



# The Ridge Vent

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“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service...”

- Oprah Winfrey

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## Building possible with support by local companies, volunteers

Clinton County may be a small and rural area compared to many Habitat affiliates, however, we have people with ‘heart’ that care for their neighbors and do something that is very special – care and support the need for simple decent homes.

We have many volunteers that work every week. Our super people have worked in some pretty poor weather conditions and have done some pretty dirty work in the mud. They always come back for more. That is why they are so special to Habitat and to our home owner.

This construction season saw the return of Barbara Smith and Bill Hohn, volunteers who visit the area for the summer and have worked on building the home. Barbara and Bill were regular volunteers on our Wednesday Crew and always came in with a great attitude and ready to help on everything that needed to be done. Bill also worked on Fridays, too. Bill headed back to Long Island, but not before Sandy Lashua was able to enlist the aid of his wife, Lorna, who worked in the city for 30 years writing grant requests for state and federal grants. She will be working with us by e-mail and phone to help write grant requests for Habitat from individuals and corporations.

In addition to the “regulars”, we have had a group from Hannaford, the Clinton County Board of Realtors, Temple Beth Israel, Pi Alpha Nu Fraternity, Plattsburgh State’s Division of Student Affairs, Project HELP, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and many other groups.

Also, with the costs involved in construction going up this year, we had a shortfall of funds until our HUD/SHOP Grant money arrived. Aird Dorrance provides us with the heating/plumbing materials at cost, but we ran short of money when we needed to get the materials for the house. The AM Rotary talked to Sandy Lashua and wanted to see what they could do for Habitat. They found out about our need for the materials and donated \$3,500 toward the invoiced price. We cannot thank them enough for coming



to our aid.

As usual we tasked Sandy Lashua with trying to obtain items from our ‘wish list’ for the house. This year was no exception as many local companies came through with material donations for the house: Ward Lumber/IKO Company (roofing shingles, paints and primer); Gregory Supply/Wolverine Co. (siding and extension ladders); The Cabinet Gallery (bathroom vanity); Lowe’s Home Center (sink top for the vanity and living room window); Hynes Electric and Champlain Electric (ceiling lights, light bulbs, ceiling fans); Windover Hardware (range hood); Charter Communications (cable TV Coax); Farm and Family Center; Nortrax Equipment Rental (heavy equipment loan).

## *Annual garage sale deemed huge success*

Champlain Valley Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the people of the North Country for their generous support of our second Garage Sale held on August 21. We put out a request for donations of good salable items and they came through for us. We advertised that we were holding the sale and they came to buy. I am pleased to announce that we raised \$4,500. This money will be used to help complete our fourth house being built on the Wallace Hill Road. A special thanks to Willow Brook Nursery for donating their large greenhouse and property. I would also like to thank Foster Tent Rentals for donating a tent to cover our tables and protect us from the elements. WIRY gave us several weeks of free publicity along with WJOY, The Pennysaver, WPTZ and The Press Republican. - *Sandy Lashua*

## **Habitat founder to visit Vermont**

You are invited to two special opportunities to hear Millard Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity International, talk about the ministry of Habitat and to reflect with other leaders about our contemporary world environment and human needs.

The first opportunity is "Lunch with Millard Fuller" on Friday, November 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Congregational Church/UCC of Burlington, 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, Vermont.

The cost is \$10 per person for the lunch. You will need to pre-register as seating is limited. Mail your check (payable to: Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity) and the number of reserved seats you are requesting and names to, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity P.O. Box 381 Burlington, VT 05402. For more information, please call 802-872-8726.

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**Millard Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity International will be hosted by the Green Mountain affiliate on November 5 and 6, 2004, in Burlington.**

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The second event is "Our Unfinished Story" – A Unique Mission Education Event that will feature Millard Fuller as a speaker and in a panel discussion with other distinguished guests on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6. For more information and/or to print out a registration form, please log onto [www.vtcucc.org](http://www.vtcucc.org) (Missions & Ministry; Mission Connections 2004) or [www.firstchurchburlington.org](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org)