

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.

Home Builders Blitz 2008

Partnering with Signature Homes by Adashun Jones

The house is complete!

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County has completed their 15th house in conjunction with the National Home Builders Blitz of 2008. Building began on May 31st and was completed on June 7th. The house was built by over 100 local professionals for the McCoy Family, at 479 S. Military Road. 109 affiliates from around the United States worked 6 long days to complete 263 total houses for this national event. Fond du Lac was proud to have been a participant. "We have so many talented building professionals in our community who were very generous in donating their time and talents for this event to become a reality", stated Terry Tomkowiak,



Standing at the home completed by the 2008 Builder Blitz is Tom Schaefer of Signature Homes by Adashun Jones and Chris and Collin McCoy, the newest Habitat homeowners.

Building Committee Chair.

Tom Schaefer and Glenn Elmer of Signature Homes by Adashun Jones both contributed their time and efforts to Co-Chair this house build. Page 5 lists the donors.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Kathy Strong-Twohig

The Home Builders Blitz was such a successful event. I hope that many of you were able to participate or at least drive by to see the amazing speed with which our 15th house was built for the McCoy Family.

Our second house build of the summer at 154 E. 21st Street is coming right along and we invite you to call to volunteer for the build, or please join us on Saturday, Sept. 27th for the Dedication Ceremony from 11:30 to 12:30. This is our 16th house that we will have completed since we began as an affiliate in 1996. You can see our build calendar on our website at: www.habitatfdl.org.

Check out our calendar of events on page 2, there are so many opportunities for you to volunteer.

Mark your calendars for our 5th Annual Italian Night Dinner Fundraiser to be held on Thursday, Sept. 11th at the Holiday Inn. Doors open at 5:30 with raffles, a live and silent auction, dinner and words from our Habitat partner families and our Volunteers of the Year. All this fun and excitement and we will still have you home shortly after 9 p.m. More detailed information is on page 6.

Have you stopped by and checked out the ReStore resale shop that is located in the rear of the Habitat office. We have 5000 square feet of bargains just waiting for you to come and browse through. Keep us in mind when you are doing your fall cleaning as we can pick up your donations as well. Call us at 921-2893.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director - continued:

Please remember Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc. as a beneficiary to your IRA, Life Insurance Policy and other savings accounts. Call me at the office for more details.

Thank you to all our current volunteers, donors, committee members and board of directors for your support of our Mission, and for your generous donations of time and money for which you have been blessed to give back to our community.

I would love to hear from you. If you have any ideas or comments about Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County or would like to sit on a committee, the board of directors or volunteer in any way, let me know. I can be reached at 920-921-6623.

Sincerely, Kathy

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”

~Dale Carnegie

Calendar of Events

- August 26:** Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29—31** Volunteers needed at Open Road Harley Davidson fundraiser—call Habitat office at 921-6623
- September 6:** **Downtown FDL Fondue Festival Children’s Playhouse Display—**
Stop by for raffle tickets at the Ramada
- September 11:** **Fifth Annual Italian Night Fundraiser**
Holiday Inn from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Reservations required.
- September 23** Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- September 27:** **154 E 21st Street House Dedication.**
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- October 11:** 1st Anniversary Celebration for ReStore
- Now through November 15** Youngers Community Day Sale—tickets available now at the Habitat office for \$5.00 each.

Board of Directors

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| Marcia Snyder President | Randy Prost, CPA Vice-President |
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| Jenny Drake | Sam McClone |
| Kirsten Quam | Your Name Here! |
| Kathy Strong - Twohig Executive Director | |

Your business could be advertised 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.

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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

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

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| 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:
Fond du Lac Prescription Centers Limited

Culver's Restaurants

Strean's Short Stop

And more—need to add

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 counts!

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Introducing our 16th Habitat Partner Family!

The Elmhdati's



Photo courtesy of:

Studio One Photography

Hi! My name is Mohamed Elmhdati and my wife's name is Soumia Alami. We have been married 8 ½ years and have been blessed with two children, Ayah, a girl almost 6, and Adam, 2, the little man of the house.

On May 2nd, a Friday afternoon, we received a call from Habitat for Humanity that we were selected to be the next Habitat partner family. It was like a dream come true; our prayers had been answered. We are so happy for the opportunity to receive a stable, permanent home for our family.

We like the Fond du Lac community because of the nice, helpful, and sincere nature of people that we deal with. We can't wait for the day that we are able to settle in our own house. We thank God, Habitat for Humanity, and everyone that contributed to make our dream come true. From the bottom of our hearts—and especially from the children to have Pier School a short walk away—THANK YOU! God Bless.



Board Member of the Quarter

Ann Menke



We all have our organizations that we love to support and we hold close to our hearts. Habitat has been part of my life for many years now, but more recently as a member of the Board of Directors. What this organization does brings so many attributes to the community. The monies stay local and we all get to see what is done with

those dollars, as so many times we give monetarily to worthy organizations and just do not see the direct results. We all can experience this organization in so many ways. From donating, assisting and purchasing at the ReStore, to the builds, to the fundraising, or on the house build site, to the spiritual leadership. The list goes on and on.

I am truly honored to have been named the Board Member of the Quarter. I am involved in many wonderful organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Partnership, Waters School,

Grace Christian Church, Fond du Lac Kiwanis and Women in Management. All these play a role in my life that allow me to be a mother to my three little girls, Abby, 10, Morgan, 10 and Olivia, 8 years old, as well as be a loving and supportive wife to the love of my life, George. I also found a true calling by becoming an agent with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, in helping people achieve their financial goals in easy, productive ways. I adore the company and the ability it gives me to help so many and still fit in time for Habitat. We are all blessed when we become involved in volunteering our time, and in my perfect world, I would get to do it 100% of my time. There is no greater thing to witness than the houses going up, start-to-finish, and the true gratitude on the faces of those new home owners and their children at the dedication ceremony, knowing that they have a warm place to rest their head each night. We all have so much to be thanking God for, and he has blessed me with my tools to help in the wonderful organization of Habitat for Humanity.

Additional Thanks: *“As a member of the board, I would like to personally thank the many hands that go into our mission on a daily basis. There are so many that give of themselves and expect only the personal gratification of knowing that they have helped out those in need. Moreover, there is one person that coordinates all the components to make it all work, and sometimes we forget to thank her for the numerous amount of extra hours, seven days a week, that she puts in: Kathy Strong-Twohig. She has time and time again gone over and above what anyone in her position should be expected to do, as well as personally contributed enormously monetarily. Yes, there are so many to thank, from the smallest donation to the largest, from the one hour of help to assist a task getting done faster, to the numerous hours others have contributed. However, we all have to keep in mind that without the direction of an outstanding Executive Director, like Kathy, nothing would get done, as we have been accustomed to. With that being said, I would like to take this time to personally thank Kathy for all she does and encourage everyone to take a moment to do the same!*”

Ann Menke

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Many thanks to all for the Home Builder Blitz of 2008

Thank you for your assistance with the Habitat home built for the McCoy Family!

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| Abler Tree Service | First Presbyterian Church | Pit Stop Portables & Dean Septic Service |
| Action Advertiser | FloorQuest | Pizza Ranch |
| Advanced Closets | Floyd Drywall & Plastering LLC | Whitetail Construction |
| Agromatic Klinzing | Karen & Vern Frost | Sheboygan Garden Club |
| AirTech Heating / Bryant | Terry Gaffney | Signature Homes by Adashun Jones |
| Altrusa | Galaxy Lighting | Irene Springborn |
| AMG Construction | Green Thumb Garden Club | State Rep. John Townsend |
| Aubrey Electric, Inc. | Guaranty Title | Stelmacher Architecture |
| Benzel Construction | Brian Hastings | Stock Building Supply |
| Ed Barnes | Sue Huck | The Reporter |
| Mary Bell | Hunter Douglas | Terry Tomkowiak |
| Tim Bell (General Contractor) | HFH ReStore | United Bulding Centers of Lomira |
| Pr. Jeff Blain | Johnson Brothers Concrete | Valspar |
| Fr. Vic Capriola | Gene Karls | James Wamser |
| Campbellsport Building Supply | KFIZ | Waste Management of WI Westbrook Equipment Rental |
| Pr. Barbara Carmichel | Kohler Company | Whealon Towing |
| City Manager Tom Herre | J.Bartley | Whirlpool |
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| First Book | MLS Landscaping | |
| FDL Police Chief Tony Barthuly | Oscar's Pizza | |
| | Five Star Energy Corp. | |



“Happiness doesn’t come from doing easy work but by the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.”

~ Theodore I. Rubin

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore - NEW **phone number: 921-2893**

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. 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. The ReStore is open to the public on 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 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.



All proceeds benefit the house builds in the Fond du Lac Community.

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

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Volunteer of the quarter—Melissa Schmidt

Office assistance, Volunteer coordination, Fundraising assistance, House build volunteer, Donor.

Hi! I'm honored to be nominated as HFH of FdL Co 'Summer Quarter Volunteer'. I began volunteering in the office in March of this year and really believe in the mission and work that HFH stands for, which makes volunteering for this organization all the easier. For the most part I am a stay-at-home mom to two children, Samuel (8) and Sophie (4). My husband works as an instructor of Aviation Technology at Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh. As for me, getting out of the house on occasion is necessary, and working on something meaningful is mandatory. Habitat for Humanity has helped me to connect more with some of our area's greatest assets—it's people! I'm happy to be a part of the Habitat team, and grateful to be working with some really great people in our community to help make the Elmhdati home a reality.

~Sincerely, Melissa A. Schmidt



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

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| Ascension Lutheran Church | Kayla M. Gummow | Dustin and Jean Rusch |
| Ed Barnes | Betty Jane Habib | James and Joann Sabel |
| Beacon House | Bob Hoey | Sadoff Iron and Metal Company |
| Pastor Rick Boon | Trista Holz | Sager, Colwin, Samuelsen & Assoc. |
| Brooke Industries | Georgianna Hoover | Sheila Sayles |
| Kenneth and Beth Campshure | Home Builders Association of | Mike & Rachel Schneider |
| C.D. Smith Construction | Fond du Lac and Dodge Counties | Lorraine Schultz |
| Cartridge World | Home Contractors Waupun | Set in Ink |
| Tracy Chartier | Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waupun | Signature Homes / Adashun Jones |
| Computer Troubleshooters | Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church | State Amusement Games |
| Community Church | Jennifer A. Jelen | Steve Wirtz Construction |
| Alvin Cooper | KFIZ | Rick Slager |
| Covenant United Methodist Church-- | Lindee Kimball | Studio One Photography |
| Rachel Fellowship | Betty Kneuppel | Rachel Stutzman |
| Cook Construction | Roxanne Kollman | Thomas and Mary Swingen |
| Tamara Crook | Rod Krings | The United Methodist Church— |
| Culver's Frozen Custard | Dave Krug | Oakfield |
| Joyce and David Dille | Red LaPlante | Helen VandeBerg |
| Exchange Club of Fond du Lac | Lowe's | Volunteer Center of FDL |
| Ms. Irene Fails | Roxine McQuitty | Wellpoint Assoc. Giving Campaign |
| Festival Foods | Marian University | Jane Wendt |
| First Presbyterian Church | Ben Menaker | Kathy Werner |
| Floorquest | Mercury Marine | Wesley Heating and Cooling |
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| Jacquelynn Grahn | Quantum Communications | Joe Ziegler |
| Green Thumb Garden Club | Doris Riley | John Zorn |
| Grace Reformed Church | Ripon College | HFH Board of Directors |
| Robert and Sharon Grinnell | Jennifer Roets | |

*In grateful appreciation of the time, talents and donations from the above individuals.
We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name, please call us to include next issue.*

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

First Books Lanoga Corp.

Donations made from the Board and Staff of Habitat Humanity of Fond du Lac



**in memory of:
Richard W. Schultz**

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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A hand up, not a hand out.



Fifth Annual Italian Night Fundraiser—September 11th, 2008

at the Holiday Inn from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations required by September 5th.

Doors open at 5:30 with hor d'oeuvres by Grande Cheese, raffles and silent auction begin, dinner and program at 6:30, live auction at 8:00, raffles and silent auction close at 8:30 p.m. Live entertainment during the evening by Joe Scheibinger and Janice Marie.

You can choose your own meal from our special menu options that the Holiday Inn Chef is preparing for the evening. Choices are: Baked Mostaccioli Pasta (red sauce), Chicken Florentine Stuffed Manicotti (white sauce) and Baked Stuffed Pasta Shells (vegetarian). All meals are served with Caesar Salad, Ratatouille, French Bread, beverage and Spumoni Ice Cream. Reservations and your meal choice are required by Sept. 5th for this fun-filled event in which the proceeds will benefit our house builds.

Live and silent auction items include: Fishing charter for 6 on Lake Michigan, pet lovers basket, dining around package, spa packages, circular saw, artwork, prints, and tickets to shows, hotels and sporting events in Wisconsin.

Sponsored in part by: Agnesian Healthcare, Associated Bank, Fox Valley Savings Bank, Set in Ink, LLC, Ideal Chiropractic of Fond du Lac, The Coliseum Sports Bar & Grill, Heaven on Earth Healing Alternatives.

Tickets are \$40 per person, or a table of 8 is \$400.