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Musings by the President



It is official! We are now “Habitat for Humanity of Rock and Jefferson Counties”. The acquisition of Jefferson County will double our service area while providing access to more funding and a much larger volunteer base. It is important to note that funds will be applied to builds within the county where they are raised. The acquisition will provide economies of scale for rental space as well as staff and other resources. The ReStore in Janesville will be consolidated with the one in Fort Atkinson, as it provides significantly more in-

come. We all look forward to the increased activity associated with this change.

On another note, I can now attest to the benefits of new construction over refurbishing existing homes. My wife and I had the (unfortunate) opportunity to spend seven weeks this spring rehabbing my mother’s sixty-two year old home after her passing in early March. That is something neither of us wants to face again! Stripping wallpaper, patching plaster, replacing two-wire outlets and running ground wires throughout the house, rebuilding retaining walls. . . . We were very fortunate in

by President Larry Bodley

that the house was structurally sound. We have watched myriad home improvement shows on television where the circumstances are much worse, including asbestos and lead-based paint. The board has debated on several occasions whether to undertake rehabs, with the same conclusion each time.

While change always causes some turmoil, Dave Thomas and the staff have risen to the challenge and provided the leadership to see this through. We look forward to further changes in expanding the Board and realizing an exciting and gratifying future.

Beloit College Chapter update

This year, Beloit College Habitat for Humanity has focused on increasing awareness on campus, planning fundraisers for Habitat, and networking with local organizations working on builds in Beloit in order to maintain our volunteer base.

Last spring, several members travelled to New Rochelle, New Your to work on a Habitat build. This fall, we created a Habitat float for the Beloit College

Homecoming Parade in order to raise awareness on campus. In addition, Dave Thomas came to campus to talk about Habitat during World Habitat week.

We are planning a fundraiser at the Atlanta Bread Co. as well as various other fundraisers throughout the year. Our goal for this year is to strengthen our focus on all aspects of Habitat: advocacy, volun-

by Rory Cauthers-Knox

teering, education and fundraising. In doing so we will garner more local support for the chapter and strengthen our standing with the Beloit Community.



HAMMER & NAILS

Fort Atkinson ReStore News

by The ReStore Committee

The inception of the Rock and Jefferson Counties Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Fort Atkinson nearly two years ago has resulted in 3000 square feet of sales floor with an additional 3000 square feet of warehouse storage.

The ReStore is staffed entirely by volunteers who work at doing pick-ups/deliveries, as well as serving the public during their regular business hours which are Wednesdays from 2 to 6 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

The ReStore promotes the continued use of items such as appliances, doors, windows, wood, some furniture and household items, just to name a few. These new or gently used items are kept out of landfills by being cleaned up and resold, with the monies going towards building the next Habitat for Humanity home. All items sold are donated by area businesses and residents.

If you, or someone you know, have items to donate or are looking for a particular item, you are encouraged to call the ReStore at 920-568-9345 or

drop off your items off at 1525 Summit Drive, Fort Atkinson during business hours.

We hope you will make us one of your holiday shopping stops as you may just find that unique sink you've been searching for, or, be pleasantly surprised at what you can find for that certain someone who is hard to buy for.



Happy Holidays from your neighborhood Habitat for Humanity ReStore, serving all of Jefferson and Rock Counties.



Daddy Daddy, I can't wait for the Daddy Daughter Dance!"

by Sheri Thomsen

We are excitably approaching the 6th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Each year this event continues to grow, entertaining more families in the Rock County area. From toddlers to teens, these young ladies all enjoy a special evening out with their daddies. This special event has created an abundance of wonderful memories to share for a lifetime.

The night promises an enchanting atmosphere surrounded by friends, family and fun! In speaking with some

of the attendants, our favorite quote was "It's a blessing for any father," and the little girl's response was "I love seeing friends and dancing with my dad!"

Partnering again with the Holiday Inn Express, the date is set for Saturday, March 10, 2012. We are looking forward to partnering with our sponsors once more this year and welcoming new sponsors to be a part of this magical event. If you are interested in volunteering or

sponsoring, please contact Sheri Thomsen at 608-751-4512.



6th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance



Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dancing, a raffle, and photograph with your special sweetheart!

Substitute "daddies" are welcome.

Proceeds will support Habitat for Humanity projects in Rock County.

Tickets sell fast – get yours early! Don't miss out on all the fun.

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2012
Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Tickets: \$30 per couple (\$10 each additional daughter)
Location: Holiday Inn Express
3100 Wellington Place, Janesville
Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 23, 2012

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please use the registration form below and mail with your payment to Habitat for Humanity of Rock and Jefferson Counties, PO Box 8204, Janesville, WI 53547. Please contact the Habitat office at 608-754-1228 or info@rockcountyhabitat.org with any questions.
(No credit cards accepted)

Registration Form – Detach and send in form with payment by February 23, 2012

Girl's Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Dad/Guest/s Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please send Registration Form and Fee - \$30/couple & \$10 each additional daughter – to HFHRJC, PO Box 8204, Janesville, WI 53547-8204. Checks payable to HFHRJC



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The 6th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

The 6th annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on March 10, 2012, from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville. The gala proceeds will be used to support Habitat for Humanity projects in Rock County. Habitat for Humanity is building magical memories in our community.

**We invite you to support this wonderful event.
All sponsors will be recognized in the event program and on promotional materials.**

Corporate Sponsorships To be included in promotional materials Submit this sponsorship form with payment by January 12, 2012

Name of Business/Organization _____

Contact person _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

We will contribute corporate funds:

_____ Platinum Level Sponsor: \$1000+
Includes 4 free tickets to the event + corporate sign or banner you install the day of the event

_____ Gold Level Sponsor: \$500 - \$999
Includes 2 free tickets to the event + corporate sign or banner you install the day of the event

_____ Silver Level Sponsor: \$100 - \$499
Corporate sign or banner you install the day of the event

_____ Bronze Level Sponsor: \$50 - \$99

Items are welcome for the raffles also held at the gala event:

Item Donated _____ Value of Item _____

Contact person _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please call us 608-754-1228 for item pick-up if needed)

Questions? Contact Habitat at 608-754-1228 or info@rockcountyhabitat.org

Extension Cord Savvy

by Evan Thomas

The first thing to consider when selecting an extension cord is where you intend to use it. Cords are clearly labeled as "indoor" or "indoor/outdoor." Cords designed for outdoor use have more durable jackets, or covers, than cords intended only for indoor use. The jacket is the rubber, plastic or vinyl covering that insulates and protects a cord's conducting wires.

Outdoor extension cords have jackets that offer protection from moisture, direct sunlight and abrasion. It's perfectly safe to use an outdoor extension cord inside, but using an indoor extension cord outside can lead to overheating and dangerous short circuits.

Outdoor extension cords fall into three broad categories, indicating general capabilities:

- Occasional use cords are suitable for smaller projects and tools.
- Frequent use cords can handle larger tools and equipment and heavier use.
- Rugged cords are designed for continual use on job sites, even in extreme weather, and are suitable for high-amperage tools.

Amperage

It's important to select an extension cord that can handle the energy requirements of any connected devices.

Every extension cord has a maximum amperage, which is the upper limit on the electrical current it can conduct safely.

If you connect a device that uses a current level above this limit, the device may not function correctly and the cord may overheat.

The power requirements for household electrical de-

vices vary widely. For example, a typical table lamp requires only .5 amps, while a leaf blower might use 12 amps. You can usually find the energy requirements for electrical devices listed on the device itself, as well as in the instruction manual. It's a good idea to identify the energy requirements of a device before connecting it to an extension cord.

Many extension cords also have a listed power rating: If the rating for the electrical device and the cord are both listed in amps, simply select an extension cord that exceeds the amperage requirements of the device.

If you plan to connect multiple devices to the cord at the same time, add up the current requirements for each device.

If an extension cord doesn't include a maximum amperage rating, you can figure out its capacity by looking at its American Wire Gauge (AWG) rating:

Wire gauge is a measure of the diameter of the conducting wires inside the cord.

Wires with a larger diameter can handle greater current. Lower AWG number indicate a thicker wire and a higher current capacity, so the lower the number, the higher the cord's capacity to deliver power.

Gauge is typically listed along with the number of conducting wires in the cord. For example, a 14/3 cord contains 14-gauge wire, and has three conduction inside.

Typically, you can find a cord's gauge rating printed on the cord jacket. If you're replacing an old cord, look for the AWG number printed on the jacket, and select a new cord with the same gauge.



Fall Shanty Town in Rock County

by Kimberly VanBeek

Rock County was pleased to have two covenant churches participate in this fall's Shanty Town. The first Shanty Town took place at Edgerton United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 8, and the second was held on Saturday, October 15, at Our Lady of the Assumption in Beloit. About 40 youth and adults participated and experienced one night as a homeless person, sleeping outside and eating soup kitchen style meals for dinner and breakfast that Habitat provided. Each participant also received a purple Shanty Town t-shirt from HFHRJC to remember the occasion.

The youth received monetary donations from their churches and local communities which will go towards the next Habitat home build in Rock County.

HAMMER & NAILS

Cha, Cha, Cha, Changes...

by Kathy Tonuci

An old friend once told me “There is nothing as permanent as change”. I have reflected on those words many, many times when life zigs instead of zags.

There have been some changes here at our Fort Atkinson Habitat office. Our name has changed and we are now Habitat for Humanity of Rock and Jefferson Counties, Inc. Our office hours have changed as well. We are now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The ReStore hours will remain the same, Wednesdays from 2:00 until 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

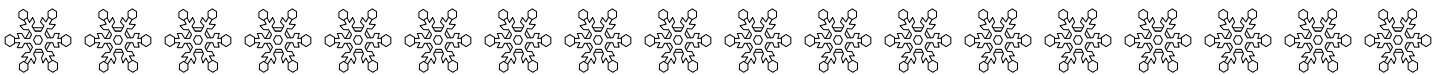
While change can be stressful (even good change) I welcome it. I am looking forward to working with the staff

at the Janesville office and being part of a team and learning new things. To me it’s all good.

One thing to remember though, while our name has changed, and our logos have changed, and our hours have changed, our mission has not, and never will.



Merry Christmas and may all your changes in the coming year be good ones!



ReStore Now Offering Electronics Recycling

by Kathy Tonuci

Wondering what to do with that old tube TV that’s been sitting in your basement forever? Or those old desktop PC’s stealing your corner space and collecting dust? Bring them to the Fort Atkinson ReStore!!!

In partnership with Vintage Tech Recyclers the ReStore is now accepting these and other electronics for recycling. Here is a complete list of items that we accept:

- All Computer parts
- MP3s/Ipods
- Phones
- Servers and Networking equipment
- DVDs/Stereos
- VCRs/DVD players
- Microwaves

- Laptops
- Computers
- Monitors
- Televisions
- Printers
- Fax/Scanners
- Imac’s & Emac’s
- Video Game Consoles
- Peripherals-Mice/Keyboards/Wires
- PDA/Cell phones



You can drop off your items at the ReStore located at 1525 Summit Drive in Fort Atkinson during regular business hours, Wednesdays from 2 until 6 pm and Saturdays from 8 am until 3 pm. If you have any questions please call the store at 920-568-9345 or call the Fort office at 920-397-7362.

Data Security and Hard drive wiping compliant with State Legislation (Wisconsin ACT 50)

The Gift That Keeps Giving

by David Thomas

I want to thank everyone who has donated to this affiliate over the past year. The generosity of the many individuals, businesses, and churches has helped Habitat build a quality home on South Pine Street and start the planning for next year's builds. The contributions of cash and in-kind items were so beneficial in helping us provide a lovely home for a deserving family prior to the holidays.

Habitat is now planning for the next build season which will begin in the spring of 2012. We have two builds planned, one in Rock County and one in Jefferson County. Habitat for Humanity of Rock and Jefferson Counties is working to raise funds for both of these builds. We have designated matching funds that are assigned to each of these builds. This is a great time to double your donation impact. Each dollar you donate, up to \$25,000, will be matched dollar for dollar. Donations must be received by December 31st and have "Build 2012" on the check memo

line or a note enclosed with the donation stating the donation is for the 2012 builds. Remember that all funds raised in Rock County will be used for the Rock County build and all funds raised in Jefferson County will be used for the Jefferson County build.

Want to give a gift that will continue to give long after the holidays are a memory? Make a donation to Habitat and honor that special person with a contribution in their name. Your honorary gift will also be matched from the designated matching funds. A charitable gift of stocks or bonds gives you a tax deduction for the full market value if you owned them for more than a year. In addition to assisting Habitat with a gift of stocks or bonds, it may also allow you to diversify low-return long-term holdings to other assets that will better suit your needs.

Yes, I want to give!



I would like my donation to be used in the following way:

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

In honor of: _____

___ "Build 2012" - Rock County ___ "Build 2012" - Jefferson County ___ Unrestricted

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

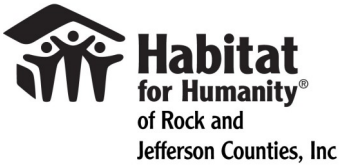
Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you have any questions please call our Janesville office at:

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Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at Habitat for Humanity of Rock and Jefferson Counties, Inc.

With the beginning of the holiday season please take time to reflect on the true meaning of family. We come together as a family, our immediate members, our extended members, and our faith based members to give thanks for the many blessing we have received over the past year. This season is about giving and sharing.

We at Habitat gather around our table to give thanks for all you have given this affiliate. Because of you, 53 families in two counties have reached their goal of home ownership. Because of you, Habitat is able to serve a larger geographical area. Because of you, Habitat has items to sell and customers in the ReStores. Because of you, Habitat was able to serve over 45 additional families with small repairs, CO detectors, painting projects, and weatherization and insulation projects.

Every volunteer and every donation mean so much to us and the families we serve. Enjoy your holiday, enjoy your family, and Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Office/ReStore Holiday Hours

Janesville-Office & ReStore & Fort Atkinson Office

Closed:

Nov. 24 thru 27, 2011

Dec. 23 thru 26, 2011

Dec. 30, 2011 thru Jan. 2, 2012

Fort Atkinson- ReStore

Closed:

Nov. 23, 2011

Dec. 24, 2011

Dec. 31, 2011