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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

“Raise the Roof” Golf Scramble Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at TimberStone Golf Course  
Sponsor Opportunities Available!!

“Great things are done by a series of small things put together.” - Vincent Van Gogh

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**The Director’s Chair**

In and among the whirl of holiday preparation, I have taken some time to sit and reflect on the past year. 2018 has been an exciting year for our affiliate.

**25 years and 50 houses!!**

In November we celebrated the groundbreaking of our 50th house!! The house is in Iron Mountain, and the partner family is the Johnson Family. We are scheduled to complete this house in summer of 2019. In fact, the roof trusses are going up as I write this!!



It is tricky to start a house in the UP in late fall... but our intrepid core crew and construction manager are up to the task. They hope to have the house dried in by the end of 2018.

If you have some time on your hands on Monday and Wednesday mornings (8 AM—noon) please consider joining this band of volunteers.

While construction skills are a plus... they are not a requirement. We will train you on the job!

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**From all of us at Habitat for Humanity to you...**

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Best Wishes for 2019**

**Do you like the newsletters?**

This issue of the Habitat News is our 6th one in our revised format... and I would like to know what you think. Is it useful? Do you like reading it? Are there additional topics you would like addressed? Would you rather get this by mail or electronically? Do you know of any folks we should add to our mailing list?

Please drop me a line, send me an email ([director@habitatmr.com](mailto:director@habitatmr.com)), or give me a call at (906) 779-5377, with your thoughts on our newsletter.

**Holiday Appeal**

Our holiday appeal letter went out last month...and so far the response has been great! Thank you to all that have donated this holiday season. This is the only time during the year that we directly ask for monetary support—and this appeal is critical for our success. Please consider supporting us with a monetary gift this year.

**2019 “Raise the Roof” Golf Outing**

Many thanks to our Golf Committee (Dick Black, Scott Lewellyn, Matt Lutz, and Scott Zeuske) for their work on the 2019 Golf Outing, scheduled for June 4, 2019, at TimberStone Golf Course.. Please consider joining us for this fun event as a participant or a sponsor!

**THANK YOU for YOUR support of Habitat!**

**Tool Box Needs**

We are looking a few good volunteers!!

**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.

**ReStore Volunteers**—both ReStore locations are in need of volunteers.

“A house is made with walls and beams... a home is made with love and dreams.” - Unknown

### Twenty Five Years... Fifty Houses!!

Our 50th house is under construction! This milestone would not be possible without the support of this community.

While many hands have been involved over the years, Sorny's Crane Service has been of particular help in building our new construction houses. They have set the roof trusses on most of our houses, with the most recent

being on December 13th at 139 West Lincoln Street in Iron Mountain.

Many thanks to Sorny's Crane Service!!!



#### Core Crew Construction Hours

Monday 8:00 AM—noon

Wednesday 8:00 AM—Noon

Please contact the office to join this fun, energetic, and essential Habitat volunteer group!



### Twenty Five Years... Two Hundred and Fifty Repairs!!

Homeowner Occupied Repairs are a growing part of our mission. There is a large need in our area for help for income eligible families in performing critical repairs on their homes.

The Habitat office averages five calls a week from families seeking help.

The repairs range from critical repairs (furnace replacement, roof replacement, septic system/ sewer lines, plumbing repair) to

accessibility issues (ramps, railings, porches, parking pad) to minor repair (siding, doors and windows, exterior painting).

Many of these repairs were done with volunteer labor, thank you!

Special thanks to SGI employees for replacing the roof on a home for a veteran in Iron Mountain, and to our local Thrivent Financial Representatives for organizing siding replacement on a home in Kingsford.

And a huge **THANK YOU** to Brian Clark and his enthusiastic crew of ramp builders.

#### You guys ROCK!!

If you (or your group) would like to volunteer on repair projects, please contact the Habitat office at (906) 779-5377 or email [hfh@habitatmr.com](mailto:hfh@habitatmr.com).

We will be happy to put you to work!



“Love begins at home.” - Mother Teresa

### 2018 Holiday Message from the ReStore Team!

As we come to the end of the year, all of us at the ReStore (Lori Lewis, Kingsford manager, Karen Behling, Iron River manager, volunteers, and employees) thank you for your support in 2018.

When people shop at the ReStore, the proceeds go directly back into our own communities through the work being done by Habitat For Humanity. This is also true when you donate (or recycle) items to the Restore.

Many people in our communities benefit from the opportunity to purchase less expensive, lightly used necessities such as furniture, appliances, tools and building materials.

**YOUR** contributions have an **enormous** positive impact on Habitat and the people whom it serves.

We invite you to visit, donate, buy from and volunteer with the Habitat ReStores in 2019!



Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose,

and Support Your Community!

### Creativity, Courage and Generosity in Meeting Life's Challenges

It takes plenty of courage to pick up and move to the upper Midwest from the east coast in search of more economically agreeable surroundings.

That's exactly how Robin Horton came to live in small city of Caspian, Michigan. One day in 2015, fortunately for Habitat, she wandered into the Iron River ReStore. Robin could see that help was needed, so, when invit-

ed, she volunteered to pitch in with a painting project in the store. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today, Robin works a flexible schedule with Store Manager, Karen Behling, to help customers select merchandise, set up displays and run the sale counter. She says that volunteering has provided an oppor-

tunity to be more active, meet people in the community, and give back to a worthy cause while tapping into her creative side.

If you are filled with a strong sense of community and want to become more active, stop in and explore volunteer work at the Habitat ReStore. And "Thank You Robin" for giving your time and talent to Habitat!



Robin Horton

### Third Generation of Business and Community Involvement

Habitat for Humanity continuously asks where it would be without the support and generosity shown by pillars of the business community like Crystal Lumber and Hardware.

As Iron County's oldest full service lumber, hardware and building material supply center, they've been hard at work supporting the community

since 1965. Today, Chris Willman and his mother Karen Willman continue the tradition of full service lumber and hardware supply to contractors, trades people and homeowners.

As part of their commitment to community, Chris and Karen actively assist many groups and initiatives in Crystal Falls and Iron County.



Their example helps everyone understand that when we patronize our local merchants, like Crystal Lumber and Hardware, they are able to "give back".

We thank Crystal Lumber and Hardware for all the support they have given to

both Habitat for Humanity and the entire community over the years.

**THANK YOU!!**

“There is no place like home.” - L. Frank Baum