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HFHSA House Statistics

Total houses completed to date = 2874

Total houses completed in FY 10 = 176

Total houses construction in progress = 26



HFHSA – Looking Forward

The Stories We Share

Written by Trevor Molefe Acting National Director HFHSA

As people of faith, as responsible citizens of a country in need, we owe it to each other and ourselves to become an integral part of this stories we all share.

By reading this newsletter and passionately supporting the mission we pursue, **you've joined us on "this trip we take"**. While the destination of simple, safe and decent homes unites us, the journey is tremendously valuable as well. At every turn, we share understanding and compassion, enthusiasm, faith and commitment and we also share our stories.

I love nothing more than the opportunity to visit Habitat homeowners, volunteers and



donors, to learn from them and to see how the pages of their own lives have turned towards this wonderful mission. **There's no better measure of the impact we have on**

families and communities than the stories of people working together to change lives, transform neighbourhoods and renew hope. So as we celebrate another year of building homes and lives around South Africa, **let's also celebrate the stories** that continue to mean so much to this ministry. And in these troubled economic times in S.A. and around the world, when the need for decent and affordable housing is greater than ever, when we need your help and support more than ever, we will continue to tell the stories in this newsletter and beyond, of how your partnership in our mission is transforming lives. To read further, please [click here](#)

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Congratulations to OUR YOUTH

HFHSA salutes the efforts of the thousands of youth volunteers (2400+) who participated in the first HFHSA National Youth Build and who between them built 24 new homes for families in desperate need of decent shelter.

Through wind, rain and eventually sun, teams from numerous city schools in Gauteng, Western Cape and

KwaZulu Natal built alongside youth volunteers from community schools from Orange Farm, Mfuleni and Umgababa.

With many new friendships, much laughter and hard work. HFHSA is proud to have hosted this event and looks forward to NYB 2011

Photo courtesy HFHII/ Tahila Mintz



Focus on Mfuleni – Western Cape



“So much more than just building houses.”

Stellenbosch
MATIES volunteer



**Ladies in
Orange
Farm 2009**



Woolworth's Volunteer

The community of Mfuleni is situated on the east bank of the Kuils River. Mfuleni is a relatively new township located approximately 30 km from the Cape Town CBD.

Although residents began to settle in Mfuleni as early as the 1960's, it was only in the late 1990's that fires and flooding in neighbouring townships forced many to re-locate to the area. The township is now home to around 25,000 people.

Some interesting facts about its inhabitants:

Residents are principally black Africans (91%), although there is a considerable coloured population. Xhosa is the predominant language (84%), followed by Afrikaans (9%) and English (2%).

The average income of a Mfuleni household lies in the range of R0-19,200/year. Over 40% of the community is unemployed.

Housing is a great priority in Mfuleni as nearly 40% of the community live in informal shacks that lack water and electricity.

HFHSA has been working in Mfuleni since 2007 and to date has built over 353 houses.

All HFHSA's national events are hosted by the local Mfuleni community including the up and coming **National Women's Build 2010**. *Photo courtesy of Paul Hofman Photography.*

National Women's Build 2010

August 2-6 2010 three regions will host the National Women's Build 2010.

CAN'T AFFORD THE FULL SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT OF R100,000.00?

Habitat for Humanity South Africa has listened to many of our supporters and recognised the chal-

lenge faced by many smaller organisations and individuals with regards to the cost of sponsoring the full R 100,000.00 to build a new home and participate in the National Women's Build 2010.

Year after year there is always tremendous interest in participation in our **Women's Build but how do**

we bridge the issue of the full cost for a HFHSA house and participation for companies and individuals with limited budget?

With a need to find creative solutions for both company teams and individual volunteers to participate, HFHSA has this year developed a volunteer package which provides for 75 volunteer, single day opportunities, per house we build. To find out more, please [click here](#).

Beneficiary Mr Cezula Mongezi – Woolworths

Mr. Cezula Mongezi is a 52 year old man, married to Alicia Nothemba Cezula. This couple have been married for 14 years now; they enjoyed and still are enjoying life together. They have endured the hardships of life together, things like poverty, unemployment and loss of family members. Mrs Cezula

mentioned that if there is anything that kept them going all this time it is the love and respect they have for each other.

She said, "I was taught to love; support and respect my husband", and that is exactly what she did even though there were times where he couldn't provide

for the family because of unemployment.

The couple are blessed with 3 children and one grandchild. Their children's names are Sisanda, Siyabonga, Luzoko and grandchild, Si-makele .Cezula. [Read More...](#)

HFHSA OVC Programme



the families did not have a written will in place to protect **the children’s inheritance and failed to plan for their children’s future. This left them orphaned without a guardian.**

Being the eldest child in the family, Cindy assumed the role of a guardian to the children to offer them a safe place to live.

Twenty-six year old Cindy is an aunt and cousin to 9 children to whom she automatically became a caregiver when the children were orphaned and left vulnerable through circumstance. Unfortunately



The children in her care include a 2 month old infant, four (4) children between the ages of seven (7) and eleven (11) who are currently attending primary school and five (5) adolescents between the ages of thirteen (13) and nineteen (19) completing their secondary education. To read more please [click here](#)



Not everyone can volunteer to be on site building, but you can still support the work of HFHSA . Please Support the Nelson Mandela Day Appeal on July 18th by [clicking here](#)

Beneficiary Story—Old Mutual

This old home belongs to Miss Qweleka Nolubbalo a 43 year old single parent. She stays with her 2 children, 17 year old Sisanda Qweleka who is in grade 10 and 12 year old Sipehele Qweleka, who is in grade 6.

Miss Qweleka often gets temporary jobs and this helps her and the children.

The family has been staying in Mfuleni for 6 years, now patiently waiting to own a decent house. The family was thrilled to be a part of this years Old Mutual 12 house build.

Qweleka was very excited and felt blessed knowing that through the generosity of Old Mutual and the vol-

unteers, she will eventually own her own house.



Social Media

With the exponential growth in the use of social media as a key communication tool, HFHSA has created an official HFHSA Face Book page where volunteers and supporters are able to share their Habitat experience and photographs with members from around the world.

The page also provides an important link for those wanting

to know what is happening in the programme, when major events will take place and feedback from builds and events.

We also hope to start discussion topics where ideas and suggestions can be shared with others.

So if you have something to share with other HFHSA sup-

porters, please register on our page facebook.com/habitatforhumanitysa

Thank you to Andrew Kirkby for his contribution to our Face Book page with the fundraiser, One Brick. Support Andrew by watching his video.





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Building on Faith 2010

During our Desmond Tutu Building on Faith event which is scheduled for 13 – 17 September 2010, we are trusting God to help us serve 30 families nationally. This is a big ask but then we serve a big God and with your help we are able to reach this goal. We have approximately 10 million shack dwellers in our country and the numbers continue to rise. During this 5-day blitz-build our focus will be on more than just the home owner and building houses. Our mornings kick off with praising God together in song, prayer and a mes-

sage from His word. At the end of the 5-day blitz-build we dedicate this house to God, hand over the key and a bible to the home owner and



Christian groups have the opportunity to thank God in prayer as this is ultimately a celebration of what God has done. For more information please email Lea Schafer lea@habitat.org.za or phone 021 657 5640

HFHSA would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their financial support for the last **quarter's HFHSA building programme:-**

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Old Mutual — 12 houses
 Hetzner — 10 houses — NYB 2010
 Woolworths — 8 houses
 Up stream Advertising/
 Auto & General — 6
 Houses
 Telkom Foundation — 5
 houses — NYB 2010
St Stithian's Boys' College — 2 houses
 HFHGB Southhawk — 1
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 Valspar SA — 1 house —
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NYB2010 Funds Raised

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