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Dear Corporate Volunteers,

Thank you for your interest in the work of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity. We're hopeful that your company will become an active partner with our Habitat. Because through partnerships with local companies and volunteer groups, Habitat for Humanity is building decent housing for families in need. And there are families in need Somerset and Hunterdon Counties!

RVHFH is an active community-based organization, committed to building affordable, modest homes in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. Through partnerships with local businesses, community groups, and families in need, we have started construction on 4 homes in 2006 and finished 3 homes in Lambertville this spring. To support our growing building program we are asking all volunteer groups to make significant financial contributions for our project development and our house construction. We are asking you to commit \$100 per employee in support of your volunteer days. If you are interested in finding out more about our House Sponsorship program be it either full or partial please let me know so I can coordinate a time for you to talk to our Development Manager, Diana Pecina.

The attached sheets describe our program, goals, and sponsored days. We're proud of what we have accomplished, but there is still so much more we can do! With your help, we can make simple, decent housing a reality for all who desire and need it.

With our growing building opportunities and new homes projected for Bernardsville, Bridgewater and Franklin Township we look forward to developing a partnership with your company. If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to call me at (908) 704-0016. I look forward to working with you to schedule a sponsor workday for your group.

In Partnership,

Louisa Bartok
Office Manager
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Enclosures



Building Homes, Building Hope

At Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity, we believe that *every* hard working family deserves a safe, decent place to call home. Unfortunately, that is not the case in Somerset and Hunterdon counties, where escalating rents force many hard working families to live in overcrowded, substandard, often unsafe conditions.

RVHFH creates a people-to-people partnership between families needing decent housing and members of the local community. Volunteers and partner families join together to build modest, affordable homes. When the homes are complete, they are purchased by the partner families with a zero interest mortgage provided by Habitat. The construction cost of the 3 bedroom home is approximately \$90,000. The total cost for each project, including land and infrastructure, is over \$200,000. The houses are kept affordable because of their small size and basic design, and because many materials, tools, and services are donated or purchased below market rates.

So far, RVHFH has completed 20 homes and renovations in Flemington, Bridgewater, Somerville, Bound Brook, Somerset, South Bound Brook, Hampton and Lambertville. Our goals for 2006 are:

- Finish 3 single family houses in Lambertville (Hunterdon County) **COMPLETED**
- Start construction of 2 duplexes in Bernardsville (Somerset County) **STARTED**
- Acquire additional lots in both Hunterdon & Somerset counties **IN PROGRESS**

Corporate Team-Building Opportunity: Sponsored Workday Program

Commitment: \$100 per participating employee per day

Sponsored Workday Program: The corporation sends a team of 10-20 employees to spend a day on the construction site, helping to help build a Habitat home. Depending on the date, activities may include framing, roofing, siding, installation of windows or doors, sheetrocking, painting, or landscaping. The workday will be guided by the RVHFH team of experienced building supervisors.

Corporate Team-Building Bonus: A Sponsored Workday offers corporate work teams an excellent opportunity for team building. Employees working together in a new situation learn to appreciate the strengths of their colleagues. Employees also gain respect for the 'good neighbor' policy and community commitment of their corporation. Building teamwork through a home building day is a unique experience that is sure to be both memorable and enjoyable for those involved.

Schedule: In 2006, sponsored days will be available in Lambertville from January through April, and in Bernardsville from June through December.

A company that helps build a Habitat home is doing more than building a house--- they are building the self-esteem and self-reliance of a central New Jersey family, building a stronger neighborhood, and building for the future of our community.

For more information, please contact the RVHFH office at 908.704.0016.



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Corporate Sponsored Work Day Application

We would like to make a monetary contribution of:

- A donation per person working on-site of \$ _____
- A one-time donation of \$ _____
- Other donations of service, materials or sponsored event:

We are interested in working on a:

- Tuesday (15-20people)
- Wednesday (1-5people)
- Thursday (1-5people)
- Friday (15-20people)
- Saturday (5-15people)

We are unable to contribute at this time, but would like to be put on the list as an alternate for either a...

- Weekday work crew
- Weekend work crew

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Professional Title: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Information:
