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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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16th HOUSE COMPLETED!

HOG Chapter Volunteers at the Elmhdati House

The Elmhdati House

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County completed their 16th house with the Elmhdati partner family. This was a "typical" house build of 18 weeks with the build beginning in June and completed in September. The house, located at 154 E 21st Street in Fond du Lac, was a new design for the Building Committee as the lot required the house to sit lengthwise. Terry Tomkowiak and Jim Wamser, Building Committee Co-Chairs, thank two new committee members: Ben Menaker and Rod Krings for their expertise in designing and assisting with the blueprints. Terry and Jim also want to thank the many talented building professionals in our



Pictured on the front porch of the Elmhdati Family House after finishing the "final cleaning" is the HOG Chapter of FDL County.

community who were very generous in donating their time and talents for this home to become a reality for a very appreciative partner family. And a huge thanks to our General Contractor, Don Whitty who gives up his summers to coordinate the successful building.

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



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Hammer House Sponsorship Levels —

A huge thanks to **CD Smith Construction** for leading the way to sponsor a Habitat House build at the Bronze Hammer Level.. Their donation for \$5000 covered the costs for the Interior and Exterior Finishing on the **Elmhdati House at 154 E 21st Street, FDL**. It also included shutters, mailbox, house numbers, porch railings, painting and staining.

From the Desk of the Executive Director — Kathy Strong-Twohig

Thank you to all who attended, donated, sponsored or bought a raffle ticket for our 5th Annual Italian Night Dinner Fundraiser in September—you made this event a success. With your support we raised over \$11,000 to be used for the house builds in 2009. Please support the many donors who are listed on page 5.

The ReStore home improvement resale shop located in the rear of the Habitat office is booming. We have 5,000 square feet of bargains just waiting to find a new purpose in your home, office, garage or cabin. Keep us in mind when you are doing any remodeling as we will accept your donations, call us at 921-2893. Help our community to reuse, recycle and repurpose items and keep them out of landfills. For ReStore hours, see page 6.

Leave a Legacy—please remember Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc. as a beneficiary to your IRA, Life Insurance Policy and other savings accounts. For

more information, please call me at the office. You can leave a legacy and make a difference in the lives of others by providing them a decent and basic home to call their own. When you include Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County in your will, your gift endures far into the future.

Looking for a truly unique holiday gift? What about a gift that will bring joy to the people you love – and to people in desperate need of a decent place to live? We have just the thing for you! You won't have to wait in line and best of all, you know your gift won't wind up on a shelf gathering dust. Instead, it will help give more families a place to call home.

Here's how it works: You make a tax-deductible donation in a loved one's name and your loved one receives a holiday gift card – either in the mail or by email (your choice!) – telling them about your gift. Your donation helps Habitat

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pay for the necessary materials to provide safe, decent and affordable homes in partnership with families in need.

Alternative Gift Giving: Stop in the ReStore to see our selection of: Olde Worlde Christmas Ornaments, HOME fused glass pendants, Habitat apparel, lapel pins, cook-books and home-made birdhouses. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$25.00 and the proceeds benefit the future house builds.

Success lies not only with a great board of directors, wonderful committee members, awesome volunteers, incredibly generous donors, but with all of these pieces coming together to form what I believe is great community support.

I thank you the community for taking the time to serve on a board or committee to assist in educating the public, to work with our families, and to just take the time to support our Mission.

I thank those of you who are willing to take the time to volunteer or donate and invite those of you who are interested to attend our January 27th BOD meeting.

I invite you to contact me for more information regarding donating (great for the end of year tax deductions), for volunteering either at the house build, office or ReStore, or about the Habitat for Humanity program. I can always be reached at (920) 921-6623.

Blessings to you for the Holidays—Sincerely, Kathy

“A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.”
~ Mohammed ~

Calendar of Events

- December 6 Holiday Parade 1:00—downtown FDL
- December 9 Aluminum Can Pick Up, Call for details
- December 14 Alternative Gift Fair at First Presbyterian Church
- January 27 Board of Directors meeting at HFH Office 6 p.m. We welcome potential members.
- February 24 Board of Directors meeting at HFH Office 6 p.m. Please join us if interested.

Board of Directors

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| <p>Marcia Snyder
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Kathy Strong - Twohig
Executive Director

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

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Whealon Towing
Kathryn J. Voight
Carol Whymys
Wellpoint Associate Giving Campaign
Susan J. Williams
Woodlands Senior Park

Builder Blitz Thank You Corrections —

We apologize for the following misprints and/or omissions in thanking our Builder Blitz Donors:

- ♦ **Karen and Vern Karls**
- ♦ **Silica Gardens**
- ♦ **Nyhoff Insulation**
- ♦ **Champion Insulation, Inc**
- ♦ **Fond du Lac Asphalt**



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



- Tool Box Ministry**
- US Bank**
- Fond du Lac Credit Union**
- United Building Centers—Lomira**
- JPMorgan Chase Foundation**
- The Brunswick Foundation**

A donation was made from the Board & Staff of Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County—**In Memory of Mel Hechel**

A donation was made from Christine and David Miller—**In Memory of Debra Ann Callies**

Memorials were received from many family and friends—**In Memory of Beverly Bird**

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 for Humanity ReStore -

The ReStore has a new phone number : 920-921-2893 during open store hours. If you have not been to the ReStore yet, we invite you to stop in and check us out as we are open to the public. Inventory changes weekly with items such as: new and gently used doors, windows, plumbing, heating, tools, cabinets, furniture, flooring, artwork, home goods, antiques, paint and supplies, caulk and appliances. ReStore hours are Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop off of donations are accepted during store hours or by appointment if called in ahead.



Habitat ReStore Truck donated by:
Fond du Lac Area Foundation and Tool Box Ministry

Habitat ReStores all offer quality products at bargain prices. At the same time, we are recycling items keeping thousands of pounds of reusable items out of the landfills and giving them a second chance.

Please know that your donated items will be used for the Habitat house builds if it meets the house specifications.

All proceeds from the ReStore benefit the house builds in the Fond du Lac community.

“The charitable give out the door and God puts it back through the window.”

~Traditional Proverb

Volunteer of the Quarter—Doris Riley

My last day at Mercury Marine was December 31, 2007. I started a walking exercise program and its route took us past the Military Habitat house. As I passed it, I would state that when I grew up, working for Habitat is on my list of things to do. After the June flooding, I went to the Fond du Lac Volunteer office and was fully prepared to come home with a set of rubber gloves, bottle of bleach, scrub brush and a mask. Instead, I was told that Habitat needed office assistance. I immediately drove to the Habitat office, got into Kathy's face and announced, "Here I am!!!"

I was a stay-at home mom when my Kelly Jo and Dustin were growing up. When they moved on, I got a Mechanical Design degree from MPTC and spent sixteen years gratefully employed at Mercury Marine.

My husband, Jerry, and I are grammie and grampa to Talan (3), Dayle (2), Brody (1) and Riann (9 mos). The best reward for 38 years of marriage has been sharing the wonder of the little ones. There is no one else that I would like to share those moments with and hope that Jerry feels the same.

Being part of the Elmhdati build was a wonderful experience. I wanted a good overview of what makes a Habitat house happen and visited the site often. It amazed me that some of the same workers showed up day after day after day and stayed from morning to night. Some days even I did not leave; getting a lesson in properly holding a hammer, putting the lesson to use and appreciating the patient guidance. My respect is huge for these giving men.

Watching Ayah and Adam sit on "their" new living room carpeting and squealing with delight at "their" new books (Altrusa) the day of dedication was a joyful sight. If this brought me joy, I can't imagine the fullness of heart that Mohamed and Soumia felt that day. The grammie in me believes that all children should have a permanent place to call home.

I am honored to have been named the volunteer of the quarter. This entire experience has been most fulfilling. Watching Kathy Strong-Twohig work is like watching a whirlwind. Never sure which direction any new thoughts will take her and how she/we will land. Jerry is especially grateful that Kathy keeps me busy so that he is "free to be" with his swimming, golfing and bowling endeavors.

I have new-found appreciation for all the efforts of those who help built Habitat houses, Habitat's Board of Directors and staff, the ReStore and all other volunteers who work so that just one more house can be built.

***It takes many hands to build a home—please consider a donation of \$10 for a box of nails.
You can make a difference in the lives of others.***

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Square Foot Campaign



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.

By Fax: 920-921-2893 **By Mail:** Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc
150 South Brooke Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

“Purchase a Square Foot” Donation Form 2008—2009

Donations are tax-deductible, a form 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 for a window
 - ◇ \$150 for a front door
 - ◇ \$1,000 for wallboard
 - ◇ \$35 for shingles
 - ◇ \$100 for a kitchen sink
 - ◇ \$500 for exterior siding
 - ◇ \$2,500 for flooring
- ◇ I would like to make a cash donation in the amount of \$_____.

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 _____

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.

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

Randall and Debra Nellessen

Jim and Deb Wamser

Home Builders Association of Fond du Lac & Dodge Counties

Dick and Sandy Skalitzky

Your change can make a difference!

When you see one of our many coin canisters around in area businesses, please drop in your change and support our local Habitat for Humanity house builds. Every penny does count!

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Volunteer of the Year— Dr. Will Sybesma

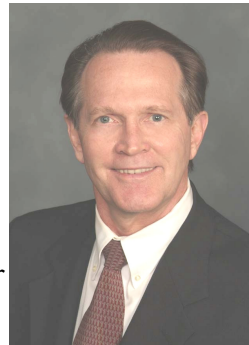
Board member, Land Acquisition Chair, Church Relations Chair, Fundraising Assistance, Volunteer, Donor

Dr. Will Sybesma is an Otolaryngologist – that's Ear, Nose, and Throat for the layperson!

He belongs to Community Church of Fond du Lac and his interests are – Tennis. Medical mission work. Loving my wife, Jane, my children, and grandchildren. Yardwork. Sitting outside watching nature perform its wonders. There is a need in each of us to do something that extends outside our own self-interest.

Habitat for Humanity Fond du Lac County has been an integral part of my life for the past 8 years. I became one of the "center core" of our local Habitat when Pastor Reuteler, the Chair of Habitat's Church Relations Team, retired. Working with this team and the county churches restored my faith in the social ecumenicity of our area churches. It also impressed on me that the faith community is much bigger than any individual church. Seeing the churches working together at a time of real need for Habitat, and for the good of the community, was very uplifting. And now today, not only are Christians working together building houses for others regardless of their belief, but people of other belief persuasions are also working with us. Habitat, by its very nature, concretely fulfills the inclusivity of Scripture while maintaining its distinctive beliefs.

I also could write at length about the satisfaction of working with all the others who have served on the Board of Directors, Habitat's committees - or teams - as I like to call them; and especially our Executive Director. They are special people and dedicated to improving the quality and outreach of Habitat's mission. To be on the board is to be actively engaged with your time, abilities, and resources. It is not a stationary honorary "chair", but a constantly moving "vehicle" to fulfill our Lord's mandate to serve the needs of others. America's greatest resource is its volunteers, and Habitat for Humanity leads the way. Please consider the satisfaction of being one of those who participate in any one of innumerable ways by calling the Habitat office and offering your time.



Volunteer of the Year—Terry Tomkowiak

Board Member, Building Committee Chair, Volunteer, Donor

Terry Tomkowiak learned about Habitat for Humanity while living in Edmond, Oklahoma, and was asked to participate by his son Michael, at that time in high school. He worked at a Habitat site one Saturday, with Michael doing framing construction. That was the beginning. Then in 2001, when Mercury Marine transferred Terry and his family back to Fond du Lac, Terry looked into volunteer opportunities and chose two – Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. "Over time, I have focused my efforts solely toward Habitat's mission," said Terry. Currently Terry is the Chairman of the Building and Construction committee.

"I believe everyone should have a roof over their heads, and Habitat for Humanity is such a good organization", Terry Tomkowiak said. He said it gives him great satisfaction to see people's self esteem grow as they qualify for home ownership and work toward that goal. The fact that Habitat has a spiritual foundation also appeals to Terry, a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. "It's the thought of doing something for your fellow man."

Professionally, Terry has been in manufacturing for 30 years, and is currently the Area Manager for Paint Operations at Mercury Marine here in Fond du Lac. "Mercury has always been very supportive of my volunteering," Terry said. Professionally, Terry's wife, Gail works as a Parish Nurse through Agnesian HealthCare. Together they have been going on mission trips to Peru, South America, or Nicaragua, Central America for over 10 years. "I do the construction mission trips, and Gail coordinates medical mission trips," Terry said.

Terry and his wife, Gail, are parents of a daughter, Anna, a support tech for AT&T Wireless in Oklahoma City, and is also a professional musician. Their son, Michael, is pursuing a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at UW-Madison. Hunting, fishing, and hobby-farming are some of Terry's leisure pursuits, and he has started a new hobby, writing. He has begun research for a book he is writing about the history of the milking industry in Wisconsin. Terry commented that the book "is a longer term project."



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Many THANKS to all for a Successful Italian Night Fundraiser

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BP Hi-Way Hop	Hands That Care	Milwaukee Repertory Theatre	Taycheedah Correctional Institute
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Cap'n Joe Walcott	Hoppers All Star Trophy	National Exchange Bank & Trust	Theresa Leisses - Pampered Chef
Captain Slam's	Hornung Pro Golf	Nick N' Willy's Pizza	Top Quarter Styling Salon
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Fay's Fun and Learning Center	LaVerne Immel	Sandy Vahlsing	
FDL Humane Society	Ledgeview Lanes	Schmitty's Oar House	
FDL Seafood			

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

~ Gandhi