have continued building with Habitat-NYC

in the South Bronx and look forward to starting on our new project in Bedford-Stuyvesant this winter. When they are not volunteering with Habitat, they can be found working at soup kitchens and delivering meals to people with critical illnesses. They have also traveled to the Gulf Coast region nine times to help with the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding effort.

"Habitat-New York City is a great organization," says Tom. "What the New York office has done to build such a strong organization—we've been very impressed."

Melissa Gilbert & Little House Cast Build with Habitat-NYC



Actress Melissa Gilbert, left, and cast members of Little House on the Prairie: The Musical spend a day installing dry wall with Habitat-NYC family Partner Troy Agard, far right. Their hard work on our Fox-Leggett building in the South Bronx helped kick off the national tour of the play. The actors will be helping to build Habitat homes on every stop of their tour.

NYS Affordable Housing Invest Fund Bills Introduced



Undeterred by 90-degree heat, more than 200 housing advocates from every corner of New York State rallied in support of a new bill to create a state affordable Housing Investment Fund and additional funding for housing. Assembly Member Vito Lopez introduced the Investment Fund bill into the Assembly and State Senator Pedro Espada, Jr. introduced it into the Senate.