

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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Please recognize and support the Fond du Lac area businesses advertised in our newsletter

Habitat will Celebrate it's 20th and 21st House Builds in 2011

Kao, Yia and their children recently moved into their new home and will be celebrating their first Holiday season within their own rooms! The Yang Family home was our 19th house build and we are planning two more houses in 2011 to ensure that more families have safe, decent, well-built, affordable housing in Fond du Lac County. It is a recognized statistic that Habitat homes stabilize neighborhoods. This is a win-win in which ALL of the Fond du Lac County community benefits from.

Building the 20th and 21st houses is a milestone for Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County. Habitat plans to commemorate this milestone with celebration. The Building Committee is planning a dual house build on double lots on the corner of Lake and Montana Streets. This simultaneous build will generate lots of activity from volunteers, workers and our two partner families that will radiate throughout the entire Fond du Lac community. Groundbreaking is tentatively schedule to take place on April 2, 2011 dependant on weather.



Kao Yang and Yia Thao stand on their front porch during construction of their home at 459 S. Military Road, FDL. Many thanks to our corporate sponsors for their funding efforts: Lowe's, FDL Area Foundation, Wells Fargo, Grande Cheese, Alliant, First Weber, MidStates Aluminum.

Approximately 37,957 hours have been donated by community volunteers for the past 19 house builds!! Please include us in your plans for 2011 by donating your time, talents, and/or dollars! Check out the article on Page 5 about Workplace Giving where you can partner with your employer (current or previous) to become an active participant in our upcoming milestone builds.

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County—your donation changes lives:

Through the dedicated efforts of volunteers, board of directors and staff, we all should be proud of our accomplishments of this past year. We have successfully built two more houses, expanded the ReStore square footage, hired additional staff and increased our corporate and individual volunteer donor base. We have secured three lots on which to build and are thankful for the partnership with the City of FDL and the Community Development Block Grant funding.

We are moving full force into the new year with our **Third Annual Windows of Opportunity** event and welcome artists to showcase your talents and participate in this unique fundraising event. More information is on page 4.

Alternative Gift Giving—please keep us in mind for holiday donations, you can donate in honor or memory of a loved one, friend, or co-worker with a gift that will give for years to come and make a huge impact on a family in need.

Check out the **ReStore** as we have a huge selection of new and gently used holiday items, new ornaments, birdhouses, Habitat logo wear, cookbooks and gift certificates. We also have our items featured on our website: www.habitatfdl.org

Looking for that last minute tax deduction—donate your old cars, snowmobiles, SUV, boat or motorcycle to Habitat. **Cars For Homes**—put it to work helping families build homes in our community. Call the office for more information at 920-921-6623.

WHAT'S HAPPENING—FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The **Seventh Annual Italian Night Dinner** Fundraiser was a huge success with 140 attendees raising \$12,000 to benefit our house builds. The annual event recapped our year's building season, honored the families who partnered with us and high-lighted key volunteers and donors. It was a very emotional and memorable evening. Many thanks to our event sponsors: Grande Cheese, Wood's Floral, Wesley Heating & Cooling, Ideal Chiropractic, Associated Bank, Agnesian HealthCare, CitizensFirst Credit Union, FDL Historical Society, Set In Ink, Culver's, JF Ahern Co., Farrell's Fine Furnishings, Twohig Orthodontics, Savvy Boutique, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans East FDL Co. Chapter #30061, TTI Inc., Smith & Hatch Insurance, National Exchange Bank & Trust.

Blessings to you as we continue to raise the much needed funds to continue our Mission of building safe, basic and affordable houses for those in need in our community. We continue to be a hand up, not a hand out to low-income home buyers. A gift of any amount will allow us to change lives. Won't you help us make a difference today?
 Holiday Blessings, Kathy



Women Build—working hard at the Yang House build site were women from all walks of life joining together for the day with Lowe's employees. "Let's Build Something Together" is Lowe's motto and build they did. The group of 25 women worked on the siding, back-filling, insulation and site clean up.

"Building community and providing safe housing are essential to Habitat's work and connected to the biblical instruction to care for "the least of these". - The Rev. David Emmanuel Goatley

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 24 & 25 ReStore Closed for the Holidays
And Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
- Now through Jan. 31st Artwork due back to the Habitat Office to be considered for inclusion in the Windows of Opportunity event
- Feb. 11 3rd Annual Windows of Opportunity — Opening Reception, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Windhover Center for the Arts
- Mar. 26th 3rd Annual Windows of Opportunity— Closing Reception and auction from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Windhover Center, 51 Sheboygan St.

Board of Directors

These individuals work hard behind the scenes and each one is greatly appreciated

Marcia Snyder President	Aaron Goldstein Vice-President
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Our biggest need to continue serving families is money. Please consider helping...every donation truly makes a difference!

COST OF MATERIALS—

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| \$10 Box of Nails | \$500 Siding |
| \$25 Lumber | \$2000 Wallboard |
| \$35 Roof Shingles | \$2500 Flooring |
| \$50 Low-Flow Toilet | \$1000-2,999 Hard Hat Club |
| \$75 Window | \$3000-4,999 Hard Hat Club Premium |
| \$100 Kitchen Sink | \$5000-9,999 Bronze Hammer |
| \$150 Front Door | \$10,000-14,999 Silver Hammer |

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MANY THANKS to the following for donating to the **Square Foot Campaign**

Edith's of Fond du Lac
Joseph Hilke
Wayne N. Huberty
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A donation was made **In Honor of: Joanne and Dennis Thome** from Jerry and Doris Riley

Fall 2010

“Purchase a Square Foot” Donation Form 2010

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
 - ◇ \$25 Roll of wall insulation
 - ◇ \$75 Energy-tight window
 - ◇ \$100 for a kitchen sink / (1) roof trusses
 - ◇ \$350 Metered water softener
 - ◇ \$2,500 flooring for entire house
 - ◇ \$500 for exterior siding / framing lumber (partial)
 - ◇ \$1,200 Energy-efficient furnace
- ◇ I would like to make a cash donation in the amount of \$ _____.
- ◇ I would like to make a gift. Type of gift (please circle):



Graduation	Birthday	Housewarming	New Baby
Retirement	Wedding	Anniversary	Holiday

In Memory **or** Honor of: _____

A card will be sent in recognition of the gift.

Please make checks payable to **Habitat for Humanity**. For a credit card purchase, please fill out the account information and sign the below form, or call our office at (920) 921-6623.

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By Fax: 920-322-0778

By Mail:

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc
150 South Brooke Street , Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Board Member of Quarter– Don Millage (2004-2010 Retired)

I am employed at the Fond du Lac Family YMCA as the associate executive director. I am responsible for the business operations of the Y and have been employed here for 7 ½ years (hard to believe). I have been actively involved in the planning process for the newly renovated YMCA.

My family consists of my wife (Barb), our son (Mike) and daughter-in-law (Jenny). Barb and I are members of Community Church and have been for some 15 years.

My main pastimes involve sports. I have been a high school football coach for the past 10 years (though am not coaching this year due to the extensive YMCA project). I like to golf.

I began working as a volunteer building houses for Habitat FDL in the late 1990s. I became involved with the Church Relations Committee of Habitat about 2001, as a representative of Community Church.

After building several houses in FDL County, Habitat struggled as an organization. It did not build any houses in 2003 and 2004. I am most proud that I was able to lend some stability and effort to the Habitat board. Working with Kathy and other board volunteers, we were able to resurrect the home-building process. The organization is now growing, financially solid, and much better able to fulfill its mission of providing affordable housing to those in need. Each home dedication is truly a very emotional, exciting, and rewarding occasion. I truly thank you for this honor and for the six years that I have served on the Habitat board of Fond du Lac County.

Sincerely, Don Millage

NOW MORE THAN EVER....HELP BUILD IT Habitat volunteers from all walks of life work to bridge the gap between families and homeownership. How can you get more involved?

Check out our website at: www.habitatfdl.org for volunteer and donor opportunities.

3rd Annual Windows of Opportunity Opens on Feb. 11th thru Mar. 26th

Please join us at the Windhover Center for the Arts for our 3rd Annual Windows of Opportunity fundraising event and help improve the lives of low-income families in Fond du Lac County. Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County is partnering again this year with local artisans willing to create, donate, and showcase their artistic talent re-purposing used windows, chairs, tables, spindles, planter boxes, benches, etc. that have been donated to our Habitat ReStore. Opening reception is Feb. 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Visit the Café Gallery at the Windhover Center for the Arts to view these art pieces anytime during open hours. Windows of Opportunity final reception will be held March 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a fun-filled evening featuring Live and Silent Auctions of these donated art

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ReStore Donations	

Workplace Giving — Discover the Gift That Builds

Check out the benefits of your current or previous places of employment for Workplace Giving Programs that will support Habitat for Humanity. Many businesses will donate or match funds for hours or dollars earned through the volunteer efforts of their employees or retirees. Through workplace giving programs, employees and employers contribute to Habitat's mission of helping to build strong communities all over the globe. Volunteers can double the impact of their gift of dollars or time, helping even more families escape from poverty housing.

If you have volunteered or donated to Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac Co. in 2010, now is the time to check for eligibility and apply for the matching funds. Or, if your current or previous employer offers workplace giving programs, let us help you plan a way to take advantage of this generous offer by matching your talents and time with Habitat for Humanity's many organizational needs and meeting your employer's requirements of qualification for 2011. Retirees, especially, please take note of this possible opportunity!

Habitat ReStore — Buy A Bargain, Help Build A House

Donate \$1.00 to our "I Helped Build It!!" Campaign and join our wall of fame!

Help us reach our goal to raise \$500.00 — the cost of siding for one exterior wall! Ask for details when shopping the ReStore or dropping off your donations.



Take a Break on Us — Literally!

Many thanks to the FDL Forest Mall for sponsoring the ReStore Rejuvenation Station. While you are out and about doing your last minute holiday shopping, take a break at the mall on us. You will find comfortable furniture donated to our ReStore in the main walking corridor of the mall. Enjoy!

From the Aisles of the ReStore Supervisor: Nancy Zompolas

We're feeling it now between the shorter, cooler days, longer chilly nights-Fall has arrived in all it's glory. Don't wait too long to do those last minute home-improvement projects that can make all the difference in staying warm in the coming months. We have received multiple donations of windows of all sizes, all in amazing condition, and exterior doors are available in all sizes as well. We have Styrofoam insulation in all thicknesses and styles, and a variety of weather stripping. Thank you to all of our private donors who continue to light up our phone lines with wonderful contributions, as well as to our partner donors who fill our aisles with gently-used items to resell. Our inventory really does change weekly, and we encourage you to be a regular visitor to our store. Our expanded Wednesday hours make it more convenient than ever to stop in and see what you can find. Watch for our new items to be posted on Craigslist, and get all the updates by becoming a friend on Facebook. Contact us for more information at 920-921-2893 or email: restoredfdl@habitatfdl.org.

Did you know? Habitat Named No. 8 on the "Builder 100" List

Habitat for Humanity International has been ranked as No. 8 on the Builder 100 list, marking the first time the organization has been among the top 10 biggest builders in the United States. Habitat earned the spot with 5,294 house closings in 2009. That means more than 5,200 families had a new or renovated affordable home to live in last year. Also in 2009, Habitat affiliates repaired 710 homes nationwide. Around the world, Habitat helped 61,005 low-income families by building 23,657 new houses and rehabilitating or repairing 37,348 houses. Our affiliate is included in these statistics with one new house and one recycled home.

Thank You for Supporting the Moss Family House Build

A&W	Flying Geese Quilt Guild	Cindy Luttenberger	Pizza Ranch
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DOUBLE Thank You for Supporting Both 2010 House Builds

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Thank You for Supporting the Yang Family House Build

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"When we're serving, God uses us to change other people's lives. But while we're doing that, he's changing our lives."

-Jay Madden

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you for assistance in continuing the Habitat Mission along with your sustained support and donations!

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| Grande Cheese | | |

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If you receive this newsletter by Dec. 31st, its not too late to make a 2010 donation to Habitat for Humanity.
Just make sure that your donation is postmarked by the 31st and we will send you a receipt for your taxes.



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We appreciate greatly the time, talents and donations from the above individuals. We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name. Please call us to include you in our next issue.



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ReStore Hours: Wednesday 10 to 6, Thursday & Friday 10 to 5, Saturday 9 to 2.

Donations accepted during store hours or call for pick up at: 920-921-2893

Habitat ReStore is a home improvement discount store where you will find new and gently used:
Building materials, birdhouses, tools, tubs, toilets, cabinets, vanities, sinks, paint & stain, doors, windows,
furniture, desks, dishes, filing cabinets, artwork, antiques, & much more.



Share the Love this Holiday Season

SUBARU has once again selected Habitat for Humanity to participate in its annual “Share The Love” Event.

Habitat for the Humanity is partnering with Subaru for the third year in a row in its “Share The Love” Event. Subaru will donate \$250 to one of five charities for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased, up to \$5 million.

Funds from the Subaru “Share The Love” Event support our mission to end poverty housing by providing decent, affordable housing to families across the United States.

This year’s program will run Nov. 20, 2010 – Jan. 3, 2011.

Visit your local Subaru dealership in Oshkosh for details.

