

*Right: Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter presents Bible to homeowner Dana Rhodes.*

*Below: SBM President Nancy Diehl (front, right) with legal assistant volunteers.*



# BLITZ BUILD

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Dana Rhodes and her two children now have a place to call their own because of the efforts, caring, and expertise of Detroit-area lawyers, legal assistants, and other volunteers. The State Bar's Real Property Law Section, led by chairperson and former builder Mark Makower, took on the house-building task under the umbrella of the Habitat for Humanity 2005 Jimmy Carter Work Project. The former U.S. president and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, along with his wife Rosalynn, visited the Detroit site on June 23 and stopped at "Legal House," 3722 Tillman Street. Another visitor was State Bar President Nancy J. Diehl. Law firms and individual lawyers donated \$75,000 to the project. One of the largest donors was Dickinson Wright, which gave more than \$15,000. Altogether, Detroit volunteers built 31 homes during the June 19–24 Habitat blitz build.





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