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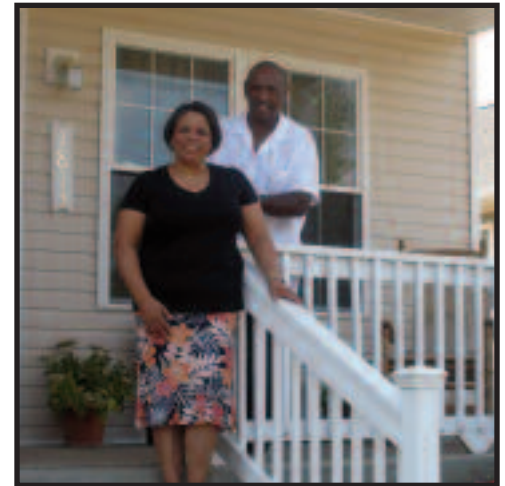
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Habitat Helps Couple Save for Retirement

Retirement isn't too far off for Henry and Denita Miles. At 53, they're planning now so that they'll be able to live comfortably and have a financially secure future. A Habitat for Humanity home fits well into their plans, because families who purchase Habitat homes pay on average about \$275 a month. That's based on a 25-year, no-interest loan.

"It means the world to me," Henry Miles said. "I'm going to retire soon, and it will be a lot easier financially for me."

The Miles closed on their home, sponsored by Industrial Contractors, in August. They've been married for 12 years and have five grown children between the two of them, all scattered about the country. He's from Marion, Ind., and graduated from Henderson



Henry and Denita Miles moved into their new Habitat home in August.

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Habitat To Focus on Jacobsville Next

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville received \$100,000 from the City of Evansville to lead the development of a comprehensive community development plan for the revitalization of the Jacobsville neighborhood, roughly bordered by Division Street, Diamond Avenue, Garvin Street and First Avenue.

"The Jacobsville neighborhood has a deep history; proud, hard-working residents; and, judging by the number of people coming together on this initiative, a very bright future," said Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel when he announced the grant. "I know that Habitat has the leadership, manpower, vision, and passion necessary to bring the Jacobsville community together to make this initiative a resounding success."

Both the City of Evansville and the Jacobsville Area Community Corporation (JACC) approached Habitat about serving as the lead convener for this project, in part due to the success of a similar planning effort in the Glenwood neighborhood, which Weinzapfel described as having "unqualified success." JACC, a 501(C)(3) formed in 2002 to improve the physical, economic and social environment of the Jacobsville area, has already done extensive work toward developing a comprehensive development plan.

"We accepted this invitation to work collaboratively in Jacobsville because it presents an opportunity to fulfill our mission of not only building homes with individuals but also by working with neighborhoods to build on existing assets and strengths

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Looking Ahead at What's Next for Glenwood

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Habitat Family,

Habitat in Evansville and in the U.S. is growing through innovation to ensure everyone has a decent place to live. "A decent place to live" is about more than just a house. There are three primary places we live – our body, home, and community. We must consider these as we innovate to grow our ability to create decent, sturdy places to live.

Our bodies are the most basic place we live. Habitat provides the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. To the donors, volunteers and partner families who used their

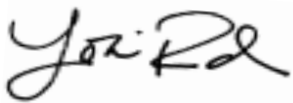
bodies to help build 18 homes and weatherize 75 existing homeowner occupied homes, I thank you for your dedication to Habitat and each other.

Habitat believes that a decent sturdy home is the foundation to breaking the cycle of generational poverty. It is just and right for all God's people to have access to a decent place to live. Habitat provides society a mechanism to build homes in a way that promotes dignity and accountability. We are finding, in the context of community development, that not everyone needs a new home and there are ways to partner with existing homeowners to eliminate substandard housing.

Community is the third primary place we live. Habitat builds homes in places where the deterioration of community is strikingly visible. Excellence is when we work together with other institutions in our city to nurture and restore entire communities.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is leading here and in the U.S. in figuring out how best to do this. As leaders we must lay a solid foundation with prayer, as Jesus encourages. In Luke 11 Jesus teaches his disciples that God answers prayers not because He is our friend but because of our persistent, shameless and audacious prayers. It is shameless and audacious to expect God will use us to completely restore our city's communities and neighborhoods. He can do it. But it requires something of us – audacious prayer, faith, sacrifice and action. Join me in asking God to completely restore the places we live!

In Christian Partnership,



Lori Reed
Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

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in order to create the best possible places to live," said Lori Reed, Habitat's executive director.

As the lead convener, Habitat will work closely with JACC and other groups actively pursuing the goal of a revitalized, sustainable Jacobsville area to bring key stakeholders together to help ignite the process to push existing revitalization efforts forward. Habitat will facilitate the planning process; conduct a needs assessment, community engagement activities, market analysis, neighborhood surveys, and focus groups; and promote capital investment. In addition, Habitat will build new homes, rehab existing homes and weatherize existing homeowner-occupied homes in Jacobsville.

After information regarding needs and wants of key stakeholders has been gathered, community discussions will then be held in an effort to frame the primary issues. These community discussions will be held quarterly and will take place over the next two years.

"This is a huge leap forward in neighborhood revitalization," Weinzapfel said during the press conference.

Joe Easley, pastor at Central United Methodist Church and member of JACC, said the grant will "jumpstart" the revitalization process as Jacobsville seeks to become a sustainable urban community.

Playing lead convener fits well into the scope of Habitat's work. In 2010, Habitat International invited Humanity for Humanity of Evansville to join its Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI). Habitat is one of about 40 Habitat affiliates working on procedures that will guide neighborhood development at the national level. The initiative involves expanding its housing solutions in an effort to serve more families.

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County High School. She's from Evansville and attended Bosse High School. He's been hanging drywall for 30 years, and she works at a nursing facility.

Henry volunteered on several Habitat homes in Boonville and Chandler before applying for a home for himself. He sees the quality that goes into the construction and the dedication of everyone connected to the organization.

"If a person needs a house, this is the thing to do," he said. "I'd rather be paying mortgage than paying rent."

The couple's new home is on Shadewood Avenue alongside 18 other Habitat homes. Families typically select their lot when they reach 150 hours of the required 300 they must contribute. They also must attend a series of homeownership classes that cover a variety of topics, from home maintenance to legal issues. In addition to the lot, families also choose their house design, kitchen cabinets and flooring.

Working with Habitat has "been wonderful," Henry Miles said. "It's more than what I expected."

Habitat Pioneer Don Mosley Helps Bethel UCC Celebrate 400th Build

When diverse people come together to build a home for a family, they learn to put aside their differences as they hammer alongside others who look or speak differently. Don Mosley, who worked closely with Habitat for Humanity founders Millard and Linda Fuller, witnessed that just after 9/11 when he helped launch Habitat in Jordan and Lebanon.

"It was the most joyful celebration I have ever seen," he said during a recent visit that was part of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville's Celebrating Diversity Tour. The tour marked the beginning of the Peace Build and included a series of events designed to promote peace and understanding among people of various cultures and faiths.



Don Mosley spoke at Bethel UCC on Sept. 28.

Mosley has dedicated his life to promote peace and justice among people around the world. In addition to his work with Millard Fuller, he and his wife Carolyn founded Jubilee Partners in 1979, devoted to helping refugees develop life skills.

"Jubilee has combined with Habitat in the efforts for peace and justice in this troubled ol' world," he told the crowd at Bethel. "Get a hammer in your hand, and strap on a nail belt. And let's get out there and do God's great work."

Local Architects Win IMAGINE Competition

Professional Consultants Inc./HG McCullough Designers took first place in Habitat for Humanity of Evansville's IMAGINE Design Competition during an awards reception May 20 at Old National Bank. They designed a winning streetscape of the east side of Morton Avenue that Habitat will use to uplift this city block in the Glenwood neighborhood.

Habitat invited architects and engineers to IMAGINE what this street might look like if it were newly developed, incorporating updated facades for the existing homeowner-occupied homes and a sustainable Habitat new-home design that parallels its mission of being simple, decent and affordable while still integrating creative design. Ten entries were received.

Habitat owns five properties along the east side of Morton Avenue – two vacant lots and three empty homes. It will demolish one of the homes, rehab the other two and then build new Habitat homes on the vacant lots.

Hafer Associates took second place in the competition. Honorable mentions went to Rupert Condict and Bill Gaiser Designs/Architecture. About 85 people attended the event.

Glenwood Residents Celebrate Completion of Weatherization Work



Glenwood residents whose homes were weatherized gathered to celebrate the completion of the project on Aug. 20 at the Glenwood Leadership Academy. Weatherizing the homes reduced escaping air flow an average of 22 percent.

Families whose homes were weatherized indicated through surveys that they were satisfied with the work and that they've already seen a drop in their energy bill. Habitat and its partners, the Glenwood Neighborhood Association, Vectren and Crossroads Christian Church, received a \$100,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Energy Development last year to weatherize homes in the Glenwood neighborhood. Vectren also contributed another \$25,000 for the work. Volunteers caulked, insulated attics and installed weatherstripping on nearly 80 homes. Post audits indicated that air flow escaping from the homes was cut by an average of 22 percent and with some homes as high as 56 percent.

On Aug. 20 the partners and families celebrated the work and considered next steps for Glenwood. They discussed concerns uncovered through surveys and focus groups, such as safety and sidewalks in disrepair, and then City Councilwoman and Glenwood resident Connie Robinson led a discussion on how they might respond to these concerns. Among the suggestions were more businesses in the area and a neighborhood watch program.

"What we want to do now is see what direction we want to go in," she said. "Whatever we have in our neighborhood, we have to have ownership. It's all about taking possession of our neighborhood."

Donors and Sponsors Honored at Annual Recognition Dinner



Habitat Board Member Steve Thomas, left, presented the Bobbie Hoy Award for Faith-Based Service to Bethel UCC representatives Lisa Uhde, Jim Perigo, Pat Perigo and Sandra Altheide.



Representatives from United Methodists churches accept the Bobbie Hoy Award for Faith-Based Service. Pictured are (L-R) Susan Fowler, Mark Stephens, Patti Nickens, Cathy Renner, Kathy Oeth, Marianne Hahn, Julie Clardy, Maurice Hahn, Joe Barker, Odell Clardy, Marilois Barker, Scott Nickens, Ruth Hall, Mike Oeth, Art Midle and Habitat Board Member Steve Thomas.



Jeff Whiteside, Vectren V.P. of community sustainability and Foundation president, accepted the Dan Mitchell Award for Corporate Partnership on behalf of Vectren. Standing with him are (L-R) George Moore, Shirley Williams, Tammy Cheatem, Lucy Williams, Carol Cates, Ron Cates, Sarah Cartwright, Habitat Board Member Steve Thomas and Benny Cartwright. They either helped with the weatherization project or had their homes weatherized.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville honored its donors, sponsors and partners during its 14th annual Donor Recognition Dinner Oct. 11 at St. Mary's Manor. Three special awards were given as well to honor major supporters.

The Dan Mitchell Award for Corporate Partnership was presented to Vectren for its help with the Glenwood Weatherization Program. Named after Dan Mitchell, former president of Old National Bank, the award honors those who demonstrate exceptional leadership in mobilizing financial and volunteer resources to further the ministry of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. Vectren contributed \$25,000 and helped secure a \$100,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Energy Development to weatherize nearly 80 homes. In addition, 101 employees provided 630 volunteer hours to complete the work, which included insulating attics, caulking and weatherstripping.

The Bobbie Hoy Award for Faith-Based Service, named after a Habitat pioneer and advocate, was presented to two faith communities that have provided long-standing support to Habitat. The United Methodists churches have built three houses since 2006, and this year Old North Methodist Church tithed on its capital campaign and gave \$26,405 toward the United Methodists Build.

Bethel United Church of Christ is sponsoring its eighth Habitat home this year, the 400th Habitat home to be built in Evansville since it began in 1984. Bethel also has supported the annual UCC/DOC build.

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Time is Right for Car Donations!

Due to recent economic factors, used car values have reached a 16-year high. That makes this the perfect time to donate your unwanted vehicle to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville.

If you have any vehicle – a car, truck, RV, boat, plane, farm or construction equipment – that you no longer need or want, call toll-free (877) 277-4344 or visit carsforhomes.org to help build a home for a family in need.

Habitat for Humanity International will assist you in the donation process and make sure that Habitat for Humanity of Evansville receives the net proceeds after the transaction is processed. HFHE receives 80 percent of the net cost of the sale of the vehicle.

Call Michael Erwin, development director, at (812) 423-5623, to find out how to donate your vehicle to this program.



Development Team To Deepen Relations with Habitat Supporters

How will Habitat for Humanity of Evansville sustain its mission for the long-term? That is the question our affiliate began to ask earlier this year. Important answers to that question came from two surveys of Habitat supporters, people who care about the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Nine years ago, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville created its first staff position in development. While it may be informally understood what “development” means, the surveys indicated that an explanation of development could be helpful.

As a supporter of Habitat, you share Habitat’s values and vision of building homes, communities, and hope. Development provides an avenue for you to express those values. The development team is your connecting point to our mission, giving you a way to grow deeper in your expression of our vision. Habitat’s development team is committed to meeting you where you are and helping your relationship with our home-building ministry grow deeper.

The role of our development team is a two-way street: we are your advocates, ensuring that your needs are understood as Habitat makes decisions. We are also advocates for the mission of Habitat, sharing what is happening on the ground at Habitat with you, engaging you at each step along the way. Your input and engagement will continually refresh and renew the organization, mobilizing the community around what we all care about.

The Habitat development team consists of Lori Reed, executive director; Michael Erwin, development director; Sr. Jane Michele McClure, major gifts officer; and Lydia Johnson, community relations director. They are here to help you engage more deeply with the mission of Habitat.

Who would have thought 27 years ago that we would be where we are today? Three blitzes, two neighborhood developments, six houses in Posey County, the respect and recognition of the Evansville community, and now a focus on the revitalization of entire neighborhoods! God has blessed this ministry with a committed core of donors and volunteers, who believe that, through faith, the miniscule can be multiplied to accomplish the magnificent.

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April 6, 2011 — Oct. 18, 2011

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Habitat Loses Long-Time Supporter

Jim Fowler, one of the original founders of Habitat’s “Wednesday” crew, passed away on Oct. 2 after battling cancer for several years. He was 88.

Fowler lived his life helping others, first as a teacher at Bosse High School and then as a benefits manager at Bristol-Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson. After retiring, he gave his time, talents and treasures to numerous organizations, including Habitat for Humanity.

In 1992 after volunteering on blitz builds, he was asked to tie up loose ends on the homes. That initial involvement led to a lifetime of working weekly on Habitat sites alongside other volunteers he recruited.

The Habitat family -- staff, volunteers, donors and partner families -- will miss his caring spirit!



Jim Fowler helps on a build in 2009.

Honor/Memorial Gifts: April 6, 2011 — Oct. 19, 2011

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Mary Titzer

HFHE Receives Two Statewide Awards

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville received two state awards for its work to provide decent and stable housing for families in Vanderburgh and Posey counties. On Sept. 20 it received the Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Urban Housing from the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development during its Statewide Conference on Housing and Community Economic Development in Indianapolis. The award was given for the New Haven subdivision, built in response to a tornado that hit Evansville in 2005. The \$4.5 million development includes 55 homes and a park. Significant contributions for the project came from The City of Evansville, an anonymous donor who gave \$250,000 to purchase 13 acres for the neighborhood, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, which provided nearly \$134,000 through its Homeownership Opportunities Program to help with downpayments and closing costs.

On Oct. 22 the Evansville affiliate received the Large Affiliate of the Year Award presented by Habitat for Humanity of Indiana. This award recognized the weatherization work in Glenwood earlier this year and the plans to do similar revitalization work in the Jacobsville area.

"Evansville has shown that Habitat can do more than build new housing," said Gina Leckron, director of Habitat of Indiana.

Family Receives Home Thanks to Perigo-Prickett Society Members

Sharon Goldston is eager to have a home with a laundry area. The 58-year-old uses a walker and has a difficult time getting to the laundromat in her apartment complex. But in just a few weeks, she'll have a new home with an energy efficient washer and dryer.

Building Tomorrow Today

The Perigo-Prickett Society



Recognizing those who have established an estate gift to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

"I can take my clothes to the on-site laundry, but it is pretty far for me to walk,"

she said. "I'm so excited to have this opportunity. This seems to be the only way I could own a home."

Goldston's dream of homeownership was made possible through a gift from the estate of John Horace and Margaret Lucille Gooch. The Gooches joined others who remembered Habitat in their estate plan as members of the Perigo-Prickett Society. The Perigo-Prickett Society, named after two men who played significant roles with Habitat, honors individuals who develop an estate plan or other deferred gift to benefit Habitat.

Steve and Wendy Thomas decided to support Habitat through the Perigo-Prickett Society as a way to emphasize their continued commitment to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville and its mission of helping families become homeowners. They wish to remind their children and grandchildren of the family importance they have placed on partnering with Habitat.

"It's been most gratifying as a donor to see the impact our giving has made on families and in our community," said Steve Thomas, who is also a member of Habitat's Board of Directors. "We know our donations are being judiciously used in a way that meets our philanthropic goals."

Individuals or couples become a member of the Perigo-Prickett Society when they remember Habitat for Humanity of Evansville in their estate plans or make a contribution to the Habitat for Humanity of Evansville Endowment Fund with the Vanderburgh Community Foundation. To find out more, call Sr. Jane Michele McClure, major gift officer, at (812) 423-5623 or email her at jmclclure@evansvillehabitat.org.

Perigo-Prickett Society members as of October 20, 2011

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Lori Reed
Charlotte Richardt[†]
Kenneth Silverman[†]
Steve and Wendy Thomas
Maryedna Wilkie[†]
Scott and Holly Wittman

Evansville Team Helped Build Homes In Botswana

A team of 11 volunteers from Evansville participated in a Global Village trip to build Habitat homes in Botswana this summer. For two weeks, they worked on two homes in Molepolole, a developing village with a population of about 50,000 near the capital of Gaborone.

"Participating in a trip like this provides an opportunity to learn about other cultures at a deeper level than if we had traveled strictly for pleasure," said Lydia Johnson, community relations director with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville and team leader. "It was hard work and pleasure at the same time."

The team completed a home for Modisa and Kesego Phofedi, both 33 and parents of four children. They had been living in a circular hut made of concrete blocks and with a thatch roof. Kesego cooked outside in a black pot placed over a fire, right next to her chicken coop and vegetable patch. While the team worked, her children and others from the village watched and played nearby. They asked questions about pictures they saw in magazines the team brought; they wanted to know about America. Did we have grass in our yards? Did we build our homes with concrete blocks?

When the team finished, the family had a new home, two rooms with a small kitchen in the middle. Still modest, but larger than what they had been living in. Kesego said eventually she'd like to build an addition.

Botswana was Habitat for Humanity of Evansville's tithe partner. Each time a home is built locally, Habitat tithes to either Botswana or Jordan. This home was the last Habitat home in Botswana, however, due to restructuring at the international level. The Evansville affiliate has helped nearly 300 families overseas through its tithing program.



Standing are Laura and Dan Niemeier, Botswana construction director M.T., Lydia Johnson, Botswana Habitat staff member Christina, Kathy Knapp, Paul Leingang, Tim Fisher and Botswana volunteer Julie. In front are Barbara Borries, Botswana volunteer Muhammed, Modisa and Kesego Phofedi, Jane Leingang, Amy Lackey, Cheryl Bingemer, Deb Fisher and Botswana Habitat staff member Phatsimo Mareka. The home was built with concrete blocks and has two rooms with a small center kitchen.

Who We Are

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is a non-profit Christian ministry whose mission is to build and sell simple, decent houses to hardworking families in partnership with individuals, churches, businesses, and civic organizations who share our vision.

What We Do

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville works with families whose income is less than 60 per cent of the area's median household income. To qualify for homeownership, a family must demonstrate a need for housing; have the ability to repay a 25-year, zero-interest mortgage; contribute 300 hours of sweat equity to build their own home and help other families build theirs, and attend homeownership classes to learn skills in home maintenance and financial management. No-profit loans and houses built principally by volunteer labor make mortgage payments affordable for low-income families.

Where We Work

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville currently serves families in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties. A tithing program enables Habitat for Humanity of Evansville to contribute to homebuilding in Jordan and Botswana (in southern Africa).

How It Works

Charitable contributions from individuals, churches, businesses and civic organizations provide the upfront cost of building homes. These contributions — combined with homeowner mortgage payments — create a revenue stream that enables Habitat to build more houses and serve more families.

For more information about Habitat For Humanity of Evansville go to www.evansvillehabitat.org or call (812) 423-5623.

If your household receives multiple copies of this newsletter, or if you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact the Habitat for Humanity of Evansville office at (812) 423-5623. Thank you!

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