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The HFH ReStore!

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What's Happening!

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ReStore a Resounding Success!

On September 29, 2007, Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County made history. Habitat had its Grand Opening of its ReStore at 150 South Brooke Street. The opening had many people visit the store and tour the new administrative office area. They also enjoyed a brat and met with Habitat Staff and Board members. With over 5,000 square feet of floor space, people saw literally thousands of items that could be used in home building, renovating and decorating.

The ReStore is *not* a rummage sale or flea market. Sure, we have decorative items, but we also have doors, windows, sinks, toilets, dining room tables, furniture, lighting fixtures



A sampling of light fixtures & other home goods available at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on 150 South Brooke Street.

and so much more. You must stop by to see it all. If you have new or gently used items that are cluttering up your house or garage, we may be able to help you with that. You can bring in your items during the ReStore hours, or call for an appointment to have us pick them up. Other advantages to you, your donation is a potential

tax deduction. We will supply you with the forms you need to document your donation. Stop on by to see what's new at Habitat for Humanity. Our office and ReStore are at 150 South Brooke Street. If you have any questions, contact Kathy at: 921-6623.

From the desk of the Executive Director—

Blessings to you in this New Year! I am so excited to be a part of the "Habitat Happenings" here in Fond du Lac going into 2008.

But to look forward, one must also look back at

what we have accomplished. Together in 2007, we completed our 13th and 14th houses for two incredibly ambitious homeowners. The Schneider and Miller families far exceeded their required 250 sweat equity hours per house

build and they continue to give back to Habitat and the community. We truly are blessed with committed, hard working families and the many volunteers such as yourselves who assisted them with their homes.

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Things that make you go, "Hmm."

- Why does Hawaii have interstate highways?
- If the #2 pencil is so popular, why is it still #2?
- If pro is the opposite of con, what is the opposite of progress?
- Why does lemon dish soap contain real lemons, but lemon juice contains artificial flavoring?

Calendar of Events

Feb. 10—Heart to Hearth Dinner at First Presbyterian Church
Feb. 16 & 18—Home Owner Application Meeting at Covenant United Methodist Church

Feb. 26—Board meeting 6 p.m. at HFH office

Mar. 1 -Younkers Community Day Sale

Mar. 8—United for Diversity at FDL Fairgrounds

Mar. 25— Board meeting 6 p.m. March 28 to 30— Home & Garden Show

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.

From the Desk of Kathy Strong-Twohig, con't

A huge thank you also to Thrivent Builds grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the many volunteers who assisted us with the house build on 4th Street. We are grateful for this partnership.

Habitat ReStore is open to the public – stop in and find some incredibly great deals on both new and used: doors, windows, shutters, flooring, window treatments, sinks, cabinets, toilets, light fixtures, appliances, home goods and many miscellaneous items. We are open on Thursday and Friday from 10 to 5 and Saturday from 9 to 3. We are also accepting your donations to help us keep our shelves stocked. Call us and we will even come and pick up your items. This is a great new venue for our community as we are recycling many items from the landfill, keeping thousands of pounds of usable items from turning into waste before their time. Check out the ReStore weekly as many items come and go quickly. Our most unique item is an older working loom and the newest are doors, flooring and windows. Thank you to the many businesses, organizations and individuals that saw our vision and donated items to get the ReStore off the ground. All monies raised from our ReStore will benefit the future house builds. We were able to purchase a 15 foot truck for both deliveries and pick up with a grant from the FDL

Kreative Kraftworks Candle / Lotion Fundraiser

Kreative Kraftwerks is a local candle and lotion producer. Habitat for Humanity is partnering with them for a unique fundraiser.

Stop by the Habitat for Humanity Office / ReStore to sample the Goat Milk and Honey Lotions, Hand Sanitizers and scented, soy wax candles.

Everything is \$12 or less. What a great gift idea for that special occasion or for a special treat to yourself. Half of the proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Contact Kathy at 921-6623 for more details or stop on by the office for a sample!

Area Foundation along with a donation from Tool Box Ministry. This is an incredible partnership that we truly grateful for.

2008 brought a lot of snow to Fond du Lac, also some new board members and volunteers. I look forward to working with such a devoted group of individuals who share in the mission of Habitat. We are off to a great year with plans for two homes to be built in the city. A grant from the City of Fond du Lac enabled us to acquire one lot and an angel named Irene Springborn assisted us in the purchase of another. This solidifies what a great community we live in.

Please call me at the office at 921-6623 to discuss some of the many ways in which you can get involved here at Habitat. As we approach the building season, we have many opportunities to assist. Our immediate needs are volunteers in the ReStore with accepting, cleaning and repairing of donated items, as well as stocking shelves and cashiering. If you have an hour or two to spare per week or month, come by and check us out.

Sincerely,
Kathy

Your Business could be here!

Your business can advertise here for just \$50 per newsletter. Habitat distributes approximately 2500 newsletters every quarter and publishes the newsletter on its website at www.habitatfdl.org.

This means your business could be seen buy thousands of perspective customers. Call 921-6623 for more information.

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

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Habitat wishes to thank the following local community businesses & organizations for their grant support:

Thrivent Builds Fond du Lac Area Foundation Gannett Softwood Lumber Sigma

Many thanks to the following for donating to the Square Foot campaign:
Jim and Joann Sabel
Neil Olsen

Steve and Mary Millin
Ahern-Gross, Inc.

Donations made from the board and staff of Habitat FDL —In memory of:

Mary Ann Wienke
Delbert Smet

Colleen Mand
Tom Klatt



Two Hundred Twenty Billion Dollars!

No, it's not what Americans spent on going out to eat last year or what they spent on make up, either. Two hundred twenty three billion dollars is what individual Americans donated to charity in 2006. There were many different vehicles used to donate the money, but the simplest and cost-effective ways to do this is through a donor-advised fund. These funds make gifts available

to the charities that you choose. This is how it works. You establish an investment account using assets, including cash and appreciated securities. Over time, this account has the potential to grow, increasing your giving power. There are tax advantages to using a donor-advised. You can also designate

family or friends as advisors, so that they can recommend grants, or be a successor upon the donor's death, creating a legacy.

Ask your advisor about designating a portion of your portfolio for charitable giving. You could be helping Habitat for Humanity, Fond du Lac, and generations to come.

Habitat Word Search

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Sara of Cujak's Wine Market presents a check for \$250 to Kathy of Habitat for a wine tasting fundraiser held at her store. House Wine was the featured red and white wine for the event.

Heart to Hearth Dinner fundraiser—

First Presbyterian Church at 1225 Fourth Street is hosting its annual Heart to Hearth Dinner at noon on Sunday Feb. 10, 2008. A "love offering" will be available at the dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County.

Tickets for this 4 course gourmet meal are available at the church until Feb. 3rd for \$7 each. Preparation for this meal has been planned and directed by Chef Dave Weber.

For more information call the church office at 922-0425.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate Valentines Day and help Habitat for Humanity.

If you would like to purchase a square foot of an upcoming house build, or purchase particular items for a house, please fill out the form below and submit it to:

Habitat for Humanity Fond du Lac County
 150 South Brooke Street
 Fond du Lac, WI 54935
 or fax it to us at 920 - 921 - 2893.



Purchase a Square Foot - Donation Form

I want to purchase _____ square feet/foot of a house at \$79.50 each for a total of \$ _____.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I would like to purchase: | † \$10 for a box of nails | † \$35 for shingles |
| | † \$75 for a window | † \$100 for a kitchen sink |
| | † \$150 for a front door | † \$500 for exterior siding |
| | † \$1,000 for wallboard | † \$2,000 for flooring |

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

Please make your check payable to **Habitat for Humanity**. For a credit card purchase, please provide the account information and sign the form below, or call our office at 921-6623.

† Visa † Mastercard Account Number _____

Card Holder Name _____ Expiration Date _____

Purchase/Donation Amount \$ _____ Authorized Signature _____

Type of gift (please circle):

- | | | | |
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| Graduation | Birthday | Housewarming | New Baby |
| Retirement | Wedding | Anniversary | Holiday |

In Memory, or Honor, of: _____

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

If would like your advertisement placed in our newsletter, please contact the Habitat for Humanity Office.

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| Kathy Strong - Twohig Executive Director | |



Habitat for Humanity Holiday Float in the Downtown FDL parade. We decorated our Children's Playhouse with hundreds of lights for all to enjoy.

Board of Directors Member of Quarter - Randy Prost

Hello! My name is Randy Prost and I joined the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors almost a year ago. I am an Audit Manager at Schenck Business Solutions. I was the Treasurer at Habitat and now am serving as the Vice-President. I joined the board to help build homes for new families. I enjoy watching the new home owners work on their homes and then take ownership of the home when it is finished.



I was raised just south of Campbellsport. After graduating from high school I joined the Army. This was a fun and an exciting time. I traveled the world and was introduced to my wife Donna in California. After serving my tour of duty, I convinced her to move to "warm" Wisconsin. Little did she know that the warm is in our hearts and not the weather.

I then worked my way through college and started a career in accounting. Shortly thereafter I became the proud father of a son (Randall II) and a daughter (Alyssa). Both of my children have been taught that a person should give back to the community that has given so much to us. If you see me volunteering you will also see my entire family.

I want to thank all of you for your help and support for Habitat for Humanity. If it was not for all of us lending a hand, the task would be harder and not as rewarding.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more...It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Melody Beattie

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Did You Win?

The Italian Dinner Fundraiser was quite the event. Over \$9500 was raised. Many stories were shared, feelings expressed and relationships established. The food was great and, oh yeah, there was a raffle. Here is a list of winners:

- Children's Playhouse - Mark Anders
- Ramada Hotel Stay - Jason Warner
- \$100 Gift Certificate FdL Assoc. of Commerce - Doc Hanson
- Culver's Custard for a year - Sally Albertz
- Diamond Accent Bracelet - Richard Ganther
- 3 mo. YMCA Family Membership - Linda Haddy

- \$50 Associated Bank Savings Bond — Lisa Broeger
- Olsen's Auto Spa Package - Lew Dowler
- Idlewile/Sweet Basil Gift Cert. - Laura Jahns
- Schenk Basket - Brett Strong
- Bird House - Janet Haak
- Habitat for Humanity Basket - Carrie Stollenwerk
- Congratulations to all of you.
- The Habitat Board and staff wish to thank our sponsors: Mercury Marine, Culvers, Fox Valley Savings Bank, TTI INC., JF Ahern Co., Wesley Heating and Cooling, Agnesian HealthCare & Associated Bank and the many businesses and individuals who donated items for the Silent Auction.



Habitat for Humanity Help Build It! T-shirt's on sale at the ReStore

"We sincerely appreciate the support of our sponsors, attendees and volunteers in making this event come to life. Without the support of our generous community, we would not be able to provide safe and affordable housing to those in need," said Executive Director Kathy Strong-Twohig. Please mark your calendars for Sept. 11, 2008 for the fifth annual Italian Dinner Fundraising event.

The question we all face is what sort of culture we will live in for the rest of our lives and then hand on to the next generation - one that embraces these most basic of values, or one that collapses because of their absence.

Tammy Bruce

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