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Exciting Coming Events... Save The Date! ... More Information Soon

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

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

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The Director's Chair

Our community is well known for helping others in need. This has been demonstrated over and over again through benefits, fundraisers, and volunteer efforts. I am encouraged by the support that this community gives to those who need it.

We recently hosted a series of Women Build events, and had a record turnout of volunteers who primed and painted a new construction house and helped to deconstruct a house which we will rehab. Pictured on the right are two amazing women ready to tear down insulation.

As a member of 100+ Women Who Care of Dickinson County, I am amazed each quarter by the power and excitement generated in a room full of women looking to give back to the community.



And we can't forget about the common areas of our community that we share with each other; parks, sidewalks, playgrounds and walking trails that make our community a good, attractive, healthy and safe place to live. Habitat was involved in the renovation of both the North Side Park in Iron Mountain and the 3rd Ward Park in Norway. We plan to work on the Stanton Street park in Iron Mountain in 2019.

Growing Need Right Here at Home

Habitat has long been involved with performing repairs and improving accessibility to income qualified home owners. In recent years we have been able to perform critical repairs (roofs, septic systems, furnaces, windows) along with exterior painting and wheel chair ramps. Many of our repair families are elderly and on fixed incomes. In many cases their choices have been either to repair their home or to buy medicines or food.

Through the generosity of this community we have been able to help 20 families a year with these needed repairs, which allows them to stay in a safe home in a decent neighborhood with their dignity and lifestyle intact.

The benefits of living in safe permanent homes have long been documented. Children do better in school when they do not have to worry about where they will sleep, or when they will have to move again. Habitat's home ownership program helps income qualified families to buy their own affordable home.

A Hand Up versus A Hand Out

Dedicated Volunteers, **committed** Donors and **thoughtful** Sponsors work with Habitat for Humanity to find solutions for housing, home repairs and community revitalization right here in our town. No hand-outs. No giveaways. Everyone Habitat helps has "skin in the game". *Everyone pulls together.*

What Can YOU Do?

Go to www.Habitatmr.com to learn how you can get involved. Learn about the many ways that you can volunteer and donate. Look at our schedule of Coming Events. Contact me directly to arrange a Special Briefing for your group on projects we're engaged in across the community.

And more importantly, learn what you personally can do to make our shared community a better place to live...for everyone.

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- Habitat and ReStore need Volunteers
- ReStore needs gently used furniture
- Look online for Golf and 5K Coming events

New Home in Quinnesec Nears Completion



Women Build team from First National Bank and Trust of Iron Mountain and Kingsford.

Work continues at 1005 Adams Street in Quinnesec as the new home nears completion. In early May, several Women Build teams primed and painted the interior of the home clearing the way for next steps in the project.

Although there is still a long list of work items such as completion of electrical, plumbing, cabinetry, finish carpentry, flooring, and landscaping, our teams of volunteers should have this home ready for

occupancy by mid-summer.

The family for this house is in the qualification process. Look for a family update in a future edition of this newsletter!

Our Core Construction Crew has done most of the labor on this house... would you like to help? The Core Crew works on Mon and Wed mornings from 8:00 AM to noon (with a break at 10:00 AM). We will train you!! Call the Habitat Office at 906-779-5377 if you are interested.

Emphasis on Owner Occupied Repairs Continues to Grow

	2015	2016	2017	2018— completed	2018— in pipeline
Ramps	9	5	4	2	1
Minor Repair	2	9	3	0	4
Critical Repair	5	2	14	4	9
Total	16	16	21	6	14
\$ Spent	\$20,500	\$18,600	\$62,400	\$10,000	???

Over the past 5 years we have increased our efforts for owner occupied home repair projects. These repair families must meet our income guidelines as well as own and occupy the home.

As shown in the table, we increased the number of repair projects from 16 in 2015 to 21 last year. We already have completed 6 with another 14 in process in 2018.

Families in need of repairs should contact Habitat to apply.

Volunteers - if you would like to work on these types of projects, please contact the Habitat office.

Donors - you can designate your gift to this kind of work if preferred.

Septic System in Kingsford - Before and After



Hole in the Ground from Collapsed Septic Tank



Collapsed Septic Tank,



Brand New Septic System

“It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.” ... Tom Brokaw

Habitat ReStore Needs Furniture and Summer Volunteers

Habitat ReStore, the retail operation associated with Habitat For Humanity, plays a major role in funding the projects undertaken by Habitat For Humanity right here in our community.

Stores in both Iron Mountain and Iron River accept lightly used items such as furniture, appliances, building supplies, tools, lighting fixtures and much more, all of which are available for purchase.

All proceeds from these sales go directly to Habitat for Humanity projects.

Approximately 15% of Habitat's project funding is provided by the ReStores.

Home furnishings are the ReStore's best seller followed by building supplies and appliances.

Your contribution of these items is greatly appreciated. Check the website or call for business hours.

Special pickups can be arranged for large collec-

tions of items, especially estates.

We are especially in need of summer volunteers in our stores for work between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. If you are able to assist with this and are looking for a volunteering opportunity please visit our store locations either in Kingsford or Iron River.

Many thanks for your patronage in the past. Your purchases and donations really count!



Customer Appreciation DAY
Friday, July 6th
Save on specially marked items!

High Voltage Volunteers Invite You To Join The Team

Almost 20 years ago Butch Pfeiffer and Tom Grenfell picked up their electrician's tools and went to work, eventually together, to wire homes for Habitat.

Now, some twenty seven new homes later, they've become close friends, still looking to support the community and the mission of Habitat.

They recall being inspired to do community service

by their faith and by the leadership example of the late Warren Brule at M.J. Electric.

Both Butch and Tom are very modest about the donation of their time and expertise. To hear them tell it, it's all about good works, giving back to the community and comradery. In fact, they've helped dozens of families to have safe, decent homes here in our communities.

Tom and Butch say they'll keep it up as long as they can, but both emphasize how terrific it would be if more newly retired electricians, plumbers and other trades would step forward to help.

Butch and Tom...please know that many are forever grateful to you for your contributions!



Butch and Tom

M.J. Electric...A Proud History of Giving Back To The Community

M.J. Electric is dedicated to helping Habitat For Humanity in its mission to provide safe housing for families. And this is not just a recent development. The late Warren Brule, co-founder of MJ, was himself a volunteer with and contributor to Habitat and its many projects over many years.

Today, electrical permit-

ting is arranged by M.J. Electric through Gary Gardipee, an MJ employee and member of the Local Union 906, IBEW.

It is safe to say that without the contribution of MJ, and its leaders and employees past and present, Habitat For Humanity would find it extremely difficult to deliver on its promises to families in

need of "a hand up".

M.J. Electric provides a great example of corporate responsibility and community-mindedness in its partnership with Habitat.

Many, many Thanks!



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