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Habitat for Humanity Menominee River

Local Habitat for Humanity Affiliate featured by Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River (HFHMR) was recently featured in the “Advantages of Repairs for Small Affiliates” webinar as part of the webinar series by Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). This webinar was based on a popular session presented by Nancy Pellegrini, HFHMR Executive Director, and Kathy Kulas, HFHMR Resource Development Coordinator, at HFHI’s Global Conference in March 2017. Over 60 affiliates participated in the webinar and many more have viewed the recording.

Nancy Pellegrini said “We are honored to be singled out for our repair program by HFHI. It is nice to be recognized for what this community has done so well - assisting low income homeowners in making critical repairs to their homes or improving the home’s accessibility (wheel chair ramps).”

HFHMR has been offering the homeowner occupied repair program for the past 10 years. In 2017 we added critical repairs to our repair portfolio. Critical repairs includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement, septic system replacement, roof repair/replacement, radon mitigation systems, and other projects which impact on the health and safety of the owner. We continue to offer external home repair and A Brush With Kindness (ABWK, which is external painting or staining).

Habitat for Humanity’s motto is “a hand up, not a hand out”. This program fully complies with the motto as the homeowner takes on a zero-interest loan for project costs. The zero-interest loan to the family is set up to make the payments affordable for the homeowner. Payments go back in to the program to complete additional projects. Both the external repair and the ABWK projects are completed by volunteers, resulting in project costs being the cost of the materials plus any HFHMR supervision costs. The critical repairs are mostly done by subcontractors, so the project cost includes both materials and labor.

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River has completed 12 critical repair projects and 5 wheel chair ramps so far in 2017, with another 3 (1 furnace and 2 external repairs) in progress. We are looking to complete at least 20 projects in 2018.

HFHMR would like to thank the United Way, Thrivent Financial, MSHDA, and Consumers Energy for supporting our repair efforts in this community.

Volunteers for these projects come from local service organizations, churches, community members and mission groups coming to our area. HFHMR would like to work with as many volunteers in 2018 as possible to help those in our area in need of assistance with repairs. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please call the office at 779-5377 or email at [hfh@habitatmr.com](mailto:hfh@habitatmr.com). If you are in need of repairs or know of someone who needs repair assistance, please contact the office.



A new ramp in Iron Mountain.