

Summer 2011

# Habitat News



The 2011 construction season is well underway with four new homes and two rehab homes in progress. The new homes are in Norway, Kingsford, Iron River, and Aurora. The Aurora build marks the first time that the affiliate has built in Wisconsin. The rehab homes are in Iron Mountain and in Kingsford.

Shown above are the walls being raised on the Thrivent Builds sponsored house at 817 E. Sagola Street in Kingsford. This is the 6th house sponsored by the Thrivent Builds program for our affiliate.



Habitat welcomed three groups of Care-a-Vanners to our area. The first group was at 1801 Pisoni Street in Iron River in June, the second group was at N1356 County Hwy N in Aurora in July, and the third group was at 122 Central Avenue in Norway in August. Many thanks to all of these dedicated Habitat volunteers who combine summer vacation with helping those in need. It is truly amazing how much of a house can be built during the two week Care-a-Vanner build.



Thank you to all who participated in the Women's Build at 240 Hemlock Street in Kingsford. This was part of the National Women Build Week sponsored by Lowe's. Over 18 women spent the day learning how to gut the house donated by the Wells Fargo Real Estate Donation program. The affiliate received a \$5,000 gift card from Lowe's after our successful build day. The gift card was used for tools for Iron County.



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## Director's Corner

I would like to thank the office and ReStore staff and volunteers for welcoming me to the office as part of the staff. I feel that my 10 plus years of experience as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Menominee River has helped me to transition to the position of Executive Director of the affiliate. I am also very grateful for the guidance and support from Bill Stephenson that has helped with my transition. Bill's foresight and dreams for the affiliate have helped to take the affiliate from building one home a year to five homes.

Our local affiliate is happy to have had three groups of Care-a-Vanners help with our local builds this year. Care-a-Vanners are special people who travel around to different affiliates in the US to help build homes. They are generally retired people, but might also be people looking to make a difference on a vacation. Our Care-a-Vanners have worked on our home in Iron River, the home in Aurora and the home being built in Norway. Some of our Care-a-Vanners have also helped to raise walls on Sagola Avenue and with our rehab on West A Street. These groups of people bring dedication, hard work, teamwork, and humor to our builds. HFH Menominee River thanks the Care-a-Vanners for their time and energy and also thanks Sharon Neubauer for all of her hard work to organize the builds and groups.

As you all know, volunteers are the backbone of Habitat for Humanity and they are a big part of why we are successful in fulfilling our mission. It takes many volunteers and many types of skills to be able to pull off housing as many families as we do each year. Our local Habitat for Humanity has a volunteer Core Construction Crew that is tireless in building our homes. Our electricians put in countless hours for each home and do an impeccable job for us. We also have volunteers that help to pick the families, support the families during and after the build process, and help with our fundraisers and on our finance committee. Our local affiliate is also fortunate enough to have key volunteers in the ReStore. It is with these volunteers that our local affiliate will be able to house 68 children and 51 adults by the end of our current build season. To all of you, I thank you, and I appreciate all of the hard work that you provide for our affiliate and for our families. We would not be this successful without all of you.



Nancy Pellegrini, Executive Director

## Affiliate Staffing Changes

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River has undergone staff changes in the past few months. Office coordinator Sherryl Weber has left Habitat to devote more time to her computer business and we wish her the best.

Construction manager Dean Petschar has retired this summer after many years of overseeing our construction efforts.

Habitat welcomes Brent Ackley as our new construction coordinator. He is replacing both Sherryl and Dean, and will be responsible for all construction related activities.

Habitat also welcomes Darcy Stanley as finance manager. She brings construction related accounting experience to Habitat.

***Habitat thanks both Sherryl and Dean for all of their hard work and dedication to the Menominee River affiliate.***

## Donations

Community support is vital to the success of our mission to eliminate substandard housing in our community. Donations come in all forms - monetary, materials, professional skills, real estate, and ReStore donations. All are essential to the growth of the Menominee River affiliate.

Monetary donations (cash, check, or credit card) have an immediate impact on the affiliate. Other methods of donating help to fund Habitat's mission in the years ahead, and include securities, bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plan assets, and planned giving. If you have interest or questions about any of these methods of giving, please call the office at 779-5377.

## GAF Donation

Mike Kegley of Northwoods Construction and Roofing and GAF have donated two roofs to HFH Menominee River as part of a new partnership between GAF and Habitat for Humanity International. GAF is the largest roofing manufacturer in North America.

N1356 County Road N in Aurora and 817 E. Sagola Street in Kingsford were the two homes receiving these donated roofs.

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## Family Partners

Habitat will celebrate the dedication of its 28th home on September 10, 2011 at 600 West A Street in Iron Mountain. You are invited to share in this special occasion with Donnie and Kandice Jokinen and their children Lilac and Alek. The open house and dedication will start at 1:00 PM.



Habitat is building a second home in Iron River, at 1801 Pisoni Street. Shown at right are Ryan and Lyndsey Hamel with their son Riley at the groundbreaking for their new home.



The dedication of Habitat's 27th home occurred on May 20th with the Hirthe family in Iron Mountain. The home, at 701 W. Brown Street, was built in partnership with the DIISD Building Trades classes. Shown

above are Rebecca, Donna, Austin, and Collin Hirthe holding their new quilt from the Spinning Spools Quilt Club.

Habitat will partner with Thrivent Builds on the home at 817 E. Sagola Street in Kingsford. Shown at right are Theresa and Louisa Ozzello at the groundbreaking for their new home.



**Thrivent  
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Our affiliate is building in Wisconsin for the first time, on County Rd. N in Aurora with Scott and Jessica Schuirmann and their children Abigail and Carolanne.

122 Central Avenue in Norway is the site of Habitat's 32nd home. Shown at right are Tony and Michelle Olsen and their three children, Miranda, Bryce, and Tyler at their groundbreaking.



James and June Nanninga are the partner family for our second rehab house located at 240 Hemlock Street in Kingsford. They are shown at left with their son Jeremy and daughters Jolene and Jessica.

## Build with Habitat

600 West A Street, Iron Mountain  
N1356 Country Rd N, Aurora  
122 Central Ave, Norway  
817 E. Sagola Street, Kingsford  
240 Hemlock Street, Kingsford  
1801 Pisoni Street, Iron River

Call the office for more information about volunteering and for the build schedule.

## Land Needed

Do you have vacant land to donate to Habitat? A house that you no longer need that could be rehabbed for a Habitat family? Do you know of anyone who has available building sites in Dickinson or Iron Counties?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact the Habitat office at 779-5377.

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# Neighborhood Revitalization

Habitat's NRI program partnered with Teen Serve in June 2011 in Norway for a one week "A Brush With Kindness" blitz. Teen Serve is a program where a large group of teens come to an area to repair/paint houses. During the blitz week, 446 teens and chaperones representing 8 different states and 34 church youth groups worked on 74 homes in our community.



Some of the 446 teens and youth leaders are pictured above. At far left is the before picture and at left is the after picture for one of the Teen Serve house sites. The house received a new coat of paint and a new ramp. Valspar donated six pallets of paint and primer worth more than \$22,000 to the blitz week efforts..



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### Visit the Habitat ReStore

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**ReStore hours**  
 Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm  
 Saturday 9 am - 3 pm  
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# ReStore

The Habitat for Humanity Menominee River ReStore is thriving in Dickinson County. Thank you to all who have donated items to the ReStore. The ReStore has generated enough money to fund a Habitat house.

THANK YOU!

# Calendar

September 9, Jokinen Home Dedication, 600 West A St. Iron Mountain  
 October 3-7, World Habitat Day Builds

A generous donor gave the ReStore an impressive Beanie Baby collection. There are over 1,000 Ty Beanie Babies in mint condition, including rare and hard to find Beanie Babies. If you are a collector, or just like stuffed animals, please stop into the ReStore to see if we have the Beanie Baby you need.

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