

# FORRECASTS



Building Homes

Building Hope

Building Community



MassInnovation Center  
One Oak Hill Road  
Fitchburg

**FITCHBURG...**Habitat for Humanity NCM is fortunate to have the support of Bob Ansin, of the MassInnovation Center, who kindly donates a large section of his stately Anwelt mill building for our use. We, in turn, want to be good stewards of this generous space. Habitat staff and volunteers will be painting, and doing some light carpentry in our offices. New carpeting has already been donated by a local company and the United Way of North Central Massachusetts' Product Philanthropy program helped us augment our furnishings. Bob Ansin has agreed to underwrite the carpet installation.

The Anwelt building dates back to 1885 and has been in the Ansin family since the 1920s. Currently being renovated in several phases, the riverside mill also houses new mixed-income senior housing and the North Central Essential Charter School. (*MassInnovation Photo*)

**GARDNER...**Everything old is new again and we have an opportunity to update and renovate a Habitat home for another family in need. One of our strongest principles is to ensure that our homes remain permanently affordable. Since the original owner could no longer fulfill requirements of homeownership, we are looking forward to having a new qualified Habitat partner homeowner live there.



286 Pine Street in Gardner



32 Carter Street in Lancaster

**LANCASTER...**Community volunteers and Habitat homeowners will begin the first Habitat project in Lancaster - a total home renovation. The Town of Lancaster acquired this property from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and awarded the renovation project to Habitat for \$1. Volunteers will help with some demolition, as well as the installation of new siding, roofing, doors, windows, fixtures, appliances, insulation, lawn, painting and landscaping. Our homeowner partners will have newly created yard space, a paved driveway, and off-street parking, thereby removing a dangerous on-street parking situation and greatly improving the aesthetics of the house, lot, and neighborhood.

**WESTMINSTER...**An example of a successful partnership is taking shape in Westminister between Habitat for Humanity and the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation (DMR). The family includes a handicapped child who can no longer be physically carried upstairs. Habitat will build a one bedroom and bathroom addition to their home, underwritten with funding secured by DMR. The family meets all Habitat criteria, the project fits our mission, and volunteers are already lining up to participate.



187 State Road in Westminister