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Transforming Lives, Changing Neighborhoods: We're Nearly There!

2015–2018 Strategic Plan Approved

In December 2014, Habitat's Board of Directors adopted a landmark strategic plan, *Transforming Lives, Changing Neighborhoods*. The plan will guide Habitat's path to build our 500th home by 2018. Recognizing that it is the families inside our Habitat homes that count, the goals of the plan are to —



- **Build a transformational family support program** that empowers families to become successful homeowners and leaders in the community
- **Build the 500th Habitat home by 2018** by constructing homes in eight neighborhoods in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties in need of revitalization
- **Build sustainability of the Habitat organization** through comprehensive resource development, robust communications and faithful stewardship of gifts

\$6.4 million is needed to fund the goals of the strategic plan — \$6 million for new home construction, \$250,000 for family support and \$150,000 to build organizational sustainability. Habitat will build in the Ballard, CHAIN, Glenwood, Howell, Jacobsville, Star and Waggoner neighborhoods of Evansville, as well as in Mt. Vernon.

Last spring Habitat's Board of Directors committed the organization to begin a comprehensive capital campaign to raise the needed funds. Longtime Habitat supporters Alan and Sharon Braun agreed to serve as the campaign's co-chairs and recruited other community leaders to form a campaign cabinet with Habitat's board and development committee members.

Habitat supporters gathered at Deaconess' Johnson Hall November 24, 2015, for a public announcement of the campaign. An astounding \$5.6 million — 88 per cent of the goal — had already been raised at the time of the public announcement.

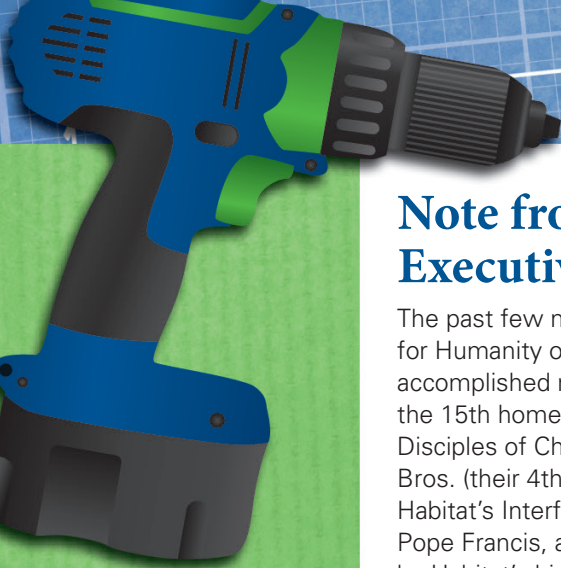
Your help is needed for the remaining \$800,000. Your support will transform lives, change neighborhoods and make a lasting positive impact in the lives of our partner families, in the community and in the Habitat organization.

To make a gift or four-year pledge, contact Beth Folz or Sr. Jane Michele McClure at (812) 423-5623.

WHO WE ARE:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.





Note from the Executive Director

The past few months have been full of excitement for Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. In the last eight months, you have accomplished much — the 25th Lutherans for Habitat home; the 15th home sponsored by the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ churches — this year partnering with Traylor Bros. (their 4th house); an Interfaith Build organized and led by Habitat's Interfaith Advisory Council; a home built in honor of Pope Francis, and the first-ever Youth United Build, sponsored by Habitat's high school group, now in its third year. A floor system was installed in the rain during the 8th annual Women Build Week, and new housing and revitalization efforts in Jacobsville were celebrated during Habitat's Rock the Block event. Our first ever signature event, Hard Hats and High Heels, brought new relationships to Habitat. Our Annual Dinner recognized two tireless workers and advocates for the Habitat ministry, Jim Stevens and Marlan Maidlow, and celebrated the accomplishments of this past year. We thank you for making a tremendous impact in our community — you are changing the lives of families who now have a stable, affordable home.

While we celebrate all that has been accomplished, we are always looking forward to the future. The Transforming Lives, Changing Neighborhoods campaign will profoundly impact our ministry in the months and years ahead. You are invited to become actively involved in building homes, families and a strong organization for the future. Remember, it's what's inside that counts, so help us build that 500th home by 2018!



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Pope Francis House

Last fall Habitat received a new opportunity — an anonymous donor chose the Evansville affiliate to receive \$60,000 as seed money to build a home in honor of Pope Francis. An additional \$40,000 was needed in order to receive the seed money and the challenge was quickly met!

Our anonymous donor articulated three tenets for the build —

- To honor Pope Francis for his commitment to social justice and reinvigorating the Catholic Church
- To provide a unifying, celebratory opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work towards a common goal (as Pope Francis says, "Work confers dignity.")
- To further Habitat's mission of building and preserving homes

Stephen Ralph and his son Victor were selected as the Pope Francis Build partner family. Many volunteers helped — Mater Dei and

Memorial football players built and raised the walls of the house, Evansville Christian Life Center employees helped paint the interior for homeowner and co-worker, Stephen, and Pope Francis himself (at least his cardboard image) was there to "supervise" it all.

The house was completed just in time for Pope Francis' arrival to the United States. Friends and supporters of both Habitat and the pope met at Turoni's on Main Street to march in the "Welcome Pope Francis Parade" with signs welcoming and affirming the pope's teachings. Bishop Thompson attended the dedication and warm wishes were sent with him as he traveled to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.

We thank all those who were involved in this special build — you are the reason why the anonymous donor chose the Evansville affiliate to be among the Habitat homes built across the nation in honor of Pope Francis.

Construction Corner

Continuing a Standard of Quality

Twenty-five years from now the Habitat families of today should need minimal modifications for their homes. Habitat plans for today, tomorrow and forever, and has implemented "aging in place" designs for all homes. All doorways are three feet wide and all rooms have a three-foot turn radius, fit for potential wheelchair use.

In addition to reducing future modifications, reducing future maintenance costs is another important focus. Habitat's current house designs help reduce the need for ongoing exterior maintenance, saving homeowners time and money. Affordability and energy efficiency work together hand in hand. Habitat continues to add "green" features and energy efficient appliances that meet and exceed the latest standards. Habitat helps reduce the carbon footprint and keep neighborhoods clean.

Always looking to improve, Habitat's entire construction team is committed to building a healthy, durable, affordable home in the most economical way possible.

Habitat Build Update

Congratulations to these new homeowners!

Tamara Lewis

June 29, 2015

House Sponsor: Eyewitness News
512 S. Linwood Avenue

Sheree Phifer

August 4, 2015

House Sponsor: Youth United
516 S. Morton Avenue

Randi Finn

August 11, 2015

House Sponsor: Traylor Bros.
UCC/DOC Churches
530 S. Morton Avenue

Lacey Moss

August 29, 2015

House Sponsor: Lutherans for Habitat
601 Garfield Avenue

Stephen Ralph

September 21, 2015

House Sponsor: Pope Francis Build
605 Garfield Avenue

Aireal Hall

November 19, 2015

House Sponsor: Interfaith Build 2015
501 Garfield Avenue

Janay Turner

December 21, 2015

House Sponsor: Catholics for Habitat
16 W. Delaware Street



Lutherans Celebrate 25th House

For 25 years, Lutherans for Habitat have believed passionately in the cause of decent shelter for all. They have been a valued, long-time partner with Habitat for Humanity. We thank all those involved over the years for their tireless dedication providing homeownership to 25 families in Evansville. Lutherans for Habitat were proud to dedicate their 25th house with homeowner Lacey Moss and her son, Jayden.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is honored to recognize the founders and driving forces of Lutherans for Habitat through the years including —

Gayle Arvidson†
Jeff Byrne
Tom Champion, Sr.†
Mayetta Champion Guin
Tom Champion, Jr.
Kathy Coomer

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Faithful in-kind donors for Lutherans for Habitat over the past 25 years include John Elkins (Fan and Light World); Randy Kanter (Elko Kitchens); Kewbee McDonald (Tri-State Painting); Randy Stuckemeyer† (Jack Frost Heating and Air).

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Annual Dinner

This year's annual dinner held October 22 was another wonderful fellowship event, celebrating our Habitat family who make our work possible. We thank our sponsors, donors, partner families, and volunteers for their commitment throughout the 2015 year. We commemorated the ten-year anniversary of the devastating tornado that brought so many together in our community to rebuild. We also honored two faithful volunteers, Marlan Maidlow and Jim Stevens. Marlan received the Dee McMillin Volunteer of the Year award for his tireless work with the mowing and yard barn crew, even at age 89. Jim received the Jim Fowler Volunteer of the Year award in construction for his continuous leadership, mentoring, and hard work on the Core Crew. We thank all those who attended the annual dinner and celebrated the awesome achievements made possible by supporters like you.



Great Day of Service

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that participated in the Great Day of Service! Throughout the day on September 9, interfaith community volunteers gathered at St. Lucas United Church of Christ to paint bird houses which were used for Habitat's first-ever signature fundraising event, Hard Hats and High Heels. The Great Day of Service, in partnership with the Argosy Foundation and Habitat for Humanity International, is a day for people of all faiths to come together in service. Thank you to all who participated.



Hard Hats and High Heels

This fall Habitat embarked on a new undertaking, our first signature fundraising event — Hard Hats and High Heels. The gala was a fun-filled evening full of one-of-a-kind entertainment. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception followed by a family-style dinner and live auction at the Evansville Country Club. Throughout the evening, guests learned that "it's what's inside that counts," through our homeowner testimonies and by learning more about the Habitat program and mission. By the end of the evening, Habitat gained new supporters and raised funds to help build homes for families in need.

We thank everyone who made this event a great success.



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Ensuring Homes, Communities and Hope with the Perigo-Prickett Society

As a wise person once said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

For Habitat supporters, joining the Perigo-Prickett Society is a lot like that. Donors decide to make provisions for the ministry in their estate plans, thus helping families in the future whom they will not know but who will reap the benefits of their generosity nevertheless.

Membership in the Perigo-Prickett Society is open to all and is easy to accomplish. All you need to do is name Habitat for Humanity of Evansville as a beneficiary in your estate plans (our legal name is Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, Inc.)

and let us know or make a contribution to the Habitat for Humanity Endowment with the Vanderburgh Community Foundation. Please contact Sr. Jane Michele McClure at 812-423-5623, Ext. 26 for more information.



The Society is pleased to welcome as new members, Mike and Carol Hull and David and Colleen McLaughlin. Current membership of the Perigo-Prickett Society includes —

Tom and Marcia Ballard
Lois M. Bennett †
Lola J. Bromm †
David and Ginny Cook
Melvin L. Dickhaut †
LeRoy and Pat Dilger
Greg and Joyce Donaldson
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Scott and Holly Wittman
Richard and Paula † Yeager
Anonymous (3)
† Deceased

Habitat Celebrates Jacobsville!

Rock the Block 2015

To kick off our building in the Jacobsville Neighborhood, Habitat hosted Rock the Block, an event celebrating all of the revitalization efforts happening in the area. Thanks to our community partners, we were able to host a housing resource fair where residents could obtain information about several community services and nonprofit organizations. Children in attendance were excited about housing and homeownership, and they created their own houses made out of cardboard boxes and construction paper. Garfield Avenue was then filled with children parading and proudly displaying their

housing creations.

Neighbors enjoyed free picnic food, bounce houses and inflatables, carnival games, a Boom Squad Inc. performance and much more. The Habitat celebrations included a groundbreaking and a wall raising. The day was capped off with the dedication of the first house in Jacobsville and the Lutheran's 25th! We send our most sincere thanks to all of our community partners in attendance and to the volunteers and donors that made Rock the Block a great success.



Thank you!

Community Partners

- Raymond James Cares Volunteers
- Uniseal Volunteers
- St. Anthony Catholic Youth Volunteers
- Lefler Collision and Glass Repair Center
- Farm Boy Food Service
- Lewis Bakeries
- Coca Cola
- Frito-Lay
- Boom Squad Inc.
- Kwik Kopy Business Center
- Evansville Fire Department
- Evansville Police Department
- Dream Center Evansville
- Aurora
- Community One
- HOPE of Evansville
- Comair
- 4C Childcare
- Jacobsville Join In
- ECHO Housing

We Remember

On December 4, 2015, Rev. Dr. F. P. Miller passed away peacefully in his home after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. F. P. served with distinction as a member of the Habitat for Humanity of Evansville Board of Directors from 1986 – 2013, and in 2014 he and his wife, Pearlie, were inducted into the inaugural class of the Habitat Emeritus Board of Directors. F. P. served as a committed “pray-er-in-chief” for the Habitat ministry. In the early days of Habitat, when the challenges of a fledgling organization often seemed overwhelming, F. P. would pray and things would be better.

F. P. served as a wise and compassionate counselor with a deep knowledge of the challenging circumstances of families in poverty. We remember F. P. for his leadership in the community and his deep commitment to Habitat. His family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Global Village Build

ON FEBRUARY 6 - 14, A GROUP OF 12 EVANSVILLE VOLUNTEERS BUILT HOMES WITH HABITAT GUATEMALA! IN CHIMALTENANGO, WHERE THE GROUP BUILT, 60 PERCENT ARE LIVING IN POVERTY, AND ONE IN EVERY FIVE RESIDENTS ARE LIVING IN EXTREME POVERTY (LESS THAN \$1.25 PER DAY). YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYERS FOR SAFETY HELPED THESE VOLUNTEERS ADVANCE OUR VISION – A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE.

Why Give?

Wayne and Jewell Henning

For Wayne Henning, understanding the bigger picture is what it's all about. Wayne first became involved in Habitat during the 1992 Blitz when his employer, Old National Bank, sponsored a house. His wife, Jewell, worked right alongside him painting many houses during the blitz. Wayne and Jewell were initially impressed with the organization of volunteers and how they worked along side of the partner families on their new home. After seeing the process of what it takes to build a Habitat home, from family selection to down payments, the Hennings felt all those involved in Habitat had admirable dedication. The couple has continued to support Habitat ever since, through financial support, time and advocacy for the mission.

With each Old National Bank sponsorship throughout the years, the importance of the neighborhood became very close to Wayne. When Habitat moved into a new neighborhood, his involvement didn't just stop with painting or building the house — he was out cleaning up the streets and getting to know neighbors. “When you invest financially into an area, you are also investing in developing all aspects of that community,” Wayne says. He explains that seeing the before and after of a street is one way he sees his impact. “Because of Habitat, you can see the change in the neighborhood.”

Wayne has always had a passion for improving Evansville and stresses that no area should be neglected. He explains that providing families with an affordable mortgage is the

first step in changing our city.

“Housing is everything — the house is the key to breaking the chain of poverty,” Wayne says. He explains that Habitat partner families take

pride in their homeownership, and thus have pride in their community. “This is our way of changing our part of the world.”

Now, their sons, Brian and Jeff, are very active with Habitat as well. Brian is on the Board of Directors for Greater Indy Habitat, and Jeff's wife Tricia is on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. Wayne and Jewell are very proud of their family's commitment to providing homeownership to those in need.

As Wayne and Jewell continue to support Habitat, they enjoy seeing the growth of the organization. They have enjoyed getting to know partner families as well as all those involved in Habitat, encouraging others to help create the change in our community they are so passionate about. “You feel it in your heart,” Wayne says, “It's not just giving money, it's being a part of it.”



Cars for Homes

We would like to send out a very special thank you to Steve Thomas, Joshua Oskins and Kathleen Oeth for generously donating their vehicles to help support Habitat for Humanity of Evansville!

As Steve, Joshua and Kathleen have learned, many different kinds of vehicles can be donated. Cars, trucks, boats, RV's, motorcycles, farm equipment, and any other vehicle...running or not. When you donate a vehicle to Cars for Homes, you will help Habitat for Humanity of

Evansville build homes with families in need of affordable shelter.

The car donation process is quick and easy. It can be accomplished online at www.habitat.org/carsforhomes or with a toll-free phone call to 1-877-277-4344. If you donate an automobile or other vehicle, you may be eligible for a tax deduction.



Giving the Gift of Change

HONOR / IN-KIND GIFTS / MEMORIAL / CARS FOR HOMES: August 1, 2015 — January 27, 2016

In Honor Of:

Marvin and Beverly Sue's 70th

Wedding Anniversary

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Dr. David Hayhurst

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Aileen Roberts

Liz Kalb and Steve Titzer

Debra Hebbeler

Mike Hinton

Vectren Foundation

Rev. and Mrs. Jarmon Perkins' 60th

Wedding Anniversary

Elvin and Joan Reed

Sr. Jane Michele McClure

Doug and Tammi Dant

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Arthur Deig

Oscar and Dottie Schauss

Dale Martin

Elmer and Ellen Berberich
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Steve Smith
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Cars For Homes:

Stephen Thomas
Joshua Oskins
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Because of This House...

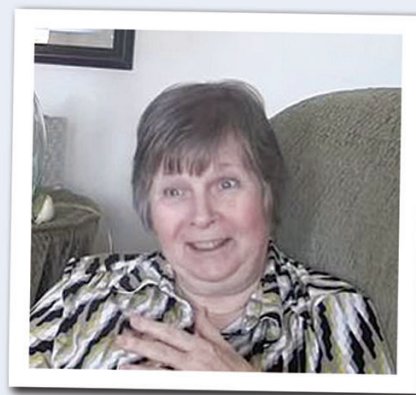
Sharon Goldston

Sharon Goldston never thought she would be able to live comfortably. Having had numerous back surgeries and lasting leg injuries, using her walker makes day-to-day living challenging. She was previously living in an apartment, with limited parking and a laundry facility that was outside and down the hall. For Sharon, doing laundry was something she dreaded. "I would have to get all my quarters and load up my basket and walk down there, only to hope that a washer was available." Walking anywhere, even from the car to her apartment, was difficult.

When Sharon heard about Habitat, she thought it was too good to be true. After applying and working on her sweat equity in the Habitat office, Sharon's house began to be constructed. Because of Sharon's disability, her home was built with a wheelchair ramp, as well as a walk-in shower, making it much easier for her to get around.

Now, nearly four years later, Sharon is still in awe of her home. "I walk around and think, 'wow, this is really mine?'" she says. Sharon never has to worry about walking long distances from her car or to the laundry facility. "One of my favorite parts is just being able to do laundry whenever I want," she says. Sharon still loves to show off her shower, ramp and washer and dryer to company. "I just feel so comfortable here," she says, "I'm just very fortunate."

To view the full video story, visit our website at evansvillehabitat.org.





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Partner Family Snapshot Dianne Lehman



Dianne Lehman had been praying for a way to have her own place. At 49, she found herself divorced, living with her sister and unsure about her future plans. Dianne is a mother of two children in their 20's, but hasn't been able to see them too often because of her living situation. As she began to try and get back on her feet, looking for an apartment became a nightmare. Dianne feared how she would be able to afford rent and still be able to pay for other necessities.

Since beginning her partnership with Habitat, Dianne feels her life is back on track and that she has a purpose. She has enjoyed working on her sweat equity, as each day reminds her of the bright future she will have in her home. She is also excited for the new neighborhood community she will join. Dianne says working alongside other partner families, who are her future neighbors, has given her the feeling of having an extended family. Overall, through this transition stage in life,

Dianne says the experience has truly made her happy. "I've gotten closer to God, joined Bible studies, and feel this independence that I've never had before."

Now Dianne has a whole new life to look forward to. She is excited to have a place where her children can visit, and where she can host family holidays and gatherings. Dianne says she is ready to pick up extra shifts at work once she moves in so she can save up to decorate her home nicely. She is also excited to take care of her lawn and landscaping. More than anything, Dianne is looking forward to the sense of pride she will have in owning her own home. *"Everything seems to just be moving toward my goals."*

To learn more about Dianne's journey to homeownership, please visit <http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/partner-families>.

