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# **30th Anniversary Celebration**

Celebrating Donors, Volunteers and Partner Families for Their Commitment and Contributions

This year, the first day of summer was even more exciting as we celebrated our 30th anniversary at our Habitat Homecoming event! As expected, the day was very warm but a good time was had by all.

Partner families, board members, volunteers, donors past and present came out to our family-style picnic at Glenwood Leadership Academy. We were delighted to have Mayor Lloyd Winnecke in attendance and proclaim June 21, 2014 as "Habitat for Humanity of Evansville Day." Other VIP guests included Mary Hester, and Melvin and Patricia Rouse, our second and third-ever partner families, and Beth Folz, our new executive director! At the event, guests enjoyed music by David Camp and Boom Squad, Inc., who both did a fabulous job!

We send our most sincere thanks to the planning committee and our sponsor, St. Mary's Medical Center.



### WHO WE ARE:

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









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### Note from the Executive Director

After being an attorney for 25 years, I decided it was time for a change of profession. You might ask, "Why?" The plain truth is that God was calling me to make a positive impact on my community, and Habitat for Humanity of Evansville makes that happen each and every day. I know Habitat creates positive change not only in the lives of our partner families but also in our neighborhoods and communities. My experiences with Habitat have shown me how the world can be changed for the better through the provision of simple, decent



housing to hardworking partner families who just need a hand up. I truly believe in the mission of Habitat — we are seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat's 434 homes (and counting!) are a testament to the positive change we have made in the Vanderburgh and Posey County communities over the years. As executive director, I am looking forward to building on our successes and thinking long-range for Habitat. With our strategic planning sessions complete, I am confident we will be able to build a sustainable organization and continue our service to others. I am excited to see the new heights this organization can reach!



Beth Folz
Executive Director

# **Women Build Updates**

Women Build Completes Seventh Home

Since 2001, Habitat's Women Build program has been going strong recruiting, educating and inspiring women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable houses in their communities.

Now building its seventh home, women volunteer groups from businesses and organizations throughout the area have joined together to build the home of Tanika Stewart. One day a week, different groups were encouraged to come out and dive in — from building walls, setting the roof, and painting the interior to attaching siding. During the National Women Build Week that took place in May, volunteers kicked off the build by laying the first layer of the floor and structuring walls.

Tanika's new home on South Linwood was dedicated August 20. We thank all those who have contributed their time, donations and sweat to this home!



"I absolutely love how the Women Build empowers women to come together on the construction site and build. I always have a great time volunteering, and it would be great for the Women Build to become an annual event," said Beth Folz, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. "The opportunity for women in our community to build and learn new skills while providing decent housing for a family in need is incredibly uplifting."

To learn more about how you can get involved in Women Build, please contact Sr. Jane Michele McClure at 423-5623 ext. 26 or by email at jmcclure@evansvillehabitat.org.

### **Construction Corner**

### Twelve New Homes Constructed with Brick Foundations

After 30 years of building homes in the community, we revisit Old Erie Neighborhood this season — our first time back since the 1992 Blitz Build. This time, as a tribute to the first homes built in 1984, the 12 new homes in Old Erie will be constructed with a beautiful brick foundation.

We send thanks to Killebrew Brick for their generosity, as the homes with brick come at no additional cost to our homeowners. With the introduction of the brick, we have updated our house designs to incorporate a look that fits the current neighborhood aesthetics and provides our homeowners with lower exterior maintenance. The first house built with a brick foundation is the home of Rukiya Durden, sponsored by Old National Bank. We appreciate Killebrew for their dedication to this new look of decent, affordable housing.

# **Habitat Build Update**

Congratulations to these new homeowners!

### **Myers and Anna Hyman**

March 31, 2014 1003 E. Second St. Mt. Vernon House Sponsor:



Mt. Vernon Ministerial Association and CountryMark

### **Donna Staten**

May 16, 2014 1753 S. Morton Ave. House Sponsor: IC Skanska





### Rukiya Durden

June 26, 2014 443 S. Evans Ave. House Sponsor:



Old National Bank Foundation, Dunigan Family Foundation

### **Tanika Stewart**

August 20, 2014 531 S. Linwood Ave. House Sponsor: 2014 Women Build





### Jeana McCloskey

September 13, 2014 520 S. Evans Ave. House Sponsor: Lutherans for Habitat



### **Luke and Brittney Datzman**

September 17, 2014 444 S. Linwood Ave. House Sponsor:



Eyewitness News/Fund for Humanity



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# **Cover Indiana Unites Habitat Family Across the State**

KITCHEN

Friends of Habitat Bike Ride Raises \$2,000

On May 11, 100 bike riders departed from Evansville and Lafayette on a 350-mile journey winding through the heart of Indiana, culminating in Indianapolis. The event, hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Indiana, raised \$2,021 for Evansville and more than \$40,000 for Habitat affiliates across the state! Each cyclist was required to reach a fundraising goal that they designated to the affiliate of their choice. The journey was a bonding experience for all, as they stayed in area churches and were supported by two vans for medical supplies, equipment and other needed assistance. In 2015, the event will take place from May 10–16. If this sounds like an adventure you would be interested in, please contact Michael Erwin, development director and past Cover Indiana participant, at 423-5623 ext. 36 or by email at merwin@evansvillehabitat.org.



### Habitat Homeowners Give Back to Build

### Anonymous Donor Makes Homeowner Partnership Possible

Feel free to also check out the website: http://hfhcoverindiana.org.

We are very blessed to have been able to partner with more than 430 families in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties. These families worked alongside other partner families and volunteers to complete 300 sweat equity hours — helping build their own home and homes for other families. This year, current Habitat homeowners are coming together to give back and pay it forward by once again volunteering their time and hard work to Habitat. Thanks to an anonymous donor, homeowners will be supplying the volunteer labor alongside our Core Crew to build the home of Maria Moreno.

We would like to thank homeowners Hank Miles, Sharon Goldston, Michelle Farmer, Amanda Bratcher, Sarah Munsell, Kris Kinsey, Rosalind Robinson, Charles Axley, James Herring, Renette Boyd and Emily Baxter for volunteering and for serving on the initial Homeowner Build Steering Committee. We are extremely appreciative of the committee, homeowners, volunteers, sponsors and donors for making this incredible partnership possible.

DINING



## **Best One Tire**

### Best One Tire Raises More Than \$4,000 for Habitat

For the third year in a row, the Best One Tire golf outing has been a great benefit to Habitat. We are so thankful for their commitment of support! Checks were presented to Habitat affiliates in Warrick, Gibson and Henderson counties, with Evansville receiving a check for \$4,433. Over the years Best One Tire has donated more than \$63,000 to Habitat, making them a much appreciated community partner. Many thanks to Scott Thomas for his continual hard work organizing the golf outing and his unselfish dedication to our cause!



# Building Homes, Communities and Hope with the Perigo-Prickett Society

As we celebrate our 30 years of involvement in the community, we are proud to have served more than 430 families. We thank our donors and sponsors for making our thriving ministry possible. As we look to the future and work to ensure the sustainability of our organization, we see growing membership in the Perigo-Prickett Society as an important way to achieve that goal.

The Perigo-Prickett Society 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 with the Vanderburgh Community Foundation. Please contact Sr. Jane Michele for more information about how to join the Perigo-Prickett Society.

Oftentimes, you ask us for the specific language your attorney could use as you name Habitat for Humanity of Evansville in your estate plans.

Tom and Marcia Ballard
Lois M. Bennett <sup>+</sup>
Lola J. Bromm <sup>+</sup>
David and Ginny Cook
Melvin L. Dickhaut <sup>+</sup>
LeRoy and Pat Dilger
Greg and Joyce Donaldson
Marjorie E. Ewing <sup>+</sup>
Gilbert and Alberta Fehrenbacher <sup>+</sup>

Butch and Linda Feulner
Jim and Emily Fowler <sup>†</sup>
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John and Lucille Gooch <sup>†</sup>
Dan and Lou Ann Green
Ben Greiner <sup>†</sup>
Eugene and Barbara Hamlow
Joyce Hendrix
Nancy Hitch

Building Tomorrow Today

# The Perigo-Prickett Society



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

Naming Habitat for Humanity of Evansville as a beneficiary of a specific amount is easy. Here's what to say:

I give and devise to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, located in Evansville, IN, EIN:35-1602775, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose.

The Perigo-Prickett Society is pleased to welcome as new members, Dick and Paula Yeager (Paula passed away May 24, 2014).

Elizabeth Kalb
Dr. Llewellyn Lieber \*
Bob and Shirley Nicholson
Dan and Laura Niemeier
Jim and Pat Perigo
Jim and Janette Prickett
Lori Reed
Charlotte Richardt \*
Aileen Roberts

Richard and Joann Schechter Carl and Beverly <sup>+</sup> Schofield Kenneth Silverman <sup>+</sup> Steve and Wendy Thomas Fran and Vernon Vix Maryedna Wilkie <sup>+</sup> Scott and Holly Wittman Richard and Paula <sup>+</sup> Yeager Anonymous (3)

<sup>+</sup> Deceased

# PARTNER FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

"I CAN FINALLY SEE SOMETHING ALL OF THESE YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR." - MARIA MORENO

"TO BE ABLE TO SAY, 'I WORKED FOR THIS, THIS IS WHAT WE DID," IT MEANS A LOT TO ME." - JEANA MCCLOSKEY

### **Cars for Homes**

Van Donation Builds Homes

families in need of affordable shelter.

We would like to send out a very special thank-you to Andrew and Katie Baumgartner for generously donating their van to help support Habitat for Humanity of Evansville!

As donors like Andrew and Katie 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) are welcome. When you donate a car to Cars for Homes, you will help Habitat for Humanity of Evansville build houses with

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 (877)- 277-4344. If you donate an automobile or other vehicle, you may be eligible for a tax deduction.



### **Youth United**

Now in its second year, Habitat is currently recruiting high school students for the 2014/2015 school year. This new volunteer group will have the opportunity to learn skills such as leadership and teamwork, get a hands-on experience in community building, and work to sponsor their very own Habitat home for a family in need. Youth United is a great way for our area students to learn the value of community pride and service at a young age. These students will be able to connect with those involved in Habitat as well as become an advocate among their peers. If you, a young person or a group of young people you know would like to participate in Youth United, please call Lee Jerstad at 423-5623 ext. 21.



# Save The Pate

HABITAT 30TH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER
ST. MARY'S MANOR
AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22

PARTNER FAMILY
APPLICATION MEETING
EVANSVILLE CHRISTIAN
LIFE CENTER - SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 16

CORE CREW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON -WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

# Why Give?

### Barbara Trockman

For Barbara Trockman belief in the mission of Habitat came long before the Evansville affiliate was established. Her journey of passion for decent housing began when she learned about Koinonia Farms in Americus, Georgia.

It was wonderful to see all the nice houses, see the way people are appreciating their good fortunes by taking care of their lawns — and one another — and see the community come together."



Founded by Clarence Jordan, Koinonia Farms was an open, self-sustaining community. During the civil rights era, Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International, helped revitalize the community, and in the process he and Jordan established the principles that Habitat lives by today. Barbara had passed through the farms on a mission trip, where she was first inspired by Jordan, saying he was an incredibly strong and brave man.

A few years later in 1969, Barbara was able to hear Jordan speak at a church in Evansville, where she was truly inspired by his message — coming together in faith. Following his speech, he shook her hand and told her, "Power to your hand." His words moved her to tears that day, and since then she has felt connected to Habitat.

Barbara is a firm believer in the cause of simple, decent housing for all. "I just believe everyone should have that opportunity," says Barbara, "We should all have that chance." Her favorite part about Habitat is seeing the joy these families have moving into their new homes. When touring all of the different neighborhoods in Evansville, Barbara noted, "It was wonderful to see all the nice houses, see the way people are appreciating their good fortunes by taking care of their lawns — and one another — and see the community come together."

Because of physical limitations, Barbara does not give much of her time volunteering, but has given donations since being immersed in the mission from the very beginning. "It's a way of giving back," she explains, "I've been very blessed, so it's a way to contribute." Barbara feels like Habitat has been an important part of her life and that she has lived the impact it's had on this community.

### In Honor Of:

### **Jim and Cathy Edrington**

Carolyn Ringham

### Jim Kahre

Luther Village Trust

#### **Pat Norris**

David and Faye Kishline

### **Richard Pearson**

David and Judy Wright Dorothy Marshall

### **Richard Paul**

Viola Paul

### **Carl Schofield**

Barbara Daming

### Liz Kalb and Steve Titzer

Debra Hebbeler

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Duane and Sharon Kaufman Nick and Kevin Long Delbert and Thelma Welte

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Steve Smith

# **Interfaith Advisory Council Launched**

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is pleased to announce a new group that will become a thriving, sustainable Habitat program, the Interfaith Advisory Council.

On September 8, the Council was announced at a media conference with Council members present at the construction site for the home of Maria Moreno. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke was there to endorse this group, and was presented a letter of thanks from Habitat for Humanity International Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Reckford.

Rabbi Gary Mazo, Council chair, was also there to establish and explain to the public the relationship between this local group and the highest aims of Habitat for Humanity International, which is to challenge world religious leaders to work together to end poverty on the planet, using decent shelter as a transformative and foundational strategy to accomplish that vision.



That week, the Council was pleased to launch its Week of Service in celebration and anticipation of the National Day of Service, on September 11. On that day, members of the Council worked together to paint porches and delighted in a lunch prepared by members of the Hindu Temple.

With over 1.7 billion people living in substandard housing, the work in Evansville is a proverbial "drop in the bucket." By challenging people of all faiths — and no faith — to pick up a hammer and build, we can make a difference.



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# Partner Family Snapshot Luke and Brittney Datzman

For Luke and Brittney Datzman, partnership with Habitat has been a life-changing commitment. The two were married this past June and are excited to embark on their new life together as homeowners. Looking at their previous living situation, they realized they could not afford to raise a family with rent increasing every year in their apartment. With neighbors engaging in activities they would rather not be around, they thought Habitat could provide a fresh start for their future family.

Luke and Brittney are looking forward to having a garden and a yard for their children to play in, as well as saving money to send them to college. They are confident their new home will be a better living environment and a much safer place to live. Both feel a tremendous sense of pride in owning their own home.

Luke and Brittney say this experience has brought them closer to God, and they now plan to become members at a nearby church. "We just feel so blessed with the opportunity God provided to our family through Habitat."

To learn more about Luke and Brittney's journey to homeownership, please visit http://www.evansvillehabitat.org/partner-families.