

Spring 2012

# Habitat News



The 2012 construction season is well underway with one home completed (Aurora, WI), three homes in progress (two in Kingsford and one in Norway) and three additional homes which will be started in the spring (two in Norway and one in Crystal Falls). One of the Kingsford homes is a rehab, the remainder of the homes are new construction.

Shown above is the Hamel house at 1801 Pisoni Street in Iron River, completed in November 2011. It was the second Habitat home in Iron County. Shown below on the newly installed wood floor are some of the employees of Connor Sports Flooring. Habitat thanks Connor Sports Flooring for the donation of wooden flooring plus installation on both this house and on the first Iron County house at 626 Cayuga Street in Iron River.



Shown above is the core construction crew in Dickinson County. A big thank you to both the Dickinson County core crew and the Iron County core crew for your hard work and dedication to Habitat for Humanity Menominee River. **Working together we can do amazing things!**

If you have an interest in volunteering with either of the core crews, please call the office at 779-5377. The Dickinson County core crew builds on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 AM to noon, and the Iron County core crew builds on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



The affiliate is partnering with Thrivent Builds again in 2012. The build site is on 126 Central Avenue in Norway with Kristy Opolka and her two children as the family partner. This marks the 7th year that Thrivent Builds has sponsored a house for our affiliate.



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## Director's Corner

There is a buzz around the office that tells us it is another year for an Apostle Build! We are fortunate at the Menominee River affiliate to have the assistance and guidance of Board Member Gail Robert to help with the 2012 Apostle Build. Gail has been instrumental in getting 12 churches signed on to partner with Habitat. The 2012 Apostle Build house will be the Opolka house on 126 Central Avenue in Norway.

What is an Apostle Build? An Apostle Build is a special Habitat for Humanity event that allows churches and church groups to partner with a local affiliate to build a home. Participating in an Apostle Build does not always mean

picking up a hammer. The partnership could include providing lunches for the Care-a-Vanners and core crew, holding a fund-raiser or providing extra intentions and prayers for the building crew and families of Habitat.

There is room for more churches and church groups to participate with Habitat and Apostle Build 2012. Please call the office at 779-5377 for more information.



*Nancy Pellegrini*

Nancy Pellegrini, Executive Director

## Affiliate Staffing Changes

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River has undergone staff changes in the past few months. Fund development coordinator Ellen Thom has left Habitat to focus on her education; volunteer coordinator Sharon Neubauer went to Florida with her husband on his long term construction job; and ReStore employees Andrew White and Pat Killian have both left to pursue other opportunities.

Habitat welcomes Shirley Wilkinson as fund development coordinator, Dian Miller as volunteer coordinator, and Dan Peterson and Tony Olsen in the ReStore.

***Habitat thanks Ellen, Sharon, Pat, and Andrew for all of their hard work and dedication to the Menominee River affiliate.***



## 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.*

## 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.



## Events Calendar

- May 13 Presbyterian Brunch, First Presbyterian Church, 9-11 AM breakfast, 11-12:30 PM brunch, free will offering
- May 31 10th Annual Golf Outing, Timberstone Golf Course, 12:30 PM Shotgun start, advance registration required
- TBA Door County Fish Boil, Dorothy Fox Hall
- Aug 11 Iron County Ride for Hope

If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring any of these events, please call Shirley at the office or email [development@habitatmr.com](mailto:development@habitatmr.com).

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## Family Partners



Habitat celebrated **World Habitat Day** on October 4, 2011 with a family partner build day at the Thrivent Builds sponsored house at 817 E Sagola Street in Kingsford. Several past, present, and future Habitat homeowners came together to help build a house and are pictured above with several of the affiliate staff.

The Thrivent Builds sponsored house for 2012 will be at 126 Central Avenue in Norway, MI. The family partner is Kristy Opolka and her two children Riley and Cody. The groundbreaking for this house is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th at 3:00 PM. This groundbreaking is a joint event with Carrie Haferkorn and her three children Riley, Rhiannon, and Ryan who are the partner family for 124 Central Avenue in Norway.

The third house built in partnership with the Dickinson Iron Intermediate School District Building Trades classes is nearing completion. Andrew Eichinger and Brittney Stamper and children Haven and Max are the partner family for this house, located on Withworth Street in Kingsford.

The first house for Habitat in Crystal Falls will be on Adams Street. Bob Conibear and daughter Autumn will be the partner family for this house.



## Build with Habitat

240 Hemlock Street, Kingsford  
229 Withworth Street, Kingsford  
508 Adams Street, Crystal Falls  
126 Central Avenue, Norway  
124 Central Avenue, Norway

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

## Cars for Homes

*Cars for Homes is a Habitat for Humanity International program to raise money for the affiliates through donations of cars, trucks, boats, RV's and other motorized vehicles.*

*If you have a vehicle you would like to donate to this program, call 1-877-277-4344 or go to the Cars for Homes website ([www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)).*

*Vehicles accepted into the program are processed by Advanced Remarketing Services, Inc., Habitat's national agent. They will handle title transfer, towing, and reporting.*

*Vehicles are sold through a network of auto auctions, recyclers, salvage yards, and the web. The proceeds go to HFHI who then distributes the funds to the donor's local affiliate.*



## Women Build

Lowe's has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to promote women building. We will be participating in HFHI's National Women Build week on Tuesday May, 8th at the rehab house at 240 Hemlock Street in Kingsford. If you are interested in joining this build, please call the office at 779-5377.

Shown below are participants of the 2011 National Women Build, also held at 240 Hemlock Street. In 2012 we plan to rebuild what we took down in 2011.



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**Change of Address?**

Please let the office know if your address changes or if you no longer wish to receive Habitat for Humanity mailings.

**ReStore**

The ReStore is pleased to announce a new tool area located to the right of the check out counter featuring an assortment of affordable tools. The paint department has also expanded to include paint supplies.

*“ 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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