

Summer 2013

# Habitat News



The 2013 construction season is well underway with three homes completed (Norway, Kingsford, Crystal Falls), two homes in progress (Iron Mountain and Iron River) and one additional home in Kingsford which will be started in the fall. The Iron River home under construction is a rehab donated by the Verville family. Shown above is the Dickinson county core crew and a group of Care-a-Vanners

**Thrivent® Builds**



Shown at right is the house at 508 Adams Street in Crystal Falls, the home of our newest homeowners, **Bob** and daughter **Autumn**. Many thanks go to



Connor Sports Flooring for the donation of flooring materials and installation of the hardwood floor. It is beautiful. This home was dedicated in May 2013 and the family will move in to the house in August.



**Rebecca** at their groundbreaking on July 8th for this house.

working on the house at 523 E. Smith Street in Iron Mountain. This house is the 2013 Thrivent Builds house. Shown in the photo at left are **Tammy** holding **Sophia**, **Rusty**, **Morgan**, **Blake**, and

**Working together  
we can do  
amazing things!**

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. 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 Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

2013 Affiliate of Distinction Honorable Mention



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# Director's Corner



Habitat for Humanity International has shifted focus in their current strategic plan as to the best way to improve housing for low income families. The focus is now on improving neighborhoods as a whole, impacting on more families. New house construction, house rehab, and home repair are all aspects of the new Habitat model. What that means for our community is the merging of the old Vision 2020 Helping Hands program into our Habitat offered programs.

family is required to pay back the costs of the project. These funds are used for repairs on additional homes. We are partnering with the Thrivent Builds Repairs program for small repairs (less than \$2,500) on homes needing exterior repairs only. We are not accepting roof repair projects at this time. Home Depot had a Veterans Repair Corp program which we used on the house shown below in Quinnesec.

We have several sources of funding for these owner occupied home repair projects. Each

**I would like to thank these corporate partners for helping homeowners in our community.**



Veteran Repair Corp house before and after roof and window replacement.

*Nancy Pellegrini*

### By The Numbers

Habitat's A Brush With Kindness Program received a huge boost with the TeenServe work camp held at the North Dickinson School in June. Over **375 volunteers** worked on **71 homes in 1 week**. An additional **5 homes** were worked on by a teen mission group of **21 volunteers** from Rice Lake, WI.

It was inspiring to watch the dedication of these young volunteers.

## Affiliate of Distinction Honorable Mention



Pictured from left: Jonathan Reckford, HFHI CEO, Kathy Kulas, Nancy Pellegrini, and Larry Gluth, HFHI Senior Vice President of US and Canada at the HFHI Affiliate conference in Atlanta, GA in March 2013.

Affiliates were scored in seven areas of operation—sustainable and green building, overall organizational leadership, community development, financial sustainability, alignment with HFHI's strategic plan, effective use of technology, and support of HFHI's global mission. Those scoring 90-100 were Affiliates of Distinction (seven affiliates), and those scoring 80-89 were Honorable Mentions (twelve affiliates). We scored 84. The top seven were all large affiliates serving urban areas (such as Los Angeles and Austin). Our affiliate was the smallest affiliate honored in this program.

**This honor was earned through the efforts of all of you who have volunteered or donated money (or both) and the support of this community.**

Habitat for Humanity International started a program in 2012 to recognize those affiliates that exemplify Habitat Best Practices in all facets of operation. The application process was very detailed and forced the affiliate to look long and hard at every aspect of how we serve Habitat's mission.

## THANK YOU!

## 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.*

## Calendar

- Aug 24 Wells Fargo Build
- Oct 7 World Habitat Day

If you have interest in scheduling a team build, please call Dian at the Habitat office, 779-5377, or email at [volunteer@habitatmr.com](mailto:volunteer@habitatmr.com)

## Family Partners

The fourth house built in partnership with the Dickinson Iron Intermediate School District Building Trades program was completed in June. **Sean and Stacy**, with children **Sean, Levi, and Madison**, are the partner family for this house, located on Withworth Street in Kingsford. They are shown at their house dedication in May.



**Carrie** received the house key from family advocate **Dian Miller** at the home dedication on Central Avenue in Norway in May.



**Nancy Pellegrini, Autumn and Bob** are holding the quilt donated by the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild at their home dedication in May. Many thanks to the dedicated quilters who give each of our families a beautiful house warming gift of a quilt.



**Kristy** cuts the cake at her house dedication in December, 2012 at left. Below, **Kody, Riley, and Kristy** are receiving the house key from family advocate and longtime construction volunteer **Carol Carli**.



## Women Build

Lowe's has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to promote women building. On May 8th we participated in National Women Build Week with a build day at the rehab house in Iron River. 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!!**



We had a second women build at the Iron River house in early June. We are planning a third women build on August 13th. This one will be at 523 E. Smith Street in Iron Mountain. It will start with workshop from 1:00–2:00 pm at the build site and the actual build will be from 2:00–4:00 pm. If you would like to participate (and get a pretty pink t-shirt) please call the office at 779-5377.



## Volunteers Needed

Board Member representing the ReStore  
Board Member representing Church Relations  
Communication Committee members  
Church Relations Committee members  
ReStore cashiers  
Neighborhood Revitalization (construction)

Fund Development Committee members  
Website Coordinator  
Iron County construction crew members

If you are interested, please call the office. We are willing to work with your skills and schedule.

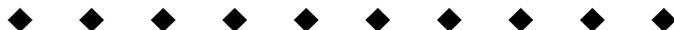
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**ReStore**

The ReStore is looking for volunteers who are willing to make a weekly commitment of at least one day. If you have some extra time and like to work with people, call the ReStore at 774-2867.

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We are currently accepting nominations for the board. If interested, please call the Habitat office.

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