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The Director's Chair

In the last newsletter we heard from Michael Peters, our Board President. He spoke about the importance of Habitat for Humanity in our community in improving the quality of life for community members.

As stated above in our issue information section, our dream is to build communities where everyone has a decent place to live. This dream can't be accomplished without the support of this community. Whether you support us financially or with volunteer efforts, all of your efforts are greatly appreciated... and vitally needed.

In this newsletter, I want to focus on the volunteer efforts needed for Habitat to be an effective force for improving our community. Everything we do in the community, whether house construction, home repair or fund raising events, all require the efforts of committed volunteers. These are the volunteers easily seen in the community—swinging a hammer or helping at an event. But there is a whole additional group of volunteers which are equally important to Habitat, and these are those who serve on our board and committees.

These behind the scenes volunteers meet routinely to make sure that Habitat is able to fulfill its mission. Listed below are our current active committees. We will be moving forward with additional committees in the next few months.

The **Board of Directors** has oversight of all of Habitat's activities and ensures that we are strategically moving forward to fulfill our mission.

The **Finance Committee** makes sure that we are fiscally sound in both the Habitat programs and in the ReStore operations.

The **Construction Committee** makes sure that our builds and repair projects stay on track.

The **Family Selection Committee** handles all of our family applications.

The **ReStore Committee** oversees the ReStore strategy.



Bob Peters, Volunteer of the Year

Bob Peters has been nominated by the affiliate as our volunteer of the year. He will receive a framed certificate signed by State Representatives from the Habitat for Humanity Michigan Affiliates in Motion Conference in the end of September. He has been a longtime member of our Core Construction Crew.

The Core Construction Crew builds every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:00 AM to noon. If you would like to join the crew, just call the office and we will get you started. Don't worry if your construction skills are rusty—we will make sure you are ready for each task you do!

Tool Box Needs

Tool Box Needs is new to our newsletter, and lists items that the affiliate needs. These items can be material things or specific volunteer needs.

Volunteers Needed:

Board Members—Our board has a few openings, and we are looking for people with any of these backgrounds: lawyer, banker, business owner, retail experience or construction experience.

Active Committees—all of our active committees are accepting new members. Please contact the Habitat office, (906) 779-5377 or hfh@habitatmr.com, to discuss these openings.

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Special Point of Interest:

- **THANK YOU to all who VOLUNTEER!!!**
- **If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with us, please contact the Habitat Office.**

Construction Progress...

The big news on the home side of Habitat is that we have acquired property at 139 W Lincoln in Iron Mountain. This will be the site of a new construction home. We hope to be able to start this home in the next few weeks. It is scheduled for completion in summer 2019.

Steady progress is still being made on the Quinnesec home.

The renovation project in Norway (726 Stephenson) will be put on hold for the winter. We plan to button it up for the winter in the next few weeks.

Our family selection process is still open, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for a Habitat for Humanity house, please contact the office at hfh@habitatmr.com or (906) 779-5377. Additional information on the home ownership program is on our website: www.habitatmr.com

Future repair projects include several ramps, roofs, and window replacements. Information on how to apply for the repair program is also on the website or please contact the office.



139 W Lincoln, Iron Mountain

Examples of Critical Repair Projects

In 2018 we have had a wide variety of critical repair projects. We have replaced a furnace, replaced a water heater, replaced 2 roofs, poured a concrete pad and apron, repaired plumbing issues, replaced a septic system, replaced collapsed sewer lines, installed 3 wheel chair ramps, and installed siding.

We are currently installing a wheel chair ramp in Florence and replacing a roof in Iron Mountain.

At right is the completed roof replacement project in Iron Mountain that was started by a volunteer group from SGI in Pembine, WI a few weeks ago. The roof, soffit, and fascia have been completely replaced.

Below are pictures from the concrete apron and pad project in Norway. The disabled homeowner was not able to park in her driveway and ascend the 15 steps into the main part of her house. This project gave her access to the side door on the main floor. Her house is on the side of a hill.



Before, parking only at lower level

After, parking at main level

ReStore Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have extra time on your hands? The Habitat ReStore is always looking for volunteers.

Volunteer tasks include light cleaning, furniture repair, assisting customers, and organizing displays. No previous retail experience is necessary to volunteer in the ReStore.

While we welcome volunteers at any time that the store is open, we would love it if you could commit to a specific shift. This

would allow us to plan a good volunteer experience for you on a weekly basis.

Now that fall is in the air, the ReStore has many items which can be used in your hunting camp!

And be ready for our sales in October!

All of our sales start on Wednesday and run through Saturday, and are on donated merchandise only.

September Sales—25% off on Donated Items in the designated areas

- Aug 29-Sep 1: Frames & Artwork
- Sep 5-8: Kitchen and Bath Cabinets
- Sep 12-15: Bedroom Furniture
- Sep 19-22: Windows and Doors
- Sep 26-29: Living Room Furniture

October Sales—25% off on Donated Items in the designated areas

- Oct 3-6: Dining Room Furniture
- Oct 10-13: Tools and Seasonal
- Oct 17-20: Tile and Flooring
- Oct 24-27: Office Furniture
- Oct 31-Nov 3: Living Room Furniture

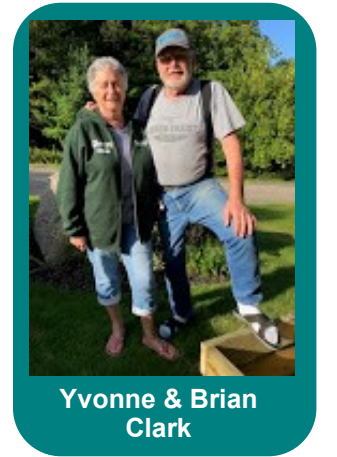
Building On—Ramps Across the Community

Yvonne and Brian Clark are task driven, community focused, faith oriented individuals who have made a life out of helping others. Not ones to be idle, they are perfect examples of individuals who are making “retirement” count for something. From community meal and shelter services for the homeless to wheelchair ramps for those who are blocked by stairs,

Brian and Yvonne are the “Go-To Team”!

Since their first involvement with Habitat in 2011, Brian and Yvonne, along with a core team of half a dozen others, have designed, perfected and installed dozens of wheel chair ramps for those with physical mobility challenges in our area.

“When you see the people that have the need and you see their response...they walk up and down their new ramp for the first time...and break into tears. A very emotional thing for them. A life-changing thing!” for the recipient and, we are certain, for the construction team as well. What can anyone say but “Thanks” for making our community a better place!



Yvonne & Brian Clark

Grace in Word and Deed... Grace United Methodist Church

On numerous occasions over the past several years, Habitat for Humanity has had the opportunity to engage Mission Teams from outside the area on building and repair projects in our community. In addition to materials and guidance, these teams of volunteers need a place to stay. Without the accommodations generously offered by Pastor Irene White

and the Congregants of Grace United Methodist Church in Norway along with support from Rev. Dave Johnson and members of Bethany Lutheran, many of these mission teams may never have been able to come to our area.

As far back as 2011 with the first Teen Serve initiative, to this past year with the Amery Mission

Team’s major rehabilitation project, Grace United Methodist has opened its doors to provide sleeping and kitchen facilities to dozens of workers doing all manner of building and repair projects in the area.

Needless to say, today, hundreds of members of the community who have benefited from these good works are in your debt. On their behalf, Habitat offers you its most sincere “Thank You”!

