

Habitat News



Fall 2009

Baker Family



Letter from the Director

Partnership is a key word with Habitat. This fall the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District (DIISD) and Habitat for Humanity formed a key partnership to build a house for Ann Baker and her son. The DIISD's building trade classes are providing the skills and labor for construction and Habitat is providing the land, materials and homeowner.

This is a win-win partnership enabling the building trade classes to construct a home and Habitat to provide additional affordable housing. It is supported by a loan from five local banks including First National of Iron Mountain, First National Bank of Norway, Florence State Bank, Northern Michigan Bank, Range Bank and UP State Bank. Habitat thanks all that made this community based partnership a reality. You can support this community effort by donating to Habitat and designating it to the DIISD build.

Bill Stephenson, Executive Director



Ann Baker and her 14 year old son, Cecil, are our newest partner family. Their home, 216 Parkway Street in Kingsford, will be constructed in partnership with the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District's Building Trades Classes. Ground was broken on September 21st, and the students are currently working on the exterior.



Ann was born and raised in Kingsford and graduated from Kingsford Schools. She studied Elementary Education at Concordia University before returning to the area. She has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood from Bay College and worked in daycare with Iron Mountain Public Schools. She is currently employed as a desk clerk at Holiday Inn Express. The Bakers are members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Cecil is a freshman at Kingsford High School.

Ann has always had the dream of owning her own home but never thought it would happen. She is very excited about setting up the house the way she wants to—the choice in colors (siding, roof) was overwhelming. Cecil is very excited and is looking forward to picking out the paint colors to put his own stamp on his bedroom. Their family is very excited for them and are eager to help with the sweat equity hours.

Once her house is complete, Ann is plans to volunteer in the community. She feels that partnering with Habitat for Humanity will help her transition to more community involvement. The time is right in her life for community service with Cecil in High School.



Thank you Thrivent Builds—Sponsors of 4 homes

Thrivent Builds is a partnership between the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has been fortunate to have Thrivent Builds sponsor 4 homes for our affiliate in the past 4 years.



Open House and Dedication

Join Thrivent, Habitat, and the Starnes Family
November 21

Open house at 10 a.m. and dedication at 11 a.m.
W4940 Main Street, Vulcan

Updates



Construction on the Peterson house in Vulcan continues. Many new volunteers joined our regular build crew to work on Habitat homes during the build season—thanks to all of you. Thanks also to our regular build crew for their patience, assistance, and kindness throughout the build season.

A big thank you goes out to the many groups that have volunteered at the two build sites—it would be hard for us to build our houses without your help.



- **Apostle's Build for 2010**—Encourage your church to participate. Watch for updates in your church bulletins.
- **World Habitat Day** was celebrated on October 5, 2009. Approximately 50 people attended the Meet-and-Greet held at the affiliate office. Thank you to the folks who made this event a success.
- Habitat welcomes Mary Jo Chaperon, Don Novak, and Greg Seibold to the Board of Directors. A special thanks to Mary Robitaille and Michelle Eskritt for their years of dedication to our affiliate. With strong leadership our affiliate continues to grow.
- Diana Bancroft has accepted a second Americorp assignment and will be remaining with us until February 2010 as volunteer coordinator. Habitat needs volunteers at the build site and in the ReStore. Call the office at 779-5377 to volunteer or schedule a group.

Fundraising Events

As the year draws to a close we reflect upon the Habitat events in 2009 and the many opportunities that, with your involvement, proved to be a success. Through the efforts of many volunteers, Habitat held a variety of annual events ranging from a Wine and Hops Tasting at Pine Grove Country Club to a golf outing at Timberstone Golf Course to a brunch at the Presbyterian Church to a fish boil at Dorothy Fox Park to a tennis event. Combined these fundraising events netted over \$15,000.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make all of the events successful.

These special events play an important role in enabling us to have adequate funds to continue to provide simple decent homes to area families in need. Many volunteers give countless hours to prepare food, solicit donations from area businesses, and perform many other tasks to make these events a success. We plan to hold all of these events in 2010—and hope that you will be able to join us. Your support is needed in many areas—whether it be serving on an event committee, working behind the scenes at a special event, or attending the event. We would love to give you the opportunity to be a part of Habitat's 2010 plan.



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Visit the Habitat ReStore

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Open to the Public:

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - noon

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ReStore volunteer positions available:

- ü Product Coordinator
- ü Customer Service Coordinator
- ü Handyman

Announcements and Calendar

Habitat is in need of land for new homes. Land donations are tax-deductible. Habitat will handle all aspects of the transaction at no costs to the donor.

Mark your calendar:

- Wine & Hops 2010—March 26
- Golf Outing 2010—June 3