

House of Abraham

At a time when all the world longs for peace, there is an opportunity to do something about it locally. Habitat for Humanity of Hartford has begun construction on a home known as The House of Abraham. Volunteers from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faith communities are working side by side to build the walls of a home while tearing down the walls of misunderstanding. Abraham, the Biblical character from the Book of Genesis, is the spiritual ancestor of all three faith traditions.

The new house, located at 21 Loomis Street in Hartford, will take nine months and hundreds of volunteers to complete. The Francois Family who will own and occupy The House of Abraham is working hard with the volunteers, contributing hours of sweat equity. Many Glastonbury residents, active in their own faith communities, have already hammered some nails and sawed some boards and measured some planks. We are learning so much as we share stories from our various religious traditions.

Peace has a chance when people of diverse backgrounds meet each other and gain an understanding of the other's perspective. This is why I've asked The Citizen to publish this letter. It's my way of inviting Glastonbury residents to contribute to peace in the world by acting locally. To volunteer to work a day (7:45 – 3:00) at The House of Abraham, either give me call at 633-4651 or contact the Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator, Zelma Hughes, directly at her e-mail address: Zelma@hartfordhabitat.org

Faithfully,
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