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Habitat for Humanity Menominee River has been active in our community since 1994. In those 21 years Habitat, volunteers have completed 40 new construction homes and two house renovations. With the addition of two current house renovation projects nearing completion, over 150 adults and children in our community have been housed in simple, decent, energy efficient homes.

In the last ten years, Habitat expanded the housing program to include owner-occupied home repairs (including wheelchair ramps). Through this program, called NRI, over 50 major home repairs have been completed (windows, siding, roofing, and HVAC). Habitat also partnered with TeenServe (a mission work camp) and Valspar (paint provider) to complete over 150 A Brush With Kindness projects. These projects included painting, staining, ramps, decks, and minor repairs.

Thrivent Financial has been a partner with Habitat for Humanity International sponsoring home builds. Locally, seven Habitat new house constructions have been sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Thrivent Financial also branched into supporting owner-occupied home repair projects several years ago. In 2015, Habitat for Humanity Menominee River completed 13 Thrivent Build Repairs projects, with one additional project still in process. Thrivent support to the affiliate for these 14 projects totals \$35,000.

Typical NRI Projects range in price from as little as \$400 to over \$5,000 each. All families must own and occupy their home and have home insurance. All families must meet Habitat's income guidelines and will have a 0% interest loan for the materials for the project. All projects are completed with the family's help (when possible). Volunteer labor is used to keep costs down on the projects so that the families can afford the repairs. When possible, Habitat partners with other organizations so that the efforts go farther (businesses, churches, and youth groups).

If you are in need of home repair or are part of a group that would like to be involved with Habitat, please call the Habitat office at 906-779-5377.



Pictured from left to right are Thrivent Financial Representative Jason Anderson, Habitat for Humanity Menominee River Executive Director Nancy Pellegrini, and Thrivent Financial Representative James Quayle.