

Summer 2012

Habitat News



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

The affiliate hosted three groups of Care-a-Vanner's. The first group built in Crystal Falls in June, the second group built at 126 Central Ave in Norway in July, and the last group built at 124 Central Ave in Norway in August.

Shown above is the Dickinson county core crew working on the house at 126 Central Ave. in Norway. This house is the 2012 Thrivent Builds house.



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.

Shown above are members of the June build in Crystal Falls, with the future homeowner, Bob Conibear. At right and below are members of the July build in Norway. Habitat thanks each and every one of these volunteers!



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Director's Corner

Our local Habitat for Humanity has seen a lot of changes in the past 15 months. Bill Stephenson and Eloise Martz retired, also, Sherryl Weber, Ellen Thom and Sharon Neubauer moved on.

Bill's vision took Habitat from building two houses in three years to building six houses in one year. This vision could not have been accomplished without the help of our many volunteers and funders.

One of the biggest blessings that we have are our volunteers: the Core Crew, Board Members, Committee Members and Care-a-Vanners. Without the committee and endless hours of our volunteers, we would not

have been able to make the impact that we have. To date, we have housed over 125 people and we are still going strong.

My message this issue is to say thank you to all of you who have pounded a nail, served a meal, said a prayer, painted a wall or donated money. Our families and therefore our affiliate is blessed to have you on board.



Nancy Pellegrini,
Executive Director



Running for the Walls

I will be running the half-marathon on September 15th to raise money for Habitat. The sponsorship is \$13.10 and equates to \$1.00 per mile ran. I have been training hard for months for the race and am hoping to raise enough funds to build the bedroom for a child for one of our Habitat homes. If you are interested in sponsoring the race, please call the office.

Carpenter's Club

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River is starting a Carpenter's Club. Some of you long time Habitat supporters may remember this club from many years ago. It is a method of pledging support to the affiliate.

You can sign up to donate \$25 per house completed or \$25 per month for the Hardhat Level, \$40 per house or per month for the Hammer Level, and \$100 per house or per month for the Drill Level.

We would be happy to set up a plan for any dollar amount, please contact the office for more information.

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.

THANKS to all who have supported Habitat for Humanity!

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.

Events Calendar

- Oct 1 World Habitat Day
- Oct 12 Hard Hats and High Heels, 7 pm, George Young
- Oct 31 Habitat for Humanity Menominee River
2013 Calendars will be available for purchase

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

Family Partners

The third house built in partnership with the Dickinson Iron Intermediate School District Building Trades classes was completed in June.

Andrew and Brittany Eichinger with children Haven and Max are the partner family for this house, located on Withworth Street in Kingsford. They are shown receiving their house key from their family advocate Paul Burgoon at their house dedication on May 22nd.



On May 5th Habitat celebrated groundbreaking with **Carrie Haferkorn** and **Kristy Opolka** and their families. The homes will be at 124 and 126 Central Ave in Norway. Kristy's home is the 2012 Thrivent Builds sponsored house. Shown below from L-R are: Jason Anderson from Thrivent, Cody, Kristy, Riley, and James Qualye from Thrivent.



Thrivent Builds



Pictured on the right is the Haferkorn family, from L-R are: Tony, Rhiannon, Ryan, Carrie, and Riley.



James and June Nanninga and their children Jessica, Jeremy, and Jolene with Sue Nerick of the Spinning Spools Quilt group holding the new quilt at their house dedication on Aug 10th. The Spinning Spools Quilt

group donates a quilt to every Habitat family at their house dedication. THANKS!!!

"I never thought it would be possible to own my home

and give my family the stability

of not having to move again."

Habitat partner family

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. The house is scheduled for completion in early spring 2013.



Women Build

Lowe's has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to promote women building. On May 8th over 20 women participated in a Women Build day at the rehab house at 240 Hemlock Street in Kingsford. Shown below are those who built in the morning. Thank you all! We welcomed 5 Lowe's employees who came down from Marquette to spend the day building with us. The affiliate received a \$5,000 gift card from Lowe's for participating in National Women Build Week. THANKS!!!

Build with Habitat

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.



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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. Send us an email at hfh@habitatmr.com if you wish to receive the newsletter electronically.

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.

“ Others have been good to me and it feels good to return the favor.”
Habitat Board Member

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