

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spring 2010

**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.*

The buzzing of saws and pounding of hammers at 245 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fond du Lac has started on the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity house.

We invite you to volunteer alongside the Moss Family as we offer thanks to God for the work that has already been done and gear up for the buzz of activity we will see in the coming weeks. We build on Tuesday and Saturdays, no experience is needed. Just a great attitude and comfortable work boots!

Our Thrivent Builds with Habitat home in FDL is just one of the 181 homes being built in 37 states in 2010. Call the office to schedule a volunteer build day at 920-921-6623, or e-mail:

[Kathy@habitatfdl.org](mailto:Kathy@habitatfdl.org). Build schedules are posted on our website at: [www.habitatfdl.org](http://www.habitatfdl.org).



*Cecilia Moss plays in her soon to be front yard during their family Thrivent Builds Ground-breaking Ceremony on April 10th at 245 7th Street, FDL. A sunny warm spring day greeted the crowd of 75 well wishers, family, HFH board, staff and local dignitaries.*

*Photo courtesy of: The Reporter, Justin Connaher.*

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

Ah, Spring—flowers are blooming, pollen is flying and sawdust is in the air... And, with the start of the building season comes the opportunity for Habitat volunteer friendships, both new and renewed.

Habitat of Fond du Lac County is building two houses this summer and I urge you to volunteer for just one build day. It can change your life in so many positive ways. 1. Learn building skills 2. Meet new friends 3. Give back to your community 4. Make a positive difference in the lives of others. Check out our website for the weekly updated build schedule & call 921-6623 to sign up.

If you have volunteered or donated, thank you for your thoughtful generosity. Across America, Habitat affiliates like ours are working to find the money to stay strong in our mission to remedy homelessness and substandard housing. The powerful contributions you make every day move us forward and advance this cause. Because of you, our HFH

families have a multitude of success stories to tell. Please consider donating just \$10 toward a box of nails and help make this difference. No amount is too small. It is because of your enduring commitment that we are able to embrace our mission of eradicating poverty houses worldwide. Thank you for whatever amount you can give!

The board and staff want to thank Thrivent Builds with Habitat for their multi-year, multi-million dollar volunteer and advocacy partnership between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. It is with partnerships such as this that our affiliate is renewed and confident that we will emerge with greater energy and strength to lend a hand up, not hand out to future partner families.

We ask that you join now to be a leader in our community and sponsor a house build. \$5000 is all it takes and we will also welcome your commitment to pledge just \$83.33 per month for 5 years to assist us in our mission.

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A huge thank you to these community partners who will be sponsoring the upcoming fundraisers:

Shop at Fay's Fun 'N Learning from May 10 to the 24th, with the enclosed flyer, you will save 10% on you purchases and we will receive 10% of sales for this two week event.

Taco John's at 84 N Main Street, FDL will be donating a portion of their sales to us on Friday, May 14th from 5 to 10 p.m. Join us for this Fondy Friday dining event.

Thank you to those who supported our call to Haiti. Locally we raised \$1000 toward relief efforts in addition to the 10% tithe we designate to our sister affiliate. More information can be found on our website on Haiti relief efforts.

Sincerely, Kathy



Roman, Mariana and Cecilia Moss spoke to the many who attended the Thrivent Builds ground-breaking ceremony on April 10.

Roman expressed his gratitude and is thankful for the work of the many volunteers they will partner with in the journey to improve and enrich their lives. Background: Marcia Snyder, Kathy

Habitat is providing 10,000 Haitian families with emergency shelter kits, which contain tools to make immediate basic home repairs and construct temporary shelter.

## Calendar of Events

May 8	Lowe's Women Build Day at 245 7th Street, FDL
May 10—24	Fay's Fun N' Learning—You Shop & Save 10% and Habitat will receive 10% of sales. 221 N. Peters Ave.
May 14	Taco John's on 84 N Main St., Join us for Fondy Friday 5—10 p.m. a portion of sales benefit Habitat
May 15	Restore Spring Sale - all day from 9 am -2 pm
June 11-13	Walleye Weekend Wristband Booth—need volunteers
June 20	Murray's Furniture— Father's Day Trade It In Event, buy a new recliner & donate your old to the ReStore
June 26	Groundbreaking Ceremony at Noon to 1:00 p.m. at 459 S. Military Road, FDL
June 26	Dominoes Pizza "Dough Raising Night", 10% sales donated to HFH from 4 to Midnight. Pick up your order at 301 S Main Street FDL, or call to order at 920-921-3800
Aug 21	Dedication Ceremony at 245 7th Street
Sept. 11	Fondue Fest Downtown Fond du Lac— visit our booth
Sept. 30	7th Annual Italian Night Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn Purchase your tickets now, only \$40 each for this fun-filled evening 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

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

A&W Drive In, Brajdic Management Corporation  
Fond du Lac Credit Union  
Dave Olson

A donation was made in **Memory** of: George Immel from Kathy Strong-Twohig  
A donation was made in **Memory** of: Tom Beardsley from Kathy Strong-Twohig

**“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
  - ◇ \$75 Energy-tight window
  - ◇ \$350 Metered water softener
  - ◇ \$500 for exterior siding / framing lumber (partial)
  - ◇ \$1,200 Energy-efficient furnace
- ◇ \$25 Roll of wall insulation
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- ◇ \$2,500 flooring for entire house



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

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| Graduation | Birthday | Housewarming | New Baby |
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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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Purchase/Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**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

## **Board Member of Quarter—Dr. Jessica Serwe**

I attended my first house dedication three years ago as a representative of Altrusa International of Fond du Lac. I was impressed and touched by the team of volunteers who came together to make families' dreams of owning a home come true. I decided to be a part of this and join Habitat. I'm one of two vice-presidents on the board, chair of the volunteer committee and a member of the finance committee.

I am the owner of Ideal Chiropractic and have been practicing for over five years. I am involved in BNI, Altrusa of Fond du Lac and Marian Alumni. I am a member of Holy Family Parish. I'm an avid Badgers and Packers fan and enjoy traveling and running.

Thank you for honoring me as the board member Volunteer of the Quarter.

It is truly a gracious compliment to me.

I truly believe in Habitat's mission and look forward to serving the FDL Community in future projects.



## **Habitat ReStore - Donate or Shop**

If you haven't shopped the ReStore in the past 2 weeks, you've missed a lot! Thanks to our donors who continually increase our inventory, our customers are buying at an exciting pace. Come check out our expanded selection of doors - brand new interior doors in frames, antique doors and hardware and beautiful six-panel unfinished bi-folds. And don't forget our gently used selection of furniture, including sleeper sofas, coffee tables, dressers and a few beautiful antiques. And just in for your garage, rec room or "man cave" - a Pepsi soda machine!

We welcome Spring with 10% off your plumbing and bath needs, including faucets, sinks, shower surrounds, bathtubs, whirlpools and more. We're happy to see our regular customers, welcome new ones and, as always, appreciate our donors. **ReStore Hours:** Wednesday 2 - 6, Thursday / Friday 10 -5, Saturday 9—2. Donations are accepted during store hours or pickup can be arranged. For more information call: 920-921-2893, or email: [restorefdl@habitatfdl.org](mailto:restorefdl@habitatfdl.org).

## **Save the Date—September 30th Seventh Annual Italian Night Dinner**

Reservations can be made today, don't delay—call us at 921-6623. Tickets are only \$40 per person, \$320 reserved table of 8, or \$475 to sponsor a table of 8.

Join us for a fun-filled evening of a live and silent auction featuring overnight packages, original artwork, Holiday gift baskets & much more.

The evening will include raffles & games, honoring the Volunteer of the Year, board members and meet our Habitat partner families.



Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little—  
Edmund Burke, statesman and writer  
(1729-1797)

**Keep in Touch with Habitat Email Updates.** Think Green and sign up for local Habitat updates by email. Contact Kathy at (920)921-6623, or email: [kathy@habitatfdl.org](mailto:kathy@habitatfdl.org)

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## **Volunteer of Quarter—Sara Miller**

Sara Miller, a resident of Ripon and a graduate of Marian University, shares her Habitat story.:

Being a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County began at a volunteer fair while attending Marian University. I volunteer on the Family Selection and Support Committee, and am serving as the Site Leader on Tuesdays at the 7th Street house build. I have participated in fundraisers including Fondue Fest, the Gingerbread House contest and the Windows of Opportunity. Volunteering has awarded me the opportunity to make a positive effect on the community - not only opening my eyes to the generosity and compassion of others, but also helping me teach my 8 year old son some very important lessons and truths of life. Habitat for Humanity is an amazing organization that can save a community.

My Christian faith has taught me to help those in need. Habitat's events bring together amazing, inspiring and honorable people who share a common belief of improving our communities and enriching the lives of others. I plan to continue my volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and be a part of many future success stories.

## **Windows of Opportunity— Artists and Auction Donors:**

Trudy Backhaus	Maddison Gratiana	Jaimie Schmeling
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Gail Barber	Ginny Hinz	Dr. Ann Sosalla
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Joellyn Dahlin	Jim Nintzel	Katie White
Jan Drees	Mellissa Norenberg	Chuck Wydevan
Pat Dubbels	Oakfield High School	Russ Zache
Katrina Duley	Tracy Porter	Marilyn Zangl
Lydia Eberhardy	Lori Rademann	<b>Thanks for the support of all who attended and purchased items at this event. Together we raised \$6,000 to be used to purchase building materials for the two house builds this year.</b>
Elkhart Lake High School	Therese Randall	
Susan Fiebig	Paula Sergi	
The Goldsmith	Amber Schaeffer	

**Special thanks** to Windhover Center for the Arts, Greg Bemis, Grandee Cheese and Committee Members:

Margarita Dudzinski	Heath Houdek	Ann Lallier	John Langolf	Ann Marquardt
Stepahnne Mielke	Sara and Julius Miller	Doris Riley	Jessica Serwe	Nancy Zompolas

**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?

## What You can Do.....Now More than Ever.....to Help Build It!!

**Raise money** for Habitat using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine. GoodSearch.com - The search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great search results, and each time you search, GoodSearch makes a donation to your cause! Simply choose Habitat for Humanity - Fond du Lac County on the GoodSearch website.

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**Now More Than Ever.....Help Build It!** Challenge friends and colleagues to a Habitat build day. Volunteer teams are needed now to assist with the two house builds. Put your faith into action by inspiring your friends from the religion you practice and work with to lend a hand to our sisters and brothers in need. Organize your group to a build day or to prepare a lunch for the build crew. If you don't have a team to volunteer, come and join others to build a team. It's a great way to meet & make new friends.

**Donate your Aluminum Cans to Habitat**—Simply drop off your bags of aluminum cans to the ReStore during open store hours or call us to have a volunteer come and pick them up. We have nice clean can boxes that you can set out to collect the cans in your home or office.

**Donate a Car** to Habitat to help build a home. Habitat will accept your car, snowmobile, motorcycle or ATV as a donation. We will then use the funds from this donation toward the building of Habitat houses in FDL County. Call the office for more information and utilize this tax deductible donation.

**Sign up for Pic'n Save "WE CARE"** using **Code 310100**. Habitat for Humanity of FDL County receives 1% of your grocery bill if you designate us as your charity of choice. Stop at the service desk and fill in the code of: **310100** for your Advantage Savers Club Card. It does not cost you anything, but benefits the house builds in Fond du Lac County. Please take a moment.

**Choose Habitat** for Humanity of Fond du Lac County to be part of your **estate planning**. Make provisions to benefit our local affiliate through your estate and will planning. Contact Kathy Strong-Twohig at (920)921-6623 or email: [kathy@habitatfdl.org](mailto:kathy@habitatfdl.org) for more information.

**Donate your empty ink and toner cartridges** to Habitat ReStore. Help to reduce waste in our community by bringing us your empties. Think Green as you reduce, recycle and re-purpose useable items. Donate to us items those unwanted items from your Spring Cleaning project!!

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

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