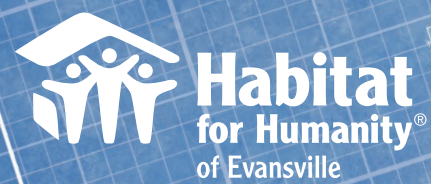




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## Partner Family Snapshot

**Lakeahia Meriweather** is a goal setter. Life has not necessarily dealt her the best cards, but she keeps working toward her goals to make significant improvements in her life. Before coming to Habitat, Lakeahia was living at Lucas Place, a transitional housing facility for homeless families. Prior to that, she was living in a shelter with her 3 children. Lucas Place was such a blessing as she was able to get on her feet, find stable employment, and even earn a GED.

Habitat has been a goal for two years and I'm happy that I'm finally here. I've accomplished a lot. I set goals and make them happen. I've accomplished everything on my list so far.

To learn more about Lakeahia's journey, please visit:  
[www.evansvillehabitat.org](http://www.evansvillehabitat.org)



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## Leadership In Action

In 1984, the first Habitat for Humanity of Evansville house was built. Inspired by the vision of Bobbie Hoy, Richard Schechter, Jim Perigo, and many others, Habitat developed a sense of passion and entrepreneurial spirit that has guided the construction of homes in the local area. The Habitat Board of Directors has been a guiding force through an exciting evolution of leadership that has helped this organization grow over time.



It takes immense dedication and passion to create a start up movement like Habitat. In the early Habitat days, the large projects and blitz builds in 1992, 1995 and 2000 were led primarily by the Board of Directors.

The Board raised money, recruited volunteers, worked directly with partner families and even constructed homes. As the organization began to grow, the role of the board changed as well. They went from a role as a working board where members actively do the work - to a governing board with a desire to still do the heavy lifting work. By locating qualified, mission-focused staff, the board has been able to evolve into the mentoring body of this affiliate in terms of vision and strategic planning.

The Board members at Habitat are truly the core of building homes, communities and hope. Without their guidance, support and passion, this organization would not be able to move forward and continue to provide access to affordable housing.



**WHO WE ARE:**  
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.





## Note From the Executive Director

Since 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville has built or renovated 416 homes and worked directly with over 500 families in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties. If you look beyond the homes, you will see the opportunity to build even stronger communities thanks to the efforts of Habitat partner families. Once a family moves into a new home, an opportunity arises for each of them to become active community leaders and partners. It is our goal in 2013 to further strengthen our relationships with current Habitat partner families so they can become advocates in building their neighborhoods from the ground up. Many families have indicated a desire to give back. This year we are exploring how Habitat might help equip families to do just that give back in the neighborhoods in which they live.



**Lori Reed**  
Executive Director  
Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

## Glenwood Achievements

The Glenwood Community Development Initiative (GCDI) was formed in early 2008 to facilitate collaboration among community residents, service providers, and community investors to create transformational neighborhood improvement in the Glenwood Neighborhood. Some of the most significant, visible work in the Glenwood Neighborhood has been in the area of housing, thanks to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville.

*The impacts of these efforts are apparent in residents' feedback from a recent five-year report released by Diehl Evaluation and Consulting Services:*

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† EYV Z\_ēc UfTēZ \_`W\_Vh 9RSZReY^ ^ Vd Z\_ the community has meant more homes with sufficient living space, energy efficiency, the potential for sustainability, and overall quality of housing.

† 3Vh VV\_ēV UVgV] a^ V\_e`W\_Vh Habitat homes and the weatherization project, over 100 families have experienced improved living conditions. These efforts have been viewed positively by community residents.



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## Giving the Gift of Change

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**JOHN BECKMAN  
REMEMBERED**

The Habitat family expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of John Beckman, who passed away February 10, 2013. John was a faithful Habitat construction volunteer for 12 years after his retirement in 1986 following a 31-year career as an analytical chemist at Whirlpool. Health issues prevented him from continuing to help build Habitat houses in 1998 but he continued to attend daily Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral and to volunteer for his church right up to the time of his death.

## 2013 Partner Family Application Meetings

June 22  
August 17  
November 16

How are Habitat partner families selected?

† 7R^ 4Vd Z \_VVU of decent shelter can attend an application meeting and apply for a home.

† 9RSZRed 7R^ 4 Selection Committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to pay a monthly mortgage.

**For more information on qualifications for homeownership, please visit:**  
<http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/qualifications>

## Why Give?

**An interview with Habitat Partner Family: Sharon Goldston**

Sharon Goldston's home in the Glenwood Neighborhood was dedicated on December 14, 2011, made possible by the estate of John Horace and Margaret Lucille Gooch. A year later, Sharon shares her experiences as a current Habitat homeowner.

### TELL US YOUR HABITAT STORY.

I was living in a one-bedroom apartment. It was everything I needed and it was safe, but it wasn't an ideal living situation. For example, I would have to park far from the entrance of my apartment building because the parking was first-come, first-served. Dealing with a physical disability, this was a huge challenge. I didn't have room for my family which was very important to me as we did not have space when they would come to visit. Also, I did not have a washer/dryer that was convenient for me. The living room was very small and I didn't even have room for a table and chairs. I really wanted more and I was able to work with Habitat and make this a reality.

### YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR WORK. WHAT DO YOU DO?

I currently work at CAPE (Community Action Program of Evansville) where I tutor adults who are wanting to attain their GED and elementary school students who are struggling in school. It is so rewarding to help people better not only their lives, but the lives of their children. I love working with the children because their self-esteem increases when they are able to break down a problem and figure it out. They finally see themselves as smart and that is a very big deal in their lives. They become excited that they can learn! I love teaching and physically it is something I can do on a weekly basis. I feel so fortunate to have a job that I enjoy so much.

### WHY HABITAT?

I don't like programs that give to people without requiring something. I love the way Habitat is set up because you help people become homeowners. To be a homeowner requires a lot. You have to be able to pay the mortgage on the house and it encourages people to work and work hard. Being a homeowner also makes you become more responsible. The Habitat homeownership classes teach you so many important things to help you prepare for this transition. It makes me want to cry because I love the program since people have to work very hard for this. I truly believe in it.

To take a tour of Sharon's home and learn even more about her journey, please visit Habitat's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/EvansvilleHabitat>



## Construction Corner With Steve Smith

Most everyone has a furnace filter that requires changing. For every inch of thickness on a filter you get one month of use. Most of us, and all of the homes built by Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, have 1 filters. Thus, they should be changed every month.

The results of not replacing the filter can be extremely costly. When a filter is not changed it gets dirty (regardless of how clean your home is kept). The dirt and debris collect on the filter and block the flow of air, causing the equipment to work harder to get the air flow needed through the furnace. This can lead to inefficient heating and cooling as well as creating the potential that the system could quit working completely. The replacement cost is minimal compared to the potential repair cost for a system.

If you have a home built by Habitat and do not know how to change your filter, call the construction department at 423-5623. If you don't have a home built by Habitat, call a heating and air conditioning professional for a demonstration.

## Habitat Build Update

Habitat would like to congratulate Dawn Warren and her family on the completion of House #416 in late January. Dawn will join many other Habitat partner families on Morton Avenue in the Glenwood Neighborhood! During her emotional dedication ceremony, Dawn was proud to share in this experience with her entire family, particularly her mother. This was all done for her. She has done everything for me and I'm glad I could build this house for her. Dawn will now continue her partnership with Habitat as she makes her monthly mortgage payment and becomes engaged in the Glenwood Neighborhood.

**With your support, Habitat is looking forward to building with these families in 2013:**

Charles Axley  
Rea Fields  
Melissa Hayden  
Debbie DeVold  
Lakeahia Meriweather  
Natalie Scott  
Stephanie Baker  
Brittany Johnson  
Myers and Anna Hyman  
Rosalind Robinson  
Danielle Moore  
Rukiya Durden

To learn more about these families, please visit:  
<http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/partner-families>



Core Crew doing preliminary work at 1427 Florence Street in February

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## Save The Date

2ND ANNUAL BEST ONE GOLF OUTING AT CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB - THURSDAY, APRIL 25

NATIONAL WOMEN BUILD WEEK - MAY 4-12

MINISTERIAL BREAKFAST AT EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - THURSDAY, JUNE 13  
FEATURING ERIC CUMMINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY ONE

ANNUAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT ST. MARY'S MANOR AUDITORIUM - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

