

Davis Vision Supports Habitat for Humanity

Employee Volunteers Spend Weekends Helping to Build House

Davis Vision employees at the Plainview, NY, headquarters picked up hammers, nails and saws recently to help build a Habitat for Humanity house on Long Island.

The volunteers gathered on a plot of donated land in Roosevelt, NY, to help ensure that Mrs. Frances Brown, a legal secretary, and her family would have shelter before winter. Mrs. Brown, along with her son Jessie and daughter Jessica (both honor students), currently live in a studio apartment.



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"Davis Vision is delighted to be a part of Habitat for Humanity's extraordinary mission," said Laura Dyer, assistant vice president, Strategic Events & Community Relations for Davis Vision. "We are also very proud of the time and hard work that our community-minded employees have contributed to this project."

When the volunteers first arrived, only the house's frame and the joists to support its first-floor ceiling had been completed. With the help of the designated Habitat for Humanity team leaders, Davis Vision volunteers got to work. Door and window frames went up. Beams

were cut and hammered onto the roof and walls. Rakes came out and the grounds were cleared of weeds, garbage, broken glass and concrete.

By the end of the day, all the rafters were installed, raising the house up one more level, and the yard was clean and ready for landscaping. What had been an open space with nothing above it had become a framework for closing in and covering the entire house, a task the volunteers – along with Frances Brown – took up again when they returned for a second round of construction.



The Habitat for Humanity project not only will result in a new home for the Brown family this fall, but it also has offered Davis Vision volunteers a particularly enriching experience. “Even though we give back to the community on a regular basis, this undertaking was very special,” said Dyer. “We at Davis Vision are already looking forward to supporting another Habitat for Humanity project this October in New Orleans.

The Browns’ new house is the eleventh Habitat for Humanity home built in Nassau County, according to Charlotte Lee, president, Habitat for Humanity of Nassau County.

Davis Vision has a long history of involvement in local community outreach programs. It regularly sponsors free vision screening clinics for children and has helped to raise funds, food and clothing for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, New York Children’s Vision Coalition, United Way, MercyFirst and other charities.

About Davis Vision

Davis Vision Inc., one of the nation's premier vision care companies, has been providing comprehensive vision benefits for nearly 45 years and currently serves over 55 million members across the country. The company delivers best-in-class vision care products and services through an extensive network of nearly 45,000 participating providers, including ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians and many of the nation's top retail providers.

Davis Vision Inc. is the only vision care preferred provider organization to receive accreditation from The Joint Commission. Its provider network-credentialing program has also been certified by the NCQA. In addition, all of the company's proprietary world-class regional ophthalmic fabrication laboratories have been awarded the COLTS Gold Seal, as well as ISO 9001:2000 certification. Davis Vision is based in Plainview, NY. For more information about Davis Vision, visit www.davisvision.com.

About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Nassau County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, GA. This worldwide nonprofit organization seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness by building and rehabilitating houses through community volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. The homeowner families also invest hours of labor into their homes, which are sold to them at no profit and financed with affordable loans. Habitat for Humanity has built more than 250,000 houses around the world since it was founded in 1976.

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