

Spring 2016

# Habitat News



From concrete slab to framed in house...

it is amazing what volunteer teams can accomplish!

BOSS partnered with Habitat for the **BOSS Builds a House** project in the fall of 2015. BOSS employees volunteered during 5 different build events at our house on 918 Coolidge in East Kingsford. The Toro Foundation made a monetary donation to Habitat in support of this project.



**Thank you BOSS and Toro!**



If your business or other group would like to participate in group builds please let the Habitat office know. It is a great way to team build while giving back to the community.

**We would love to work with you!**



***Thank You... Thank You... Thank You***

We at the affiliate can not say it enough to all of you who have supported Habitat, whether through your time, talent, or treasure (or any combination)

***THANK YOU!***

This community would be a much poorer place without you in it.

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# Director's Corner

Neighborhood Revitalization, or NRI, is an exciting way to expand the number of families that we serve in our community. We have been active in NRI since the Vision 2020 days in the mid-2000's. In the past 10 years we have worked with countless families on major and minor repairs (like wheel chair ramps) and on painting/staining projects (A Brush with Kindness or ABWK). All of these homes are owner occupied.

We are excited to announce that we are a United Way Agency. The United Way funding is earmarked for NRI projects.

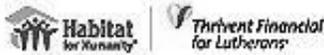
As we continue with our NRI program, we are able to help more low income families since the project costs are much lower than a new or renovated house.

We have been fortunate to partner with church groups, civic groups, and businesses for these NRI projects. If you or your group (work, church, family, civic) can come out to help your neighbors, please contact the Habitat office at 906-779-5377. We welcome any size group and our schedule is flexible.

- 16 NRI projects completed in 2015
- 20 NRI projects planned for 2016
- 3 new houses scheduled for completion in 2016



*Nancy Pellegrini*



Thrivent Builds has been very supportive of our local Habitat affiliate. In 2015 we received \$35,000 in support of NRI projects (called Thrivent Builds Repairs) and will receive \$57,500 towards the construction of the new house in Quinnesec this year. We are also eligible to receive Thrivent Builds Repairs funding in addition to the house sponsorship, and already have been approved for \$10,000 for NRI projects in 2016.



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

### ***Thrivent Choice***

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River is a recipient nonprofit for Thrivent Choice dollars. If you are a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Choice dollars to designate, please consider sending those dollars to us.

### ***Thrivent Action Teams***

Thrivent members may also be eligible to apply for \$250 grants for action teams. These grants are applied to projects or events. If you think you are eligible, you can find out more details from your Thrivent Financial advisor.

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## Families

**Scott Roberts**, fiancé **Lindsie Bourassa**, and their son, are in the home stretch on finishing their new house in East Kingsford. The current schedule is to have the house completed by June.



**Samantha Balkum** and her four children are eager to start construction on their new house at 1010 Adams Street in Quinnesec. This house is the 8th one for our affiliate sponsored in part by Thrivent Builds. The ground breaking for this house is scheduled for Monday, May 16th at 5:30 pm.

**Chris Prince** and his three children are the family partner for a new construction house in Norway on the site of the old chair factory. This house is the first of 5 planned homes in a pocket neighborhood on this site. Construction on this house is scheduled to start in summer 2016.



## Volunteers Needed!

**Do you have extra time or talent?**

**Looking for a way to give back to your community?**

We would love for you to become a **Habitat for Humanity** volunteer.

We are not only looking for people to wield a hammer, but also for those who can volunteer in the ReStore, join a committee, work in the office, or work on fundraising events.

The **Dickinson County Core Construction Crew** works on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 AM to Noon.

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

We are actively seeking families for a new construction house in Iron Mountain that is currently under construction as well as for several anticipated 2017 completions. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about becoming a Habitat Partner family, please call the Habitat office at 906-779-5377 or send an email to [hfh@habitatmr.com](mailto:hfh@habitatmr.com).

**John Christianson** is our newest Habitat homeowner, he bought our rehabilitated house at 508 W Cayuga Street in Iron River in November 2015.



***"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*

## Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Brunch at the First Presbyterian Church, 5/8/2016, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Raise the Roof Golf Outing, TimberStone Golf Course, May 26, 2016, shotgun start at 12:30 PM



**Current volunteer needs:**

Board Members

Communication Committee members

Church Relations Committee members

Fundraising Events Committee members

ReStore volunteers (both stores, Kingsford and Iron River)

Website Coordinator

Construction crew members

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Kingsford, MI 49802

Non-profit Organization  
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Permit #210  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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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 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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**6/30/2016**

<b>Affiliate Office</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>ReStore, Kingsford</b>	<b>ReStore, Iron River</b>
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - Noon	James Tefft, Board President	113 S Milwaukee Ave Kingsford, MI 49802 (906) 774-2867	221 W. Maple Street Iron River, MI 49935 (906) 214-5005
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