

WHAT'S HAPPENING

What's Happening—Spring 2011

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

Celebrating 20th & 21st Homes Built this Summer

Make your mark on Fond du Lac and Help Build IT! We are accepting corporate sponsorships on two houses to be built this summer! Make a difference in our community and in the lives of others by sponsoring a build day with your business, family, church group or service organization. Or sponsor a day, and bring co-workers together as they build side-by-side and strengthen your work team!



Groundbreaking Ceremony held on April 2, 2011

For the 20th and 21st Homes
For the Lee & Hagen Families

If you are interested in volunteering on this milestone build for Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, now is the time to sign up as build days are filling in quickly. Please contact the Office at 920-921-6623 or by email at: Kathy@habitatfdl.org to help build, or to provide a meal for our build crew. We build on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and we would love your help! Remember, no experience needed, just a fun "Can Do" attitude, a willingness to learn and a good pair of work boots.

What will YOU build? Call us today to reserve your build dates or to donate:

The snow is melted and building plans are set! Partner families are anxiously awaiting their first hands-on build day as they strive to work on their sweat equity hours. Volunteers have come out of hibernation and our office phones are ringing as they call to sign up for their requested build days. But don't worry, we have plenty of slots to fill—check out the build schedule on our website at: www.habitatfdl.org as we update it weekly. Call or email us your preferred dates to assist with the house builds, to provide a meal to the volunteers or to make a monetary donation.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be building our 20th and 21st houses as we begin our 15th build season. This will be a celebratory year as we build these two houses side-by-side on two lots donated by the City of FDL with a CDBG grant. And, we want to invite YOU to be a part of this very special year. Please consider a donation of just \$20.21 towards the 20th and 21st house construction costs and your gift will keep on giving for years to come. See page 2 and 3 for gift giving levels and Corporate Sponsor Levels. Help Build It Now!

Our Habitat for Humanity Fond du Lac Co. affiliate has completed 19 houses and is serving 85 family members. Our global tithing has served 39 families in Haiti, helped families after Hurricane Katrina, served Guatemalan families and all are thankful to have a place to call home. Worldwide, over 400,000 families have been served, we thank you for making an impact! To read more about Habitat's global efforts check out their website at: www.habitat.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING....

Although many individual friends of Habitat have been extremely generous, we do need your help and monetary gifts. We also want to celebrate the contributions of so many dedicated people, businesses, churches and service organizations over the past 15 years and welcome you to attend our 8th Annual Italian Night Dinner Fundraiser to be held on Sept. 29th for a fun-filled and celebratory evening. Plan to join us and look for more information to be posted on our website. Donations are needed for the live & silent auction.

We are grateful beyond words for the wonderful support you have shown our affiliate in the past 15 years. Thank you for volunteering at the house build sites, attending our programs, reading our newsletters and website and shopping our ReStore. Especially thank you for responding to our requests for donations and being our friends. We believe that we have had a positive impact on the lives of many people and families served.

Blessings, Kathy



Michele Hagen reads "Raising the Roof", a Habitat for Humanity children's book, to her three daughters. They will begin to build their own Habitat house at the end of April and will finish in September.

In the arena of human life the honors and rewards fall to those to show their good qualities in action. – Aristotle

Calendar of Events

- April 23 Earth Day Celebration at ReStore 9 to 2 p.m.
Attend to find out about: composting, rain barrels, electric energy and healthy living information
 - April 26 1st Day of Volunteers on the house build sites
 - April 26 6:00 Board of Directors meeting
 - April 29 Youth Service Day at ReStore
- ** Check out our website for more details **

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

Call Kathy to discuss the many PR opportunities included with these Corporate donor levels.

Board of Directors

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

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Advertise your business here!

Your business can advertise here for just \$50 per newsletter. Habitat distributes approximately 2,500 newsletters every quarter and publishes the newsletter on its website: www.habitatfdl.org. This means your business could be seen by thousands of perspective customers! Please call (920) 921-6623 for more information.

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

David & Marcia Hoppman

Sam & Susan McClone

Jim Sabel

A Donation was made in Honor / Memory of:

Elizabeth Rowley , Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald P. Kroes

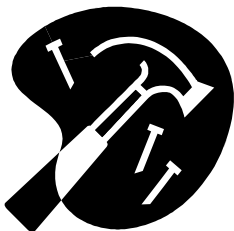
Al Beyer, Chevron Humankind Matching Gift Program

“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 | ◇ \$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.

◇ Visa ◇ Mastercard Account Number: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Purchase/Donation Amount \$ _____ Authorized Signature _____

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

Windows Of Opportunity Artists & Silent Auction Donors: Many thanks to our area artists who donated their time and talents to make this 3rd Annual event a success!

Trudy Backhaus	Pat McCarthy	Grande Cheese
Donna Barber	Roxine McQuitty	Linstrom's Catering
Gail Barber	Elaina Meurer	Lucy Mathers—cookies
Greg Barber	Therese Randall	Daryl Rogers—music
Nancy Beresford	Pat Reiher— St. Mary's Springs - Academy Students	Wood's Floral
Emily Boehnlein	Nina Schmidt	Silent Auction donations:
Beth Campshure	Patty Strong	Linda Flader
Colleen Chertos	Taycheedah Correctional Institute	Friends of Habitat
Emma Coen	Peggy Vogds	Terri Gumowski
Joellyn Dahlin	Erin Werner	Kelly Kujawa
Jan Drees	Lauren Wiza	Lindalee Meister-Reid
Maddison Grattiana & Bonita Taylor	Chuck Wydevan	Ruth Handewith
Scott Krueger	Event contributors:	The late Jim Nintzel
Mel Jones Bushner Kolstad	Windhover Center for the Arts—Staff	Renaissance Hair Salon & Day Spa
Brian Kolstad	Greg Bemis—auctioneer	Kay Vandervort
Mindy Leitner	Carey Frameworks	Heidi Werch
Nicci Martin		

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.

8th Annual Italian Night Dinner Fundraiser — September 29th at the Holiday Inn

Habitat's largest and most important fundraising event will be held at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, September 29th. We are looking for sponsors and donations for the live and silent auctions.

Table Sponsorship is \$475; Event Table Sponsorship is \$150 and single dinner tickets are available for \$40 per person.

Donations for the Silent and Live Auctions can include: a Timeshare Condo Stay, gift cards, gift baskets, products and services (chance to showcase your business and talents), event tickets, etc.

Please join the fun and help us to serve our mission—Building homes for those in need.

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House Sponsors— Help Build It!

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Cars for Homes Program Donations
(Running or Not)

Aluminum Cans Ink Jet / Toners

Board of Directors Spotlight On Sam McClone

I am very honored to be chosen as the Board Member Spotlight of this quarter. It is a pleasure to serve on the Board for Habitat for Humanity with such a great group of leaders and people. I joined the Habitat Board in 2007 when approached by a current Board Member at the time, and their mission and values were something I've always believed in so it was a great fit. Currently, I am a Vice President and Co-Chairperson of the ReStore Committee. One of the most meaningful things in my time here has been to watch the continued growth of the ReStore, which has provided additional support for our home builds each year. It has also been great to get to know and spend time with so many of the great volunteers for Habitat.



I am married to Susan and we have a 6 month old son, Will. I have been an insurance consultant with McClone Insurance Group for the past 8 years, and enjoy staying active, golfing, spending time with family, and watching the Packers, Badgers, and Brewers. I am the Past President of Young Professionals of Fond du Lac, and also volunteer for the YMCA, Association of Commerce, Fond du Lac Festivals, and I am a member of Holy Family Parish.

Again, thank you for this recognition. I would encourage anyone that has a little time and are looking to get involved to contact the office. There are all sorts of wide ranging volunteer opportunities at Habitat that will provide a lasting and rewarding experience.

Volunteer of the Quarter: Howie Gilbert

I started my career in construction at the age of 16, when my father asked me to finish remodeling my mother's kitchen. So I learned to set tile, put in cabinets, plumb a sink and all other tasks needed to complete the job. From that time on, no task was beyond giving it a try.

I have been working with FDL Habitat since 2006, a year after my retirement from Mercury Marine (41 years). During that time I have worked with Habitat crews on six homes in FDL. I have had no formal training in construction, but I have learned over the years, skills that I have taken from one job to the next. These skills are what I hope will benefit the new homeowners, as well as the many new volunteers who come work each day. I live in Lomira and am married to a wonderful woman, Jeanne, and we have two daughters. I am a member of Grace Christian Church (FDL) where I have again been fortunate to work on mission trips to Honduras, Columbia and Wisconsin, where I have experienced the sense of accomplishment in helping others through my God given talents. Yes, we all have some talent that can benefit others, that is what I tell many of the volunteers when they struggle pounding nails, lifting walls or stuffing insulation.

I constantly encourage anyone who wants to help others, to give Habitat a try. There are few opportunities in life where one can help others, (from all walks of life), help yourself learn new skills and have a good time doing it. One does not become involved with Habitat to receive honors. The feeling of pride and happiness of the new homeowners is enough reward for any volunteer. I would take this opportunity to thank Habitat for this recognition and I look forward to the challenges the next project offers.

From the Aisles of the ReStore Supervisor: Nancy Zompolas



Spring cleaning is time is here and our favorite time of year. At the Habitat ReStore. We look forward to your donations of any household items and building materials in reusable condition. Drop off during store hours or give us a call to arrange a pickup for a nominal fee (920-921-2893). Not only are you saving these items from the landfill, you are helping us keep our inventory fresh and exciting while keeping the environment "green", all while earning a potential tax deduction. Don't wait for Bulky Waste Pickup Days-call us instead. To find out more about donating and shopping at our ReStore, sign up for our monthly newsletter by sending us an e-mail at: restorefdl@habitatfdl.org. It's full of information on new items that have arrived including our "unique antiques" highlights, and our monthly specials, and gives great ideas on repurposing and recycling found items from our aisles.

Sweat Equity Opportunity—

Sweat equity is an exciting cornerstone to our Habitat ministry, designed to meet three important goals:

1. Partnership - Sweat Equity provides meaningful interaction between partner families, affiliate representatives and Habitat volunteers.
2. Pride in homeownership – investing sweat-equity hours in their own homes helps families in the construction phase begin the transition to homeownership.
3. Development of skills and knowledge – On the building side, partner family members should gain a real understanding of the construction of their home and of maintenance issues they will face after occupancy.

Our Fond du Lac affiliate requires our single home owners to contribute 300 hours of sweat equity. A household of two requires 500 hours. Families and friends can contribute up to 75 hours per single or 150 hours for a household of two.

Habitat homes are constructed by partner families sweat equity and community volunteers. Habitat is the builder, the lender and the mortgage holder on each house. Payments from homeowners go into a “fund for humanity” that cycles back into the costs needed for more homes.

Habitat, Partner Family and Volunteers...a Habitat house requires commitment from all three to be built.

Habitat for Humanity Photo Contest– Share what you see

Habitat for Humanity’s quarterly flagship magazine, *Habitat World*, has kicked off its annual photo contest, which each year shines a spotlight on the importance and vitality of Habitat’s work around the world. The magazine is seeking photographers to submit photos that demonstrate the deep need for housing solutions and illustrate Habitat’s life-changing work. “We’re asking individuals to show us what Habitat means to them through photos,” said Shala Carlson, *Habitat World*’s managing editor. “We’re looking for that one photo, that one moment that really communicates how Habitat has helped an individual, a neighborhood, a community.” The contest winner will have the opportunity to volunteer in Haiti this fall as part of a Habitat Global Village trip, with *Habitat World* funding the winner’s air transportation, trip fees and modest daily accommodations and meals. Additionally, photos and statements from the contest winner and top four finalists will be published in the December 2011 issue of *Habitat World*, which has a readership of one million, and on Habitat.org. The contest deadline is midnight, July 8, Eastern Daylight Time. A team of Habitat World judges will select the winners and finalists. Contest criteria include a photo’s ability to capture Habitat’s mission and impact, as well as its technical composition and quality.

The contest winner must already have a current passport and will be responsible for obtaining requisite immunizations and a travel visa, if necessary. The winner will be expected to work five full days at the work site during the Haiti trip. Contest entrants must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of entering the contest.

Get those cameras clicking, you could be on your way, to the greatest experience of a lifetime!

For more information visit http://www.habitat.org/hw/photo_contest/2011

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

A&W Iron & Metal INC.	Holy Family Congregation	Scotty's Auto Works
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Covenant United Methodist Church	Rocky McQuitty	Dr. William Sybesma
Culver's	Merck Partnership for Giving	Richard Tennie
Equitable Reserve Association Oakfield Assembly Chap. 108	Ed Mikalofsky	UW—FDL
Irene Fails	Oakfield School System	Madeson Walgenbach
Fond du Lac County	Oakfield United Methodist Church	Raymond & Carla Wifler
John & Sue George	Claire Olig	Windhover Center for the Arts
	Sadoff Iron & Metal Company	

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac Co. wishes to thank the following local businesses and foundations for supporting our Mission—

Cars For Homes Program	Marchant Schmidt Inc.	The Women's Fund
Cheers for Volunteers—	Subaru—Share the Love	United Way
FDL Volunteer Center	Sigma	

A Home is More Than A Building:

There is more to owning a home than meets the eye, the deep rooted results of homeownership can be life-changing.

A house is more than a structure:

- It is a place where people gather to celebrate
- It is where homework is done at a kitchen table or a family eats meals together
- It is a place of safe refuge
- It's where you come home after a long day at school or work
- It's where you grew up

The benefits of homeownership:

- Better health for entire family, especially children
- Higher portion of income available for nutrition and education
- Equity earned for financial stability
- Pride in hard work and home-ownership
- Builds self-esteem
- Better grades with children in school

Interested in owning your own home?

Call the office to set up an application meeting.

Check out our website for more information.

Volunteers—sign up now for 2011 build day.

We build on Tuesday & Saturday's from May to Sept.

Email or Call us now to reserve the dates of your choice, or to provide a meal to the crew.



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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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Habitat ReStore is a home improvement discount store where you will find new and gently used: Doors, Building Materials, Home Goods, Birdhouses, Tools, Tubs, Toilets, Cabinets, Vanities, Sinks, Paint, & more

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd for our Earth Day Celebration!

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