

Habitat For Humanity
Greater Charlottesville
2006 Builder's Blitz
Charlottesville, VA

Bruce Wardell, a founding board member of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville (HFHGC), and the team at **brw**architects were honored to participate in a HFHGC building project. With a scarcity of affordable housing in the Charlottesville area, HFHGC decided to participate in a national Blitz Build which would result in over 1000 houses nationally being constructed in a period of just one week. For a unique twist on the national model, HFHGC asked local architects and professional builders to step into the process and provide design and construction services for the proposed homes. Six teams responded to the challenge, including **brw**architects.

In partnership with Ace Contracting and Abrahamse & Company Builders, **brw**architects was able to efficiently design a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house that was built in one week. The home was designed utilizing Habitat's national guidelines for size and features.

The efficient first floor plan features an open dining room / living room combination, a kitchen with breakfast bar, master bedroom and full bath, laundry and storage rooms and a secondary entrance and mudroom. Wherever possible on the first floor natural light and ventilation are emphasized. By designing a narrow upper level, both upper level bedrooms and the full upper level bath receive daylight and ventilation.

