

Strengthened for Service

The worldwide need for simple, decent, affordable shelter has never been greater; and Habitat for Humanity's ability to address that need is stronger than ever before. During FY01 we began to see the positive, long-term benefits of the emphasis on three particular topics: decentralized organization, strategic planning and training and empowering volunteers and staff at the grass-roots level. These endeavors will guide the organization's development for years to come.

We are better prepared now than ever before to answer God's call to love and serve his children. Decentralized area offices in Thailand, Costa Rica, Hungary, South Africa and the U.S. provide leadership and support to nurture national organizations and local affiliates. In each area, work in building, resource development and education is tailored to fit various geographic, cultural and economic conditions. Through pursuit of the strategic planning focus areas—leadership, capacity building, advocacy/education and innovation—HFHI is empowering home partners, volunteers and staff to raise more money and build more houses.

As I leave the chairmanship of this board, I am especially grateful for the inspiration of working associations with God's servants, including Millard and Linda Fuller. Habitat for Humanity has always been about each person doing what he or she can—and finding the strength and ability, through God, to do so much more than could be anticipated. It is in this spirit that we ask for your continued support. May God bless and prosper all who join Him in this work.



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