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The Director's Chair

I am proud to announce that our affiliate was voted Michigan Affiliate of the Year 2020. This honor is due to this community and the tremendous support we receive for our programs.

One of the statistics tracked by Habitat for Humanity International is the number of families served by each affiliate. We have been the top small affiliate in Michigan for 10 of the past 11 years and in the top 15 of small affiliates in the US for 8 of the past 9 years.

Families served includes all families served by the affiliate, both with home ownership and with home repair. Our home repair program has grown from 1-2 repairs per year to 20-25 repairs per year. I thank each person who has helped our repair program grow.

Operation Shingle Storm 2

We are in the midst of Operation Shingle Storm 2, a repeat of 2019's successful Operation Shingle Storm—a repair blitz for veteran's. We are re-siding a house in Kingsford and will be installing a wheel chair ramp on another house in Kingsford.



Golf Outing

Our 19th Annual Raise the Roof Golf Outing was held on June 4, 2021. Ninety-two golfers enjoyed a beautiful (although a little warm) day at TimberStone. Over \$10,000 was raised for home repairs in our community. Many thanks to Matt Lutz, Mike Peters and Scott Zeuske for their help with organizing the outing! Thanks also go to all of the major sponsors—Affiliate Mortgage Services, DCHS, First Bank, First National Bank & Trust, Kubick Aviation, mBank, MBM Construction, and Northern Interstate Bank.



Tool Box Needs

We are looking a few good volunteers!!

Finance Committee—Our finance committee meets monthly to review the affiliate financial reports.

ReStore Volunteers—like to organize, clean, work with customers? The ReStore is the place for you!

Construction Volunteers—whether on our core crew (Mon/Wed 8:00 AM-noon) or for repairs (as needed) we are looking for those who want to swing a hammer to help our community.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

**“Raise the Roof” Golf Scramble
Friday June 3rd, 2022
TimberStone Golf Course**

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” - John Holmes

“Selfless giving is the art of living.” - Frederic Lenz

Construction Program

Congratulations Amanda!

Amanda's home dedication was in May on a beautiful day. Many of the Habitat volunteers were present to help her celebrate!



REPAIRS 2021	# completed	Veteran	In Pipeline
Roof	3	2	4
Furnace	3	2	0
Septic/sewer	2	1	1
Other critical	1	0	2
Ramp	3	3	2
Total	12	8	9

Repairs!

In 2021 we have completed 12 repairs and another 4 will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. There are still many more in the pipeline.

Of the 12 completed repairs 8 were for veteran families. Six of the completed repairs were for disabled homeowners.

The ramp pictured was installed for a WWII veteran on his 96th birthday! Many thanks to Systems Control employees for building the ramp sections at their plant for this ramp.



Another WWII veteran had his steps and railings replaced. He had gone outside, grabbed onto the metal railing, which came loose from the concrete step. This of course caused him to fall. Habitat got involved and covered the concrete on both the front and back doors with a wooden platform, built new steps and new railings. Loren, the veteran, is second from the right in the photo at left.



Volunteers from Manitowoc and Two Rivers, WI spent time with our core crew at a house in Long Lake, WI. The homeowner is a double amputee who needed a walk in shower, widened doorways, wheel chair ramp, and a deck (with roof).

THANK YOU to all of our construction VOLUNTEERS!!!



New House Start

Our next new construction build will be in Kingsford at 112 Sagola Ave. This house start has been delayed due to the increase in the cost of construction materials over the past year. Current plans are to start the house sometime in 2022.

You might ask: What did the core crew do this past winter without a house to work on?

The core crew spent the winter doing repairs in the ReStore and working on construction storage. We were fortunate to get a grant from the Dickinson Area Community Foundation and from an individual donor to buy a 24' car hauler and the supplies to fit it out as our new onsite construction trailer.



ReStore Anniversary

July 2021 marked the 15th Anniversary of the Kingsford ReStore! Refreshments were served at the celebration on July 15th.

Do you like to organize items? Interact with the public? We are looking for ReStore volunteers! Contact the ReStore office if you would be interested.

The ReStore is in need of donations! Not sure if the ReStore will accept what you want to donate? Just call the ReStore at (906)

774-2867 to discuss your donation.

Thank you to all who donated and/or shopped at the ReStore!

ReStore Store hours:

10 AM—4 PM Tues—Fri
10 AM—2 PM on Saturday.

Donation Drop Off:

11 AM—3 PM Tues—Fri

Please call the ReStore before bringing in your donation.



Brent Ackley

Brent Ackley was our construction manager for the past 10 years. He passed away unexpectedly in late August, leaving behind his wife Sam and children Hannah and Brent Jr.

As the affiliate moves on without Brent (and we are finding out just how much he did behind the scenes to make our construction projects go smoothly), we will remember his laugh, his smile, his ability to see the positive with every snag that develops (and in construction there are many snags), and his ability to lead our volunteers.

We miss you Brent!!

