



*A Mission*



*A Ministry*

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 2009-2010



*A Miracle*



*Sea Island Habitat for Humanity*



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## A Message from the Board President and Executive Director



**Rhoda Votaw**  
Board President

Few annual reports covering 2009-2010 have not begun with some reference to "the challenging year we have just experienced." Reflecting on those months, we were struck by the fact that in spite of the challenges posed by the economy, in many ways we have emerged as a stronger, more effective organization.

You will see in the report details regarding what we accomplished, and how we worked. But we would like to give you a brief overview of how the remarkable team, composed of volunteers, staff members, our Board of Directors, and last, but hardly least, donors, formed an amazing team that kept us on track.



**Greg Thomas**  
Executive Director

We recognized that it was necessary to cut costs wherever possible — in all corners of our operation, which meant that we would build fewer houses than we had in the past several years, but the remarkable thing is that the adjustments suggested and carried out by our highly capable and dedicated administration and staff did not reduce the number of individuals — families — we served. Staff members developed innovative programs that assisted homeowners in new ways and helped strengthen their communities, and volunteers from 14 states stepped in to build, renovate, and clean wherever they were needed.

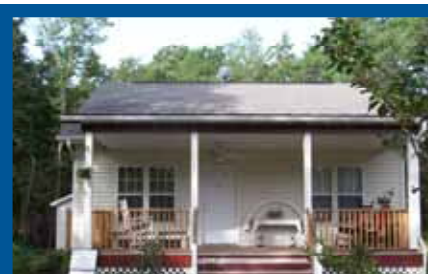
The Board, a dedicated group of men and women who are totally committed to our mission, looked carefully and seriously at the challenges we faced, and their financial implications. Each Board committee looked at possible modifications and changes in their areas (i.e. Finance, Fundraising, Family Services, Land Development, ReStore...) and worked with the administration as plans were made and implemented.

It goes without saying that we were concerned that as everyone in our service area (along with the State and Country) was likely to be in a "belt tightening" state of mind, people would not be able to support our mission as generously as they had in the past. It turned out that that was an unnecessary concern. The level of giving not only didn't shrink; it increased — through the annual fund, and events such as the annual Golf Benefit and Women's Build. It became clear that you, our supporters, know how important it is to sustain SIHH's commitment to provide affordable housing, especially in times like these when our homeowners' — and potential homeowners' — resources are stretched so thin.

Read more about the 2009-10 activities. It was a very good year.

President, Board of Directors  
Rhoda Votaw

Executive Director  
Greg Thomas



GV trip to Paraguay; WB volunteer; Wadmalaw home; Habitat Halloween party.

## In 2009-2010 we...

### Received

Nearly \$782,000 in contributions from over 925 donors.

### Served

25 families through new home construction and repair projects.

### Worked with

4,090 volunteers who donated a total of 41,431 volunteer hours to Sea Island Habitat.

### Gave back

to our community, working with the Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic to renovate their office space, the Town of Hollywood to build a community center and Colleton & Hampton County Habitats to build homes.

### Continued

our commitment to green building, closing on 10 Earthcraft Certified homes.

### Diverted

over 650 tons of material from the landfill through our ReStore and Deconstruction programs.

### Helped

build over 10 homes with our Habitat tithe partners in Paraguay and Ghana.

# 2009/2010



Planting trees; working on homes; volunteer group; and WB Tea Party.

# FINANCIAL REPORT: June 2009-July 2010

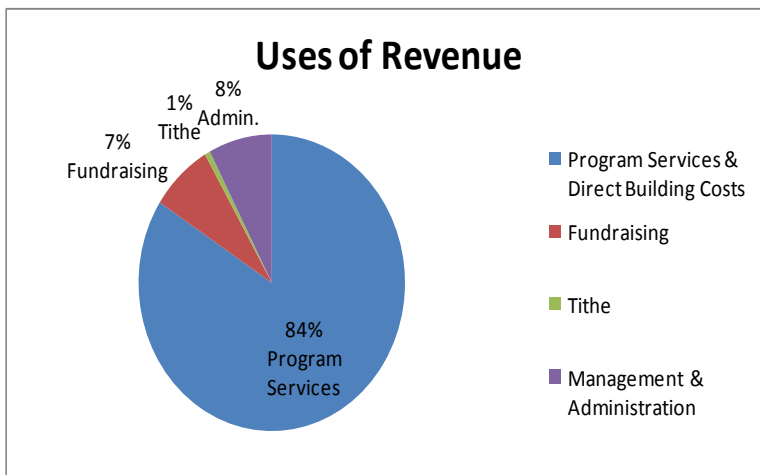
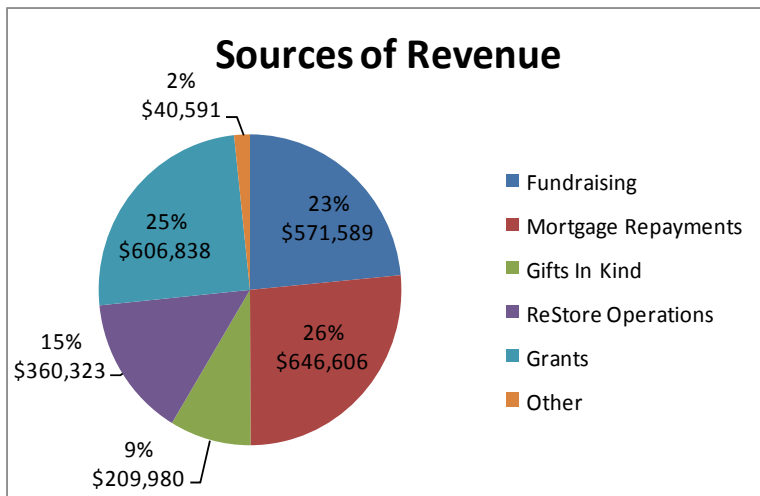
The past fiscal year was an exciting time for Sea Island Habitat. Because of your contributions, SIHH was able to provide safe, affordable housing to 10 families from July 2009-June 2010 and assist another 15 families with home repair projects. We are so blessed to work with such wonderful donors, volunteers and families and thank you for your continued support!

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| Total Number of Donors                     | 925 |
| Fundraising Efficiency Percentage          | 83% |
| Dream Builders: \$25,000+                  | 5   |
| Raise the Roof Partners: \$10,000-\$24,999 | 4   |
| Good Neighbors: \$5,000-\$9,999            | 14  |
| Hope Builders: \$1,000-\$4,999             | 77  |
| Framers: \$500-\$999                       | 75  |
| Foundation Builders: \$100-\$499           | 283 |
| Friends: <\$100                            | 320 |

\* Does not include in-kind donations or grant dollars.



Young Professionals Oyster Roast; 2009 Auction; Women Build Tea Party.



| Event                       | Net Proceeds |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| "Thanks for Giving" Auction | \$49,902.49  |
| Annual Appeal               | \$149,098.00 |
| Collegiate Challenge        | \$22,200.00  |
| Women Build                 | \$74,649.68  |
| In-Kind Donations           | \$209,980.00 |

# VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

**4,090 volunteers from 14 different states and 3 different countries!**

“I returned to the center of campus on Feb. 21 with a few sore limbs, a pile of dirty clothes, and a looming sense of anticipation for next year, when I could do it all over again.” — 2010 Collegiate Challenge Volunteer



Roof work; Brownswood tree planting; WB volunteers; Global Village trip to Paraguay.

## Volunteer Groups (Local)\*

Ann Evans Family and Friends Reunion  
 Army Wives  
 Ashley Hall School  
 Bank of America Merrill Lynch  
 Baptist Hill High School  
 Bethel United Methodist Church  
 Blackbaud, Inc.  
 Bosch  
 Charleston Collegiate School  
 Charleston Jaycees  
 Charleston Trident Association of Realtors

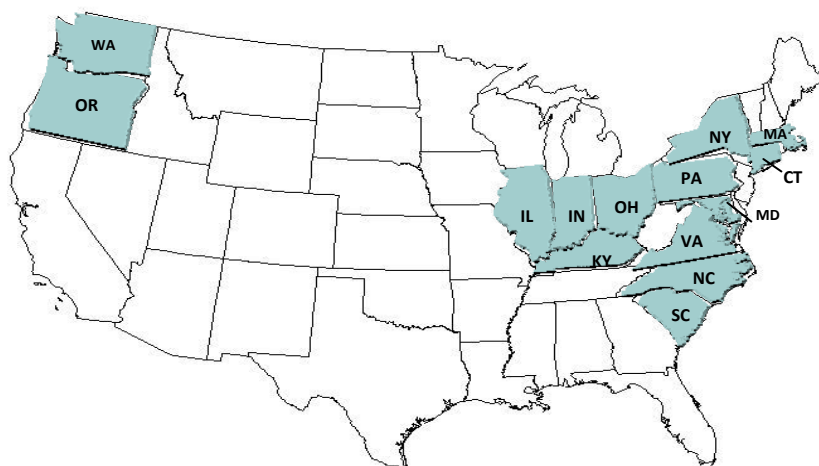
Charleston Southern University  
 Charleston Water System  
 Citadel  
 Clemson University Alumni Council  
 College of Charleston  
 Curves of Johns Island & West Ashley  
 Dixon Hughes PLLC  
 Folly Beach United Methodist Church  
 Johnson & Johnson  
 Kiwanis Club of Charleston  
 Lindbergh and Associates, LLC

Medical University of South Carolina  
 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
 National Pan-Hellenic Council  
 Porter-Gaud School  
 P.U.M.A.  
 St. John's Lutheran Church  
 Thrivent and Lutheran Churches  
 Trident Technical College  
 Trumpf Medical Systems  
 United States Air Force  
 Verizon Wireless

\*Groups noted above consisted of 5 or more members. Many thanks to individual volunteers, who helped us throughout the year. We appreciate you all.

# VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

“Our South Carolina experience surpassed the limits of traditional volunteering. Whether trip members were interacting with locals or exploring the neighboring area of Charleston, where we stayed, there was a heart-warming sense of appreciation for the united cause.”—2010 Volunteer



## Volunteer Groups (Out-of-Town)\*

### Connecticut

Avon Old Farms School  
Miss Porter's School

### Illinois

Huron Consulting Group Inc.\*\*

### Indiana

Carmel United Methodist Church  
Cathedral High School

### Kentucky

Calvary Missionary Baptist  
Eastern Kentucky University  
First Christian Church Owensboro  
University of Kentucky

### Maryland

University of Maryland

### Massachusetts

Pingree School

### New Jersey

Cherry Hill East High School

### New York

Ithaca College  
Rochester Institute of Technology

### North Carolina

Central United Methodist Church  
Charlotte Christian School  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Highland Presbyterian Church  
Oakridge Presbyterian Church  
Providence United Methodist Church  
University of North Carolina Pembroke

### Ohio

Ohio State University

### Oregon

Wellspring, Stockamp & Huron Health-care\*\*

### Pennsylvania

Agnes Irwin School  
Chiques Church of the Brethren  
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church  
Villanova University

### South Carolina

Abbeville Presbyterian Church  
Aiken Preparatory School  
First Presbyterian Church, Anderson  
First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood  
Riverside High School  
University of South Carolina

### Virginia

Abingdon United Methodist Church  
Immanuel Church on the Hill  
Langley  
MennoKnights\*\*  
Salisbury Presbyterian Church  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

### Washington

Global Village 10042

### Canada

McMaster University

### France

French University Students

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\*\*Group members came from various states, but were based out of the state under which they are listed.

## Construction Services, Professional Services & Material Donors

|                            |                           |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Atlantic Appraisals        | Home Depot                | Sherwin Williams          |
| Beckett's Nursery          | Hudson Design, Inc.       | Seamon Whiteside &        |
| Blackbaud, Inc.            | Hunter Douglas            | Associates Engineering    |
| Tom Baker—Architect        | Island View Window        | Southeastern Surveying    |
| Carolina Hydrologic        | Johns Island Tool & Party | Square-D                  |
| Cemex                      | Rental                    | Tobias & West Engineering |
| COMPU-EXPERTS              | Larson                    | Valspar Corp.             |
| Daltile                    | Lowe's of James Island    | Whirlpool Corp.           |
| Dells—Thomas Morris        | Quality Touch Janitorial  | Yale Lock                 |
| Dow Chemical Company       | Services                  |                           |
| Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. | Quoziel Lighting          |                           |
| George Naumann Plumbing    | S & S Carpeting, Inc.     |                           |

## Retail Product Donors

|                                       |                                   |   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| A Charleston Image Salon & Spa        | FRS Charleston                    | Mondo's Delite                          |
| A Creative Charleston Wedding         | Gamble Home Services              | MUSC Harper Wellness Center             |
| Affinity Charters                     | Grady Ervin & Co.                 | Newton Farms                            |
| Applebee's Restaurant                 | Grill 225                         | Nike Golf                               |
| Arbor Care                            | Hardee's Restaurant               | North Charleston Performing Arts Center |
| Arby's Roast Beef                     | Harris Teeter                     | Old South Carriage Company              |
| Article 5 Salon & Spa                 | Hege's Restaurant                 | Open House                              |
| Becky Davis Botanicals                | Hyams Garden & Accent Store       | Osprey Originals                        |
| Bi-Lo                                 | Indigo Books                      | Papaya Island                           |
| Blackhawk Trout Stream                | Indulgence Salon                  | Paul's Hairstyling                      |
| Bojangles Famous Chicken Biscuits     | International Public Works        | Pearl LLC                               |
| Burger King                           | Island Cleaners & Alterations     | Piggly Wiggly                           |
| Buzz Off Mosquito                     | Java Java                         | Point Break                             |
| Cactus Car Wash                       | Jestine's Kitchen & Sweet Shop    | Ralph Melvin Photography                |
| California Dreaming                   | Jl Pizza                          | Rejuvenations Body Works                |
| Carolina Clay Gallery                 | Jolene W. Smith Interiors         | Resort Quest                            |
| Carolina Eco Unit                     | Joseph Salon                      | Rick's Lighting & Supply                |
| Charleston Ballet Theatre             | JR Rowell Printing Co.            | Robert Lange Studio                     |
| Charleston Chiropractic Associates    | Kaminsky's                        | Rosebank Farms                          |
| Charleston Tea Plantation             | Karen Hagan Fine Art              | Rosebank Farms Cafe                     |
| Charleston Symphony Orchestra         | Keepsake Florist                  | Ruby Tuesday                            |
| Cole Chiropractic Clinic              | Kiawah Island Club                | Ryan's Family Steakhouse                |
| Cristina V.                           | Kiawah Island Golf Resort         | Sarah White Interior Design             |
| Croghan's Jewel Box                   | King Street Grille                | Sea Coast Sports                        |
| Cupcake                               | Kronic Cafe                       | SEE Eyewear                             |
| Dental Associates of Summerville, LLC | La Tela Pizzeria                  | Sojourn Coffee                          |
| Dobbin Gallery                        | Lady Tess Everlasting Florals     | Stella Nova                             |
| Domaine Serene                        | Lotus Flower                      | Subway                                  |
| East Bay Nails                        | Lowcountry Studio                 | Surf Bar                                |
| El Mercadito & Taqueria               | Maria's Mexican Grill             | Synergy Day Spa                         |
| Email Ship                            | Maybank Tennis Center             | Terrace Theater                         |
| Fat Hen                               | McDonald's                        | The Cake Stand                          |
| Fazoli's                              | Med-Bistro                        | The Lollipop Shop                       |
| Finicky Filly                         | Mercy and Company Interior Design | The Orvis Store                         |
| Five Guys Burgers & Fries             | Middleton Place Museum Shop       | The Quin Press, Inc.                    |
| Food Lion                             | Mister Don Shoes and Dance        | The Sanctuary                           |
|                                       | Moe's Southwest Grill             | The Village Bakery                      |
|                                       |                                   | Three Little Birds Cafe                 |
|                                       |                                   | Tiger Lily Florist                      |

## FAMILY PROFILE:

### *The Wittrell Family*

After years in a trailer park, the Wittrell family was nearly overwhelmed by the reality of finally having exactly what they



had wanted for so long - a real home of their own. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, construction on the Wittrell home began in July 2009 and ran until the home was completed in late 2009.

"We're so blessed to have been given this opportunity," said Alicia Wittrell through misty eyes. "Thank you so much for helping us achieve our dream."

The very best part, both proud parents say, is definitely seeing their three sons happy and safe; enjoying their new neighborhood and thriving in school.



The Wittrells and their new home.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The past fiscal year was a busy time for the construction staff of Sea Island Habitat. We focused much of our attention on building new homes in Brownswood Place and helped with several Brush with Kindness and repair projects. In addition to these activities, members of our construction staff also led the effort to build a community center for the Town of Hollywood, helped with two new home construction projects with Colleton & Hampton County Habitats, and took a Global Village trip to help build with Habitat Paraguay.



As we begin our 2010-11 fiscal year, we look forward to continued building in Brownswood Place and the start of a new 10-home neighborhood in West Ashley. Additionally, we are excited to continue our partnership with area non-profits and will expand our critical repair service offerings to help more families in need.



Volunteers throughout the year.

## Retail Product Donors (Continued)

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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Tomato Shed Cafe             | Vincent's Drug Store | Wild Olive    |
| Towne Centre Tobacco & Gifts | Wendy's              | Wonder Works  |
| Urban Village Concepts       | Whit-Mart Inc.       | Woodlands Inn |
|                              | Wild Flour Pastry    |               |

### Dream Builders: \$25,000+

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Christ Lutheran Church | Patricia Luck             |
| Samuel Heyward         | Edmond & Jill Moriarty    |
| Lowe's Corporation     | Schultz Family Foundation |

### Raise the Roof Partners: \$10,000-\$24,999

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Christine Hayworth            | Donna Rohs            |
| Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club | Brian & Mimi Sturgell |

### Good Neighbors: \$5,000-\$9,999

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| David Berson & Anne Bradley        | Steven & Margaret McCormick         |
| Bike & Build, Inc.                 | Carolyn Myers                       |
| Call Experts of Charleston         | Llelanie Orcutt                     |
| Stewart & Janet Cline              | Bruce & Bernadette Peterson         |
| John Dinkelspiel & Barbara Burgess | Publix Super Market Charities, Inc. |
| Fei Family Foundation              | Roger & Vivian Steel                |
| Wayne Hockersmith                  | Thrivent Chapter- Charleston County |
| Joseph J. Schott Foundation        | Leo & Betty Weber                   |

### Hope Builders: \$1,000-\$4,999

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| David Alcaro                    | Peter & Livingston Grant         | Lord, Abbet & Co. LLC               |
| Greg & Joanna Baird             | George & Anna Gratzick           | Horace & Joy Lothmann               |
| John & Mary Lou Barter          | Robert & Jo Ann Green            | James & Sue Mannarino               |
| Bethel United Methodist Church  | Mike Griffith & Donna Reyburn    | Jack & Frieda Margolies             |
| Blessed Sacrament Church        | Edward & Nancy Harold            | MeadWestvaco Foundation             |
| Hartley & Dorothy Bowen         | Hat Divas Society                | Merrill Lynch Matching Gift Program |
| Richard & Molly Cammerer        | Frank & Kate Hayn                | Phyllis Miller                      |
| Loren & Marian Chamberlain      | Carter Hiestand                  | Monkey Sea                          |
| Jim & Ralla Coker               | John & Elizabeth Hostutler       | Virginia Moriarty                   |
| Glenn Brown & Joan Collar       | Peter & Judy Hubbard             | Justine Nathan                      |
| Charles & Ilga Cooper           | Jean R. Feldman Revocable Trust  | George Naumann                      |
| Colin & Sally Cuskley           | Johns Island Presbyterian Church | Ed & Jan Puckhaber                  |
| Robert & Patricia DeGregario    | Anthony & Sheila Kelly           | Lowell & Martha Dee Rausch          |
| Robert & Jeannie Dolson         | James & Bettie Keyes             | Realtors Housing Opportunities Fund |
| Derek & Molly Hulett Drockelman | Diether & Reinhild Klingelberg   | RM Spry LLC                         |
| Asfia Qureshi & Brendan Duggan  | Robert & Kathleen Kobel          | Robert Bosch Fair Share Fund        |
| Dean & Ginny Ennis              | William & Dorothy Korb           | Frederick & Joan Ross               |
| Adam & Linda Keithan Fein       | Randy & Rita Kramer              | Michael & Mary Ryan                 |
| Robert & Linda Fetch            | Edward & Patricia Legasey        | Sanders Brothers Construction       |
| Tom & Janet Fetter              | Joseph & Diane Levato            | Bailey & Tina Schell                |
| Phillip & Marilyn Finn          | Charles & Joan Lipuma            | Walter & Geraldine Schlauch         |
|                                 | Thomas & Nancy Little            |                                     |