

## BUILDERS' COMPETITION- MAY 6, 2015



### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EVENT

**2007:** Following the devastating hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005, continuing support arose in the form of a 'Builder's Competition' to help the ongoing recovery efforts of Habitat for Humanity along the Gulf Coast. Teams of local professional tradesfolk came together in friendly competition to construct 'framing packages' of wall panels for Habitat's Baton Rouge, La affiliate. Additionally, cash funds and material contributions were raised for local HfH programs in the Philadelphia area. Charitable auspices for the event were provided by St. John's Presbyterian Church of Devon, Pa. Framing for three homes was produced and shipped by truck to families in need.

Following on a successful start, the event continued. Second year output again supported Gulf efforts with five home's worth of framing headed south to Baton Rouge.

**2009:** Year three of the Builder's competition took on a more local focus with five teams participating and production ramped up to the framing required for seven homes benefitting HfH affiliates in Philadelphia, Pa and Wilmington, De. Additionally this year saw crews going the second mile by participating in the field to help raise the framing produced at the event.

**2015:** The event, now in its ninth season, has seen continuing support. All teams who have taken part have returned at least once to again participate. Many have come back multiple times. To date 'The Builder's Competition' has served in the building efforts of fifty-one Habitat for Humanity homes through the production of framing packages, material contributions, cash donations and the introduction of skilled trades to Habitat's work. Field efforts have helped Habitat to raise fifteen of these homes.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Sponsor a team, send a team, support the event with a contribution to material costs, volunteer, or stop by and watch the action! Contact St John's Presbyterian Church @ 610-688-5222 or visit [www.builderscompetition.org](http://www.builderscompetition.org)