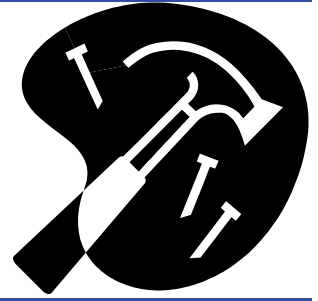


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The Prayer House



Rock County Habitat for Humanity is planning to surround a family with love by building a "Prayer House." in 2009.

Each congregation is invited to be directly involved in the construction of the new home by helping to purchase the wall studs needed for framing. Sunday school classes, families, or individuals may purchase 2x4s for \$2.50 per piece and write a prayer on each board. These boards will be used to build the "Prayer House."

It takes 550 wall studs to build an average Habitat home, and we can't get started until we have the lumber, so we need your help. Habitat will be contacting your Pastor and Mission Committee with more details. We hope your church will participate, as we help a family start a new phase in their lives, encircled by your many blessings.

Members of the participating congregations will be welcome to tour the home, read the prayers that were written, and attend the house blessing when the house is finished. Of course, you are always encouraged to help build. Remember that you do not need any special skills-- just a desire to help.

This "Prayer House" is a way for the Christian community to come together and give its prayers and well wishes to the new homeowners. Look for more information regarding this project in the next few months.

Habitat Annual Golf Outing

Now that this long, cold winter is approaching an end, it's time to think of warm and leisurely hours on the golf course. This year's four-person scramble is set for Friday, July 10, at Glen Erin Golf Course, starting at 1:00. Put this date on your calendar and look forward to a fun day of golf followed by a great dinner, for the cost of \$100 per person. A raffle/silent auction will follow the dinner.

Last year, with the help of sponsors and golfers, Rock County Habitat for Humanity raised over \$14,000 and that is our goal for this year. With these difficult economic times, the needs of Habitat

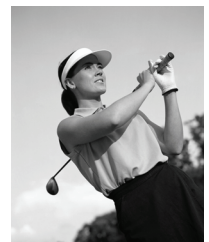
continue to grow and, more than ever, the help of the community is vital.

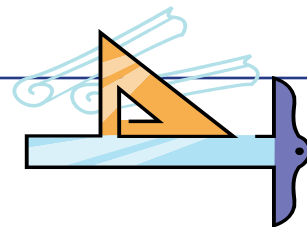
Here are the ways that you can participate and help make the Rock County Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing successful:

- Bring your friends and spend the day golfing.
- Be a Corporate Sponsor
- Sponsor a hole (\$100 per hole))
- Make an individual contribution of any amount

- Volunteer to be a 2009 Golf Committee member.
- Donate raffle or auction items.

Contact the Habitat office at 608-754-1228 or call Nancy Page at 608-774-7168, if you want to join the effort to raise money to build safe, affordable homes for qualifying families in Rock County.





ON THE SQUARE AND LEVEL by Larry Bodley

Winter is almost over, but the inclement weather has not deterred our faithful volunteers from putting in countless hours completing the interior of three homes.

The Women's Build on Morgan Terrace is in the final stages, with final plumbing connections, minor interior trim work, a deck, and some roofing upgrades remaining.

The Coldwell Banker Build on Orchard is nearly complete,

with only final plumbing and electrical connections and landscaping to be completed.

The Harrison Avenue build, funded by Kerry International, has the drywall, mudding, and taping nearly complete and ready for texturing, paint, and then all the finish carpentry. Here is a chance for budding trim carpenters to try their hand under the tutelage of more experienced volunteers.

Several weeks ago, at my day job, we were discussing an issue

with discord within a particular department.

I expressed concern that, although the objective is the same for all employees, they are often pulling in different directions. I expressed to the department manager that it would be great if everyone could get along and work as cooperatively as we do on Habitat builds.

It suddenly dawned on me that we have such an open and

non-threatening environment precisely because we are volunteers. No one is bucking for a raise or promotion, no one looks better by making someone else look bad, and at the end of the day we all collect the same pay—immense satisfaction at contributing to someone who has not had many of the advantages and opportunities that we have had

Come out and join us for a very rewarding (and educational!) experience.

Daddy Daughter Dance Success!

“Thank you!” and kudos to the many people and businesses that helped make the 3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance a success. The gala event was held at the Pontiac Convention Center, March 6th. Attendees danced to DJ music from Dawgdaze and enjoyed a drink fountain and hors d'oeuvres.

The silent auction and raffle items were especially nice this year. Each daughter went home with special memories, a flower donated by Floral Expressions, and a lovely photo of themselves with their dad, grandfather or substitute “daddy.”

Best of all, working together we were able to raise money to help build homes for families in need.

A big thanks to all the participants, especially the “Daddys” who took the time to share their evening with their daughters. The Habitat Board thanks co-chairs Deb Cross, Alyssa Hane-kamps, and Jenny Fritsche, for an outstanding job.



Generosity Grows

Continuing the philosophy of giving was evidenced at the dance this year. A little girl and her father were leaving the dance when one of the committee members noticed that they had the American Girl Doll raffle item with them.

The committee member said, “oh, you’re the lucky one who won the doll.” The father said that actually his daughter had not won it, but the girl who did win had approached his daughter and said, “I won this, but I don’t think I’ll use it. I saw you on the dance floor, and I want you to have it.” The dad said that he almost cried because his daughter had wanted the doll so much.

What a lovely gesture demonstrated by that thoughtful and sharing young lady.

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Energy Efficient Tip of the Month



Hate to iron and want to lower your energy costs? Try hanging your shirts and pants on a hangar after letting them dry in your gas or electric dryer for only 10-15 minutes. The weight of the water still in them will erase any wrinkles on your clothing, but they won't be wet enough to drip. You'll save time and energy without having to iron, and you'll be able to cut down on your utility bill, too!

Beloit College Chapter News by Lauren Jones

The Beloit College Chapter has begun its plans for the current semester's fundraising. The members of the Exec Board recently participated in a short "retreat" to finalize plans for the semester and to talk about what the club can do to be a better advocate for Habitat for Humanity.

The students will be organizing a formal dance with the Ballroom Dance club to take place on Saturday, March 21. They have also started planning activities for "Act! Speak! Build! Week," a week of Habitat advocacy, during which they will display facts about global and local poverty, as well as build a shed on the college lawn to demonstrate worldwide need to the campus community.



Church Relations—We Can Help... Reaching Out by Dave Calverley



If your church or church committee feels a need to reach out to your community, please consider Habitat for Humanity. We are an organization that's been around for many years, and we have plans that might be of interest to you.

Think in terms of a partnership with us. We can benefit each other by

combining our resources to reach people who want to help their community but just don't see a way to do so. A Habitat project is a means to bring individuals together and help them feel the reward of giving of themselves.

Participating in a Habitat project can:

- Help people see the spirit of God at work outside the four walls of the church.
- Help build the church. Habitat is a respected Christian organization. A Habitat project can be just the spark that gets people

active in Christian community.

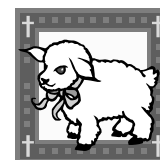
- Help a church fulfill its mission to minister to people who are in need, sometimes people you know.
- Attract new members and bring energy to a congregation.
- Enable individuals to experience spiritual growth.
- Be a means for identifying and developing leaders within a church.

Beginning in March, 2009, representatives of Rock County Habitat for Humanity would like to

meet in each city in Rock County with representatives of churches.

We hope your representatives or mission committee will be receptive to a local meeting. Each discussion will focus on ways of becoming a more vital part of the community.

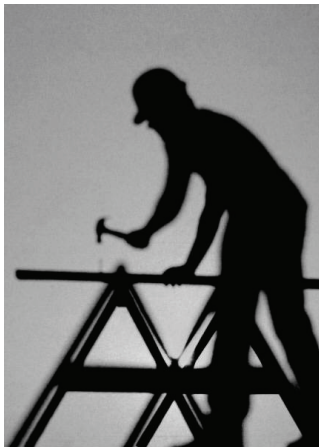
Notices will be sent out to local area churches inviting church representatives to meet with Habitat Board Members and discuss support opportunities.





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Yes, I want to help!

Cost to build a home in Rock County: \$63,000

Amount given by each of the 900 supporters who receive this newsletter : \$70

Building one more house in 2009 is the goal.

We challenge you to make a \$70 donation, so that we can build one more home in 2009!

I would like to get involved with Rock County Habitat for Humanity in the following ways:

DONATION OF: \$25 \$50 \$70 \$100 \$500 other \$ amount

VOLUNTEERING: Building (please specify any special skills/experience you may have):

Office Work Snacks or Food Preparation Fundraising Serve on a Committee

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact the RCHFH office at 608/754-1228, for information on volunteer opportunities. Updates on build work schedules can be found at www.rockcountyhabitat.org.

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