

Habitat News



Summer 2010

Apostles Build

The Apostle's Build Team continue to work on the house located at 415 Vulcan Street (shown in above photos). With God's help, fourteen Church and Christian groups are working together to make a difference in our community. This group includes 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. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Volunteers ... the backbone of Habitat for Humanity

Nancy Pelligrini has been involved with Habitat since 2001. She is a co-chair for the family Selection Committee. She was inspired to join Habitat after seeing a motivational speaker at a company event that said "It's not okay to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can".

Nancy's favorite part of volunteering is working with people and helping families; Habitat helps fulfill that need and desire in her. She feels very rewarded when a family moves into their new, safe, affordable, and livable home. "I do encourage others to volunteer and actively recruit volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and other organizations. Volunteering helps people give back to the community, help others, and gain connections they may not have otherwise."

"I am always motivated by families that can pass on the love of volunteering and giving back to the community to their children. If we don't pay it forward, who will?"

Nancy Pellegrini

Nancy sees that Habitat has a great reputation and it is having a positive impact on the community.

The startup of the ReStore is also impacting our community in a positive way. But the biggest impact is made on the families we work with and she sees that when they come back to volunteer with other projects. When asked what her biggest surprise, inspiration and motivation has been during her time with Habitat she said: "--I am always surprised when a family does not realize that they live in substandard housing. When they feel that they are in need because of costs of housing, but do not realize that they are paying a lot for rent and are renting a place that is unsuitable for their children."



Letter from the Director

Midway through the summer and we have just celebrated the dedication of two homes for partner families while the construction of three more homes is underway. God has certainly blessed this Habitat for Humanity affiliate and its mission. These blessings come in all kind of packages but they all resemble the very human trait of sharing to help others in need. Sharing your time and talents is called volunteering and it is what makes the mission happen.

The focus of this newsletter is on volunteering. People volunteer for a variety of reasons: identifying with the mission, enjoying spending time with other volunteers, sharing an expertise, and learning a new skill. No matter what the reason for volunteering, Habitat is grateful for all of its volunteers. While not everyone can make each house dedication, the smiles, hugs, and tears that are shared is what really says thank you to everyone who has contributed.

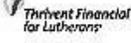
Bill Stephenson, Executive Director

VOLUNTEERS

Habitat volunteers find that when they give of themselves - be it time or treasure, work or words - the rewards are rich.

Iron County Corner

**Thrivent
Builds**



Work is progressing on the Thrivent Builds sponsored house at 626 Cayuga Street in Iron River. A big thank you to all who have helped with this effort in Iron County.

Shown in the picture is a group from Connor Sports Flooring, who had several group builds on the house.



Insights of a Volunteer

Volunteer Sara Basso jumped on board with Habitat in early 2010 because of her desire to provide good housing to those in need in Iron County.

“Habitat draws on people’s skills and talents and can provide many of our residents with a means of contributing to our community in ways other than writing a check.”

Sara shares that “as a volunteer for Habitat, I was initially focused on the house itself – how it would improve the appearance of the neighborhood and how, perhaps, Habitat might eventually result in rehabbing areas in need of a real facelift. Not until the actual signing up of the family did the human impact hit me. This is when I realized that we are not just building houses, we are building brighter futures for Iron County families.”

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Volunteers and Giving

Many businesses and corporations combine volunteerism and financial support as a way to give back to their community. One local business that donates to Habitat with both time and money is Wells Fargo. Our affiliate is eligible for grant money through the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation only if Wells Fargo employees have a build day on the house site.

The Apostle Build churches are also combining donating time and money to build the home at 415 Vulcan Street in Iron Mountain.

A build day is a wonderful way to build team spirit for employees. Contact the Habitat office to schedule a group build for your business or civic group.

Build with Habitat

415 Vulcan Street, Iron Mountain
925 Mullen Street, Quinnesec
626 Cayuga Street, Iron River

701 W. Brown Street, Iron Mountain
ISD build 2010-2011 school year



Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - Noon

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“ There is no better gift you can provide to someone than the gift of your time and talents. “

Jeff Smith, long time Habitat volunteer

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Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

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ReStore volunteer positions available:

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- ✓ Customer Service Coordinator
- ✓ Handyman