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Exciting Coming Events ... SIGN UP NOW!

“Run For The Walls” August 11, 2018 ... Our 5K fund raiser in Kingsford

“Raising The Roof” August 16, 2018 ... Our summer Golf Challenge at Pine Grove Country Club

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The Director's Chair

I am continually amazed by those who spend their vacations to help those in our community. In June we had a group from Amery United Congregational Church in Amery, WI spend a week working on the renovation of our newest house site, 726 Stephenson Street in Norway.

Eighteen members of the twenty member team are pictured with the new back basement wall. The original front and rear basement walls were leaning so the group put temporary walls in to support the house, removed the blocks, and installed new walls.

This is the second year that we have been blessed with having the Amery UCC group come to our area to make a difference. There is more about their work in Norway on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Funding our Projects

I often hear people talk about the free homes that Habitat gives away. Well, this is not true. We firmly believe in a “hand up, not a hand out” approach to our projects.

The homes that we build are done in partnership with the families. Families must complete **Sweat Equity** (200 hours of volunteer labor which can be done on their home, other build sites, in the office or ReStore, and at fundraising events) and then pay an affordable mortgage for the home.

Families also pay for their repairs, the monthly payments vary depending on their income and the size of the project. Most families pay between \$25 and \$50 per month. The mortgage payments and the repair project payments are then used to pay for materials for additional projects.

Other sources of income for Habitat include proceeds from the ReStore, grants, donations, and fundraising events. I invite you to participate in the Run for the Walls 5K on August 11th and in the Raise the Roof Golf Outing on August 16th. I would love to see you as a participant, volunteer, and/or sponsor!



Run for the Walls 5K

The 3rd Annual Run for the Walls 5K race will be on Saturday, August 11, 2018. It begins and ends at Lodal Park in Kingsford. The race course goes past 5 Habitat homes.

Sponsors include Systems Control, BOSS Snowplow, and Blagec Brothers. If you would like to be a sponsor for this event please contact the Habitat Office at (906) 779-5377 or hfh@habitatmr.com.

Preregistration is \$20, and ends August 3, 2018. Race day registration is \$25. All pre-registrants receive a race t-shirt. Race day registrants receive a t-shirt as long as supplies last. Registration runs from 8:00 AM—9:15 AM with the race start at 9:30 AM. Entry forms are on our website at www.habitatmr.com.

Raise the Roof Golf Outing

The 16th Annual Raise the Roof Golf outing will be on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at Pine Grove Country Club. It is a 4 man scramble with a 12:30 PM shot gun start. Lunch, cart, dinner, and prizes are included in the entry fee. Individual golfers are \$110 and a foursome is \$400. Entry forms are on our website at www.habitatmr.com.

Sponsors include MJ Electric, MI Fund, and Edwards Automotive. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please give us a call!

Darryl Pellegrini

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Special Points of Interest:

- What interests you about volunteering?
- 5K Run on August 11.... Sign up now!
- Golf Challenge on August 16... join in!

Work Started on Rehab House in Norway



In May we started gutting a donated house in Norway with several Women Build teams. In June, the Amery UCC Mission Team continued with the rehab project by removing the garage, and replacing the front and rear basement walls. Pictured at left is installation of one of the jack posts to support the house while the walls were removed (shown at right).

We are currently in the family selection process for a partner family for this house.



Recent Repair Projects

So far in 2018 we have completed 8 repair projects and are currently working on an additional 3. We also have another 11 in the planning stages.

Of the completed projects, 5 were **critical repair** (2 furnace replacements, water heater replacement, septic system replacement, leaking plumbing) and 2 were **accessibility related** (wheel chair ramp and concrete parking pad which eliminated 15 steps into house).

The remaining completed project involved installing a shade awning on the porch so a cancer survivor can access the outside while minimizing sun exposure. We had repaired the deck in 2017 but did not get the awning installed until 2018.

A completed wheel chair ramp in Iron Mountain is shown at right.



Siding Project

Local Thrivent Financial Representatives and Thrivent Members worked to finish siding a house in Kingsford. This repair project was sponsored by Thrivent Builds Repairs, a collaborative program between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial. Pictured below from left are the homeowner, the Thrivent group, and group members preparing to install siding on the house.



“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” ... William Shakespeare

Habitat ReStore Twelfth Anniversary This Month!

In 2006, Habitat For Humanity opened the community's first ReStore in the Iron Mountain/Kingsford area. And then, in 2014, the second ReStore location was opened in Iron River. Proceeds from the ReStores go to the Habitat Affiliate.

Since 2006, ReStore has been able to give the Habitat Affiliate \$458,793! This has been enough to build over 4 homes!

The ReStore's success is attributable to its unique combination of loyal Customers, thoughtful and generous Donors and dedicated Volunteers and Staff.

Through their combined efforts, the ReStores offer a growing supply of serviceable, useful merchandise including used furniture and appliances at reasonable prices.

Please remember that when you shop with us, your money is going to

wards helping a family in need.

On this, our twelfth anniversary, **THANKS** to all who made our success possible. If you haven't been in for a while, please stop in.

And if you've never been in before, come and see what we're all about!



THANKS to ALL who have SUPPORTED the RESTORE!!!

Many Thanks to Two Very Dedicated Volunteers

Almost fifteen years ago a friend invited Ginny Gibson, who had retired from Kingsford Schools, to work on a Habitat home building project. A few years later, when her husband Chuck retired from radiology at DCHS, he joined in as well.

Now, with many homes behind them, they say that the thing that keeps them coming back is the wide array of interesting people whom they meet

as well as the tremendous satisfaction they get simply from helping others. Ginny says it's a family atmosphere among the volunteers and the entire process makes you pause and count your blessings.

Volunteering has become a big part of retirement life for Chuck and Ginny. It keeps them young and always "on the go". As they both say, there are many opportunities out

there to contribute your time, expertise and willingness to learn. *"Just try something. If you don't like it, stop and try something else. You'll be surprised at how quickly you'll find your niche."*

If you would like to join the Habitat family and share in the satisfaction that comes from helping others, please call.



Chuck and Ginny

Thrivent Financial...Setting a High Bar in Community Giving

Thrivent Financial demonstrates the very essence of social responsibility and brotherly love in their long-standing relationship with Habitat For Humanity. Their mission is to *put faith and finances together to empower the community to do good.*

Through a combination of project funding for new homes and home improvements, designated

funding from individual members in the form of Choice Dollars and Action Team Initiatives, Thrivent has partially funded more than forty projects in our community since 2005. One can measure contribution in *dollars*. That is a very large number. But the best way to appreciate Thrivent's impact is to look at how many *people* have benefited. It's "countless!"

Representatives, Jason Anderson and Claire Valeski in Iron Mountain and Jim Quayle in Iron River take their mission seriously.

Habitat thanks them and the entire Thrivent Financial family for their tremendous generosity and community partnership.



“Even if you change just one life, you've changed the world forever.” ... Mike Satterfield