



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Habitat's Mission** *Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends.*

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## Happiness, Stability, And Life Skills

The Dedication Ceremony for our 20th and 21st houses was a monumental moment for Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County. Smiling faces and a few tears of joy were witnessed as the 2011 homes were dedicated and blessed. After the ceremony the volunteers, homeowners and neighbors joined together for a cookout in the Hagen's new driveway.



Lee Family stands proudly in front of their new Habitat House located at 541 Lake Street in Fond du Lac  
Photo Taken By Aileen Andrews

Laughter, hugs, more tears and the sharing of experiences took place as people lingered at the cookout. Homeowners and volunteers thanked one other for sharing a wonderful building opportunity. Michelle Hagen's daughters played in their soon-to-be-full living room as Michelle gave guided tours of her new home.

Mao (Xiong) Lee fed Calvin (Muaj Koob) Lee, the new addition to their family, in their living room as toddler Tou Lee ran through the house playfully enjoying the new living space. Both homeowners felt at home as they had put so much of their own time and energy into creating these beautiful homes.

Each family would like to extend a "THANK YOU!" to the community for their wonderful support through the entire process. A supportive community offers a hand up, not a hand out! Check out page 5 for list of donators.

## Help Build It!—\$20.21 Donation Campaign

It's not too late to be a part of this wonderful celebratory year for Habitat of Fond du Lac County's building their 20th & 21st houses. We are still holding our \$20.21 Campaign Drive through December. We will continue to draw names for prizes each month. It only takes 4,500 people to donate \$20.21 to fund the cost of a Habitat home.

**Won't you consider donating?**

### Help Build It! Take Part in the Habitat for Humanity \$20.21 Campaign

*It only takes 4,500 donations of \$20.21 to build a brand new Habitat for Humanity Home*

**Hagen Family**  
**20th**



**Lee Family**  
**21st**

## **MICHELLE HAGEN TALKS ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE**

**Before Habitat:** A major challenge I faced was the fear of the unknown. My rent had gone up three times in twelve months and the place I was renting from was up for sale. I started thinking of how I would provide a stable environment for my girls.

**The Journey to Stability:** I started praying for an answer and Habitat for Humanity came to my mind. I had a close friend who, during the entire process, was an encouraging and supportive voice. When we received the phone call that we were accepted into the Habitat Program I couldn't even begin to describe the emotions of this wonderful gift. It was the best Christmas present ever. Not only did God restore my hope, but he had other plans of me learning to work in a team environment, to humble myself through learning new skills and gain self confidence which has always been something I lacked.

**Making it our own:** We are so excited to make the house our own. We plan on giving each room it's own color and my girls are looking forward to decorating. My teenage daughter will now have a place for her friends to hang out and I will feel better knowing she is safe in "our" space. I believe this whole experience has brought us closer as a family and we have learned the joy of how serving a community is rewarding to everyone involved. Thank you Habitat for Humanity for being the "tool" for helping me build security for our future and making a home a reality.



Michelle Hagen and her girls cutting the ribbon for their new Habitat House.  
Photo Taken By: Alienn Andrews

### **Calendar of Events**

November 11th 9:00am-10:00am Fundraising Meeting  
(Call office if you are interested)

November 22nd 6:00pm-7:00pm Board Meeting

**Our biggest need to continue serving families is monetary donations and sponsorships. Please consider helping... you can truly make a difference!**

### **Cost of Materials and Donor Levels**

\$10	Box of Nail	\$2000	Wallboard
\$25	Lumber	\$2500	Flooring
\$35	Roof Shingles	\$1000-2,999	Hard Hat Club
\$50	Low-Flow Toilet	\$3000-4,999	Hard Hat Club - Premium
\$75	Window	\$5000-9,999	Bronze Hammer
\$100	Kitchen Sink	\$10,000-14,999	Silver Hammer
\$150	Front Door	\$15,000-19,999	Gold Hammer
\$500	Siding (partial)	\$20,000 ++	Platinum Hammer

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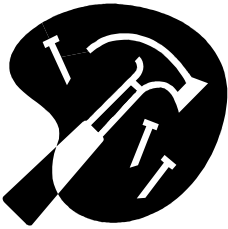
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**“Purchase a Square Foot” Donation Form 2011**

**Donations are tax-deductible, a receipt will be sent**

◇ I want to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ square feet/foot of a house at \$86.55 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ◇ I would like to purchase:
  - ◇ \$10 for a box of nails
  - ◇ \$75 Energy-tight window
  - ◇ \$350 Metered water softener
  - ◇ \$500 for exterior siding / framing lumber (partial)
  - ◇ \$1,200 Energy-efficient furnace
- ◇ \$25 Roll of wall insulation
- ◇ \$100 for a kitchen sink / (1) roof trusses
- ◇ \$2,500 flooring for entire house



◇ I would like to make a cash donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

◇ I would like to make a gift. Type of gift (please circle):

- |            |          |              |          |
|------------|----------|--------------|----------|
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| Retirement | Wedding  | Anniversary  | Holiday  |

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## Because You Are Here Our Mission Will Continue

This wall welcomed individuals who attended our 8th Annual Italian Night Dinner Fundraiser. Attached was a sign that read, "Because you are here our mission will continue. Sign this wall to be used in the 2012 house builds". Habitat for Humanity would like to thank all those who attended, donated and sponsored this wonderful event. Over \$15,500 was raised to benefit the house builds in FDL County. Donors and sponsors are listed on page 6.

**You are Habitat and you are needed** to continue this community mission. Donations, volunteer (building, meals, fundraising, office) time, ReStore support and advocacy will make the 2012 builds a reality.

This Habitat "community wall" will travel to all of our events or you can stop by the office to sign during office hours. Your signature can be a part of something that will last for years to come. And, if you want to...consider joining our team in 2012 as we build whole houses around this one wall!

## WHAT WILL YOU BUILD?

If you are interested in participating (cooking, organizing, building) in the **2012** build please call the Habitat office at 920-921-6623 or email [info@habitatfdl.org](mailto:info@habitatfdl.org) to be added to our 2012 contact list. Schedules will be finalized and posted around the end of April 2012. For volunteer and donor opportunities, check out our website at: [www.habitatfdl.org](http://www.habitatfdl.org).



## Shantytown 2012

Shantytown 2012 was a success! Marian College students and UW– FDL students partnered up for a night of fun in Marian's Quad. The group raised over \$900 and donated it to Habitat to help alleviate poverty living in Fond du Lac County. The students spent the night in the Shanty's they built out of cardboard boxes. Thank you to International Paper, Domino's Pizza, Marian's Social Justice Committee and John Morris for making this event possible.

Pictured: Calan Sheer, Serena Rose, Kate Bauer, Joan Wright, Lillian Cintron and Geoff Murray

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## Volunteer of the Quarter: Kate Bauer

After I became a Habitat homeowner (I loved it when volunteers on my work site would come over and ask me “Are you the homeowner?” I was filled with such pride each time), it was easy to decide that I would be a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. The truth is that I have been a volunteer for most of my life. However, it changed when my youngest son, Joey, was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at the age of three. It was then that I was really thrust into volunteerism. I found through volunteerism, that I was able to turn a devastating diagnosis into a positive outcome. The act of helping others provided me the opportunity to network with other families and to educate and inform my community about arthritis in children. This act of helping others was also an avenue for me to find healing for myself and my family.

Currently, I am a full-time student at UW-Fond du Lac and I have founded the UW-FDL Habitat for Humanity Club. I have taken a freshman under my wing as president of the club and we're developing plans for how to keep the club active well after I am gone. This will be challenging given that this is only a two year campus. My goal has been and is to lead by example so that I can help these students to develop a sense of compassion and a desire to serve others while supporting our community. Thank you for this honor.



## Thanks to Local Businesses and Volunteers for supporting the HFH 20th & 21st Build

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Chegwin Group	Fox Den Landscaping	Lighthouse Church	SIGMA Women's Group	...and the over 200 build site volunteers
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We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name. Please call us to include you in our next issue.



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