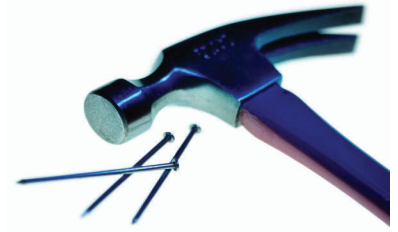


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CHALLENGING TIMES BUT STILL A GREAT NEED

As Rock County Habitat starts its twentieth year, we remember the caring members of the community who came together in 1990 to form this affiliate.

The initial Directors of the affiliate—Curt Anderson, Marc McCrory, Don Venable, John Anderson, Ray Brandt, Don Dyke, Gen MacFarlane, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Tom Wanner, Jerome Pribbenow, Jan Leach, Ilah Hartung, Wendall Boyer, and Bill West—envisioned an organization that would build simple homes at affordable prices for families who need a “hand-up,” not a “hand-out.”

Forty-six homes later, that is still what we are doing. In the past 18 months, RCHFH has sold seven homes. That is quite an accomplishment, which oc-

curred only because of the commitment of hundreds of volunteers, donors, civic organization, churches, and sponsors.

Habitat continues to be financially responsible and will only start a build when there is 60% of the funds and/or materials on hand. Sometimes, that means that we have to delay the start of a home, and sometimes it means we have to slow the build up until additional funds are raised.

In the past, as now in this current economic climate, every dollar makes a difference, and no donation is too small. The need is always there for safe affordable housing.

In the last year, 92 people requested information about becoming a Habitat partner families. More than 20 families filled out applications at the last orientation, and to-date only one home is scheduled to be built in 2010.

Your donation could make the difference. We all have a comfort level of giving, and there are many organi-

zations that are requesting your help. Please look into your heart and consider giving to Habitat’s cause.

There are many ways to give:

- Take the pocket change you have each day for one month and donate it to Habitat.
- Looking for that perfect gift to give someone who has everything? Donate to Habitat in their honor.
- Remember a loved one who has passed away with a memorial.
- Donate an amount equal to one night out with the family (movies, show, pizza night.)
- Buy one less gift for a loved one and donate that amount to Habitat.

Twenty years later, the caring members of this community are still coming together. We must continue to help those who are less fortunate than we are. Thank you for caring.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There are many ways that you, your family, and friends can help Rock County Habitat and you can have fun while you help.

Check out the events that Habitat has planned for 2010. Call the office and sign up to take part in one or more and let the fun begin.

Don't forget— every event needs lots and lots of help, and your time is very valuable to Rock County Habitat's success.

Mark Your Calendar

- Daddy Daughter Dance—Friday, March 5, 2010 @ Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center, Janesville
- Pasta, Poetry and Piano—February 2010 at Janesville First Congregation UCC
- Prayer House Kick-off—Saturday, May 1, 2010, on Cherry Street, Janesville
- Shanty Town Spring 2010—May 15-16, 2010, at area churches
- RCHFH Golf Outing—Friday, July 9, 2010, at Glen Erin Golf Club

Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff



It is that time of year again when people are getting rid of leaves and prepping their snowblowers.

We at Habitat look back at the past year and remember all the wonderful blessings and generous gifts that have come our way.

Our wish for all of you is a very blessed and joyful holiday season filled with family, friends, and inner peace.

We look forward to seeing all of you in 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your friends at Rock County Habitat!

WINTER HEATING TIPS

American homes waste about \$150 per family each year in energy cost. With just a little money and time, lower your utility bills and help save the environment.

- 1) Change your furnace filter each month.
- 2) Have your furnace inspected and tuned for the season.
- 3) Install a programmable thermostat. It will pay for itself in one year.
- 4) Clean registers and vents and keep registers open and clear of drapes and furniture for maximum air flow.
- 5) Close window coverings at night and open during the day to keep rooms warm.
- 6) Add area rugs to hardwood or tile floors to help keep feet warm.
- 7) Lower the temperature to 55 degrees when you are on vacation. Water pipes will not freeze and you will save money.

Final 2009 House Blessing

The Habitat office would like to thank the many wonderful workers and donors who made the build on Harrison St. such a success.

Please join the Buroker family, on November 21, at their new home, 1871 Harrison Ave., Beloit, WI, for an open house and blessing from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be served.

