

Habitat News



Spring 2010

Partner families . . .

Executive Director's Corner

Spring is a time to be reflect on all that God has provided. We rejoice that two more partner families are moving into their homes, one in Vulcan and one in Kingsford. We are thankful for all the volunteer hours, donated material, donated money, and donated services that go into each home.

Spring is also a time to reflect on future plans. Habitat's goal is to serve four families in 2010 and five in 2011. One of the keys to reaching this goal is expanding into Iron County. Thrivent Financial is providing much of the funding for the construction of a home in Iron County in 2010 through its Thrivent Builds program. An Iron County Habitat Team is being organized to complete the build and to hopefully continue building in the future.

One way to improve our community is to clean up abandoned and tax reverted properties. Most of these houses are in a sad state of repair and many should be taken down. The land could then be made ready for new construction or sold to neighbors. One mechanism to facilitate this, which has been successful in most counties in Michigan, is a Land Bank. This is a county appointed board with the ability to accept property, clear title, work with local authorities to find a property's best use, and sell the property. Habitat is currently working with community leaders concerning a Land Bank for our area.

Thank you for your support and please let me or a board member know what you think of our future direction.

Bill Stephenson, Executive Director

The top photo is **Rachael Collins** and son Konner breaking ground on April 25th at 415 Vulcan Street. Rachel and Konner are the newest partner family for the Menominee River affiliate.

The other partner families for 2010 are: **Joe and Aimee Langston** along with their three children will be breaking ground for their home on Lincoln and Mullen Street in Quinnesec in July.

Donna Hirthe and her three children will be breaking ground on their house at 710 W. Brown Street in the fall. This build will be in partnership with the DIISD Building Trades program during the 2010-2011 school year.



Ann and Cecil Baker receive a quilt from Sue Neyrinck of the Spinning Spools Quilting Guild at their home dedication on April 16th. The Spinning Spools donate a quilt to each partner family at their house dedication. This home was constructed in partnership with the DIISD Building Trades program. Ann spent many hours learning to build a house, working with the 45 students and 2 instructors (although she did not receive a grade for the class!).



Family Advocate Pat Dishaw, Jason Fayas, Leah Peterson and Jordan Fayas stand on the porch of Leah and Jordan's new home at their home dedication on April 24th.

Thank you

Habitat celebrated two home dedications in April and we thank all of our many supporters. We depend on the generosity of this community to build houses and hope, for our partner families.

Apostle's Build 2010

Fourteen churches and faith based groups have come together to raise funds, hammers and prayers for the Apostle Build. The home site is located at 415 Vulcan Street in Iron Mountain. The Apostle Build Churches are: American Martyrs Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Evangelical Covenant Church, First Covenant Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Grace United Methodist Church, Knights of Columbus Baraga Council 1585, Maranatha Assembly of God, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Quinnesec United Methodist Church, St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Iron County



The alliance between Habitat and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans continues to support decent, affordable housing. Our affiliate has been fortunate to have Thrivent Builds sponsor five homes. This year the dream of home ownership will come true for one more local family. Jennifer

Nowicki celebrated the groundbreaking at 626 Cayuga Street in Iron River with volunteers, family, and friends on May 26. Iron County construction volunteers will be on the build site Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8 am-noon and Tuesday afternoons from 4-8 pm. No appointment is needed, everyone is welcome! Scheduled group builds will be held on Saturdays, call the Habitat office to schedule an event for your organization.

Memorials

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River depends on the generosity of the local community to support our mission. One way to support Habitat is through a memorial. If you choose to make a memorial contribution to Habitat, the following would occur:

- You would be invited to the home dedication to see the tears of joy when the dream of home ownership is fulfilled by our partner family.
- Your memorial contribution will be acknowledged at this home dedication.
- You will also receive recognition from Habitat for Humanity Menominee River.
- Your loved one can be publically recognized in many ways, depending on your wishes.

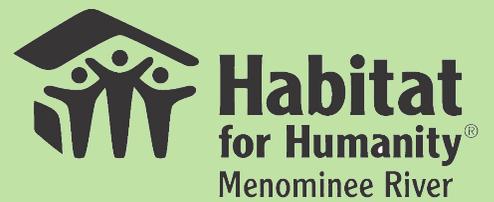
How can you make a memorial?

- **Monetarily** – cash, check, credit cards, and trusts provide an immediate impact on Habitat for Humanity Menominee River
- **Securities** – this includes donations of stocks, bonds, treasuries, and mutual funds
- **Real Estate** – both land and houses are required for our mission of eliminating substandard housing in our community
- **Personal Property** – our ReStore accepts furnishings, appliances, and building materials

Announcements and Calendar

Mark your calendar:

- Golf Outing—June 3
- Fish Boil—August 5



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Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors

Elections were held at the April board meeting. Listed is the board of directors for 2010.

- Mary Jo Chaperon, First National Bank and Trust Company
- Dave Johnson, Anderson Tackman & Co., PLC
- Pat Killian, Advanced Mail Management, board secretary
- Roger McNeil, retired manager of JC Penney
- Charles Munk, Wells Fargo, board president
- Clyde Nelson, State Bank of Florence, past board president
- Don Novak, retired Niagara City Administrator
- Rebekah Rose, Daily News
- Albert Santoni, owner of Dickinson Homes
- Gregory Seibold, attorney, board vice president

Special thanks go to Clyde Nelson for his years of leadership with Habitat as board president. With strong leadership our affiliate continues to grow.



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