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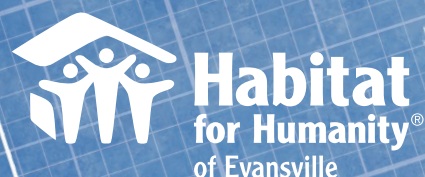
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Partner Family Snapshot

Melissa Hayden has always wanted the best for her children. She works incredibly hard at the Shoe Carnival warehouse in Evansville, but still finds herself living paycheck to paycheck. Her family currently resides in a 2-bedroom home which she rents for \$400 a month. It's definitely not an ideal living situation with two younger children, but it's all she can afford. Her home has a significant mildew problem due to leaking windows. Melissa's space is very cramped as her two children must share a small bedroom. In addition, her washer and dryer are located in the bathroom making extra space a luxury she can only dream of at this point.

A friend told her about the program at Habitat for Humanity of Evansville and she was initially hesitant. She was afraid to get her hopes up but felt it was worth a try. During the application process, she had two minor issues with her credit which she worked very hard to pay off to be eligible for the homeownership program. When she finally heard about her acceptance, her apparent joy could not equal that of her eldest son. Melissa's son jumped up and down with excitement and has been her personal cheerleader every day since. "He constantly asks, "How many sweat equity hours do you have?"

To learn more about Melissa's journey, please visit:
www.evansvillehabitat.org



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Habitat Jubilee

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville honored its donors, volunteers and partner families during the Habitat Jubilee celebration on October 9 at St. Mary's Manor Auditorium. As part of the celebration, two very special awards were given out to Habitat volunteers that exemplify the qualities of the award's namesake.

Dee McMillin was a founding member of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. She lived the Habitat philosophy and inspired others to embrace the cause. This year's Dee McMillin Award was presented to **Mag Lindsey** who serves on the Family Selection Committee. According to one testimonial, she's gone on nearly half of all home visits and is very involved in her church, St. Lucas United Church of Christ, and Lucas Place, a family shelter founded by the church.

The **Jim Fowler Award** goes to an individual who has gone above and beyond in the area of construction. Jim was the founder of the Wednesday Crew, the forerunner of today's Core Construction Crew, when he was a young retiree from Bristol-Myers. This award was presented to **Steve Sorensen**, a volunteer who not only served as Interim Construction Director, but helped streamline processes, control costs and improve the quality of Habitat's housing product and volunteer experience.

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Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville brings people together to build homes, communities and hope in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties.





Habitat's Mission and Vision

For the last several years, Habitat for Humanity International has worked to articulate more clearly its vision, mission and core principles. Habitat for Humanity of Evansville has adapted these inspiring words as a guiding force for our transformational work in the community.

VISION: A community where everyone has a decent place to live.

MISSION: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville brings people together to build homes, communities and hope in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties.

PRINCIPLES:

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

We undertake our work to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus, acting in all ways in accord with the belief that God's love and grace abound for all, and that we must be "hands and feet" of that love and grace in our world. We believe that, through faith, the miniscule can be multiplied to accomplish the magnificent, and that, in faith, respectful relationships can grow among all people.

2. Focus on shelter.

We have chosen, as our means of manifesting God's love, to create opportunities for all people to live in decent, durable shelter. We put faith into action by helping to build, renovate or preserve homes, and by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty.

3. Advocate for affordable housing.

We view affordable housing in healthy communities as a social justice imperative, and we support the global community's commitment to housing as a basic human right. We will advocate for just and fair housing policy to eliminate the constraints that contribute to poverty housing. And, in all of our work, we will seek to put shelter on hearts and minds in such powerful ways that poverty housing becomes socially, politically and religiously unacceptable.

4. Promote dignity and hope.

We believe that no one lives in dignity until everyone can live in dignity. We believe that every person has something to contribute and something to gain from creating communities in which all people have decent, affordable places to live. We believe that dignity and hope are best achieved through equitable, accountable partnerships.

5. Support transformational and sustainable community development.

We view our work as successful when it promotes positive and lasting social, economic and spiritual change within a community; when it is based on mutual trust and fully shared accomplishment; and when it demonstrates responsible stewardship of all resources.

"AFTER A MULTI-YEAR PROCESS THAT ENGAGED PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE HABITAT MOVEMENT, A FINAL SET OF CORE DOCUMENTS WAS PRESENTED TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP FOR APPROVAL. I AM PLEASED TO SAY TODAY THAT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NOW HAS AN UPDATED SET OF CORE DOCUMENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: VISION STATEMENT, MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE PRINCIPLES." - HABITAT CEO, JONATHAN RECKFORD

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Habitat Stat

294: Average number of 2-by-4 studs used in framing the walls of the average Habitat 3-bedroom house built in the United States.

Painting Tip

Habitat Tip: When painting, wrap a rubber band around the can over the opening. As you dip the brush in the can, use the rubber band to wipe off the excess paint. This is a great way to keep both you and the edge of the can clean during a painting project.

Why Give?

An interview with Habitat supporters: Dan and Laura Niemeier

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED WITH HABITAT?

We are basically newcomers to Habitat having only been involved for two and half years. But, even during such a short period of time, we have become increasingly more involved. Sister Jane Michele initially approached us about becoming involved...it's hard to say no to her. We had volunteered for builds in the past, but never on a regular basis. Our adventure has evolved over time as we became involved in the Purdue Build, Catholics for Habitat and our trip to Botswana in 2011.

WHY HABITAT?

The partner families are invested in this process, particularly with their sweat equity hours. They are required to partner with Habitat for 300 hours and that is a really big commitment. They take so much pride in their accomplishments which is a blessing to witness. The other thing that we love about Habitat is the creation of homeowners. These partner families are working hard to build their home and they continue that spirit as they pay their monthly mortgage moving forward. It's not a give-away and we really like that piece of Habitat. Also, Habitat is an international organization and they are helping people on a global scale. This affiliate tithes to other countries and we've been able to actually go there and build.

YOU RECENTLY BECAME MEMBERS OF THE PERIGO-PRICKETT SOCIETY. WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO TAKE THIS STEP?

We are very involved with our church and Catholic education. Habitat enables us to become engaged on a community-wide basis. We feel that our lifetime gift will really be able to make a difference because Habitat always puts the mission and vision first. We know that our money will be put to good use because we have faith in this organization.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE?

Anytime you give, it is always returned to you. You get more out of it than what you put into it. A Scripture passage that inspires us is Luke 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."



Habitat Is Four Stars!



THE NON-PROFIT EVALUATOR, CHARITY NAVIGATOR, HAS AWARDED FOUR STARS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EVANSVILLE! BASED ON FINANCIAL HEALTH AND A COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, OUR RATING MAKES US THE HIGHEST RATED HOUSING NON-PROFIT IN THE STATE OF INDIANA AND THE 6TH RANKED NON-PROFIT OVERALL IN THE STATE.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING HABITAT A FOUR-STAR ORGANIZATION!

Bread of Life

Volunteers on the build site have enjoyed an array of snacks and beverages thanks to the generosity of Bread of Life. Based in Lynnville, Indiana, Bread of Life Ministry Inc. provides clothing and food and other necessities to those in need. Their mission is to help the needy, through whatever resources available, with total accountability of all gifts and contributions.

Bread of Life has been a supporter of Habitat on a monthly basis through donations that go directly to hard-working volunteers on the build site. We appreciate their support and dedication to those volunteers that give so much back to our community.

To learn more, please visit www.breadoflifeministryinc.org



Habitat Build Update – Dedications

Habitat has been active on Morton Avenue in the Glenwood neighborhood through a block-by-block approach to housing since early spring 2012. Habitat has dedicated the following homes on this street thanks to the efforts of generous sponsors and volunteers.

Kalneca Fleming House # 411

Address: 1726 South Morton Avenue
July 9, 2012 – *Lutherans for Habitat*

Sharonaka Anderson House # 412

Address: 1749 South Morton Avenue
August 15, 2012 – *Law and Order Build*

JoAnn Lewis House # 413

Address: 1722 South Morton Avenue
October 5, 2012 - *United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ Churches*

Corsica Fox House # 414

Address: 1718 South Morton Avenue
October 16, 2012 – *Women Build*

Gary Miller House # 415

Address: 1758 South Morton Avenue
November 17, 2012 – *Catholics for Habitat*



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The Red Bookcase

The Red Bookcase is a new, volunteer-driven project to supply each child moving into a Habitat home with their very own small two-shelf red bookcase. Each child (ages 0-16 years) will also receive a minimum of six age-appropriate books to go into their new bookcase. Each bookcase will have the child's name inscribed on a nameplate. The red bookcases are being constructed by Habitat volunteers.

How You Might Help: We are currently collecting gently used or new children's books for ages 0-16 years of age. Civic organizations, church groups, business networks, book clubs, etc. might consider having a book drive through their organization to collect new or gently used children's books. Businesses might consider having an employee book drive to collect books as a holiday project. Individuals might use this as an opportunity to clean out their bookshelves.

For more information on these projects, please contact Carol Havens by telephone (812) 423-8654 or e-mail at havenscs@gmail.com



Habitat Welcome

Habitat is pleased to welcome the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

Joyce Donaldson – Community Volunteer

Mike Hull - President, Senior Portfolio Manager, Donaldson Capital Management

Bill Schrimmer - President and CEO, Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union

Steve Sorensen - Business Leader, Community Volunteer

Staff Updates:

Jeanne Mesker – Mortgage/Administrative Specialist

Jeanne was most recently employed as the Mater Dei High School Friends and Alumni coordinator.

Steve Smith – Construction Director

Before joining Habitat, Steve worked with Legacy/Development Homes and F.C. Tucker-Emge Realtors in Evansville, Indiana.

Andrea Ward – Volunteer Workforce Manager

Andrea was previously employed by Carpenters Realtors, where she served as a licensed real estate salesperson.



Perigo-Prickett Society

The Perigo-Prickett Society, founded in 2000, is a recognition society that honors those individuals who have remembered Habitat for Humanity of Evansville in their estate plans or made a contribution to the Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund with the Vanderburgh Community Foundation.

The Society is pleased to welcome these new members: Tom and Marcia Ballard, Greg and Joyce Donaldson, Ted and Nancy Hitch, Theresa Frielinghausen, Dan and Laura Niemeier and Aileen Roberts.

How do you become a member?

Individuals or couples become members of the Perigo-Prickett Society when they inform the Habitat office that they have made a planned gift to support the ministry.

For more information on how you can help support Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, contact Sr. Jane Michele McClure, Major Gifts Officer, at (812) 423-5623 Ext. 26.

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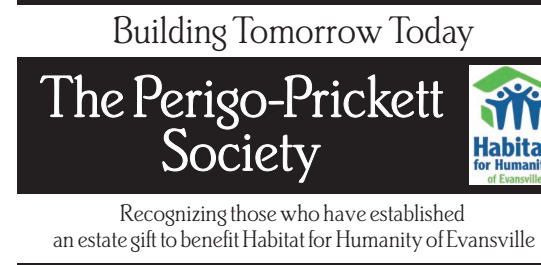
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Recognizing those who have established an estate gift to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

Cars For Homes

Proceeds from the sale of your car help Habitat for Humanity of Evansville build houses with families in need. You may receive a tax deduction if you itemize. Want more information?

Contact Michael Erwin, Development Director, at (812) 423-5623 Ext. 36.



Moving The Mountain

More than 1.6 billion people around the world lack safe, durable shelter they can afford.

No one should have to choose between paying the rent, putting food on the table or taking their child to the doctor. Right now, many hardworking families in Vanderburgh and Posey counties live in unsafe, overcrowded or unaffordable housing conditions. For many, even a full-time job can't help them escape the effects of poverty.

It's time to move the mountain of homeownership.

We must do more. This fall, we invite YOU to build homes, communities and hope through Habitat. To learn more, contact Michael Erwin, Development Director, at (812) 423-5623 Ext. 36.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE JOINT CENTER FOR HOUSING STUDIES OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY HAS CONCLUDED THAT CHILDREN OF HOMEOWNERS HAVE BETTER HOME ENVIRONMENTS, HIGHER COGNITIVE SKILLS AND FEWER BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS THAN CHILDREN OF RENTERS.

Habitat Thanks!

Thanks to Best One Tire for hosting the Annual Golf Outing to benefit Habitat affiliates in the region on September 19.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2nd Annual Best One Golf Outing will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at Cambridge Golf Club.

