

CONNUNT Fall 2021

Making Progress at St. Theresa Place,

Moving Into Jacobsville

It's officially been a year since we broke ground at the St. Theresa Place development on August 10, 2020, and progress has been steady despite the challenges faced in the wake of COVID-19 and supply chain issues. In June, we reopened to community volunteers after feeling their absence for nearly a year. In that same month, we celebrated the dedication of three wonderful, deserving families on the grounds where St. Theresa Catholic Church and School stood for over seven decades, and broke ground in the Jacobsville Neighborhood.

We kicked off St. Theresa Place dedications with Brooke and her three daughters in mid-June. The following week, we were thrilled to hand over the keys to her immediate neighbor, Neakeba, and her four kids! She paused her celebration to give Habitat a donation from her children, to assist the next local family who just needs an extra hand up. James' dedication finished out the month on the last day of June to an absolutely packed house. James shared that he is going to be "living and breathing Habitat for the rest of [his] life" and is considering continuing to partner with Habitat as a Core Crew volunteer.

We dedicated the fourth house in the subdivision and honored Cassandra's hard work with friends, family and daughter Jhe'Nyla in July! Cassandra's home is the first to be completed on Herndon Drive. Her closest neighbor, Johnte's, dedication occurred in August and several more homes are currently wrapping up, including our most recent house in Mt. Vernon.

Meanwhile, in nearby Jacobsville, nearly 10 families have now selected their lots! We broke ground at Malinda's home and began construction with senior students from the Southern Indiana Career and Technical School. Work will begin on the other homes in the coming months. Building in Jacobsville and partnering with established organizations in this part of our community, particularly the Dream Center, is a key piece of our strategic plan for the year. The Jacobsville Neighborhood was identified as a high-need area to focus on as part of our five-year plan and will be the site of a large portion of our builds, along with the Tepe Park Neighborhood, as we complete St. Theresa Place. There is tremendous potential and growth happening in these areas and we hope our work will support this!

Follow us on social media or check out our website to stay up to date on the developments at St. Theresa Place and our builds in Jacobsville and Tepe Park!



Thank You

Dottie Schauss and Jim and Carol Havens; Anonymous Friends of Habitat in Honor of Fr. Ted and Robert A. Thompson; the Tom and Betty Titzer Family, the Alan and Sharon Braun Family; and St. Theresa Families for sponsoring Brooke, Neakeba, James, Cassandra and Johnte'!



Community Volunteer Opportunities Have Reopened!

Our community volunteers help us keep up our busy building pace and are crucial for our organization's success! As we return to normalcy, we would love to have you out on one of our build sites or even helping in our office! For more information about getting involved, you can visit our website or contact Volunteer Workforce and Safety Manager, Meredith, at mdixon@evansvillhabitat.org or 812-453-3810!

We are always happy to have volunteers come out as a group! Thank you to the following groups for building with us so far this summer:

GAF • Women Build • SABIC • Zoar UCC Orthopaedic Associates • Indiana Department of Child Services

Our Core Crew Rocks!

Our Core Crew was honored at the Leadership Everyone Celebration of Leadership 2021, taking home an award in the Community and Neighborhood category!

Core Crew members put in a great deal of their time, talents and resources to help build Habitat homes! Just like Community Volunteers, these committed men and

women choose to give their time to our cause, the primary difference being that many Core Crew members are out on site multiple days a week all year long! We are incredibly grateful for their service and dedication to local families!





Congrats to Brian
Schymik, who recently had
his 1-year "anniversary"
on our Core Crew! Brian
is always a welcoming,
friendly face on job sites
and an awesome addition
to the crew!



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ReStore

The Habitat ReStore is a one-stop shop for lightly used furniture, home decor, appliances, and building materials for your home DIY projects! Whether you shop at, donate to or volunteer with the ReStore, you're making an impact on local families by benefitting Habitat Evansville!

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Save-the-Date



Friday, November 4 • 6 pm Tropicana • Riverfront Event Center

Hard Hats and High Heels is our annual gala fundraising event in partnership with Habitat Young Professionals of Evansville (HYPE)! This year's theme is gameshows! Join us for an evening of games, live and silent auctions, music, dinner, and more! Big ticket items include a personal chef experience and weekend getaways to great destinations! Cocktail attire. Tickets available on our website.

Interested in becoming an event sponsor?
Contact Holly Edmond at 812-306-1544 or hedmond@evansvillehabitat.org!



Habitat was awarded a Community Good grant from the Vanderburgh Community Foundation for our homeownership education program.



Welcome New Board Members!



"Habitat has an excellent record of helping individuals and families break the cycle of poverty. Having a nice, safe home sets the stage for success in school and at home. Homeowners participate in education related to home ownership and commit to significant sweat equity. They are not given homes, but earn the right to have a home. The data is compelling, but the stories are what make our Habitat so special."

- Kathy Kleindorfer, Strategy and Leadership Consultant

"As an investment advisor I like that as a mission, Habitat invests in those who are willing to invest in themselves. As a Christian, it's a blessing to be involved in a Christian-based organization, and to give a hand up to those who desire for a better life and want to have skin in the game to make that a reality."



— **David Nicholson,** Senior Vice President, Senior Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management



"I agreed to serve on the Habitat Board because I believe that each new day that we are here, we are given an opportunity to be of service to others. The mission of Habitat is just that: service to others above self! So many of the recipients of Habitat homes have been former students of mine and therefore being able to help them become homeowners is very important and personal to me."

— Sheila Huff, Director of Strategic Engagement, EVSC

"I have always admired the work that Habitat does in our community. The process of education, training, and requiring sweat equity to earn the path to home ownership leads to successful and sustainable results. I am looking forward to getting more involved as a board member to support the organization in their mission and the great work they do for local families as well as our community at large."



— Brad Muehlbauer, President, Koch Air



"What drew me to Habitat was that I really want to see people break the cycle of poverty. Habitat helps people begin their journey toward financial security. Homeownership is a big step and a game changer."

Jeff Wilmes, Community Volunteer

"Habitat's impact is not measured in a single moment, but in a lifetime of increased dignity and improved opportunities for whole families."

— Mike Hinton, Chairman and CEO - Principal, Lochmueller Group



Highlights

Congrats to our Finance Director, Jenny Wuchner, on 20 years with Habitat this past July!



Welcome to the Habitat Team!



Tim MillerDatabase Systems
Administrator



Bart SchutzConstruction Manager

Congratulations to Chris Bennett

on being named a
Rising Star of 2021 by
Progressive Railroading!
Chris is the Director of
the CSX Public Safety



Coordination Center in Jacksonville, Florida. He grew up in a Habitat home here in Evansville and his mother, Cynthia Bennett, volunteers with Habitat as a Homeowner Advocate!

Three Named to Emeritus Board

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville has named three former board members — Jodi Uebelhack, Jim Bartlett and Steve Titzer — to the ministry's Emeritus Board. Jodi Uebelhack served on Habitat's Board of Directors from 1995–2014 and as president of the board from 2005–2007. She was extremely active during the 1995 and 2000 Blitz Builds as well as the New Haven project, where 55 homes were built in response to the deadly tornado of 2005.

A board member from 2014–2020, Jim Bartlett was a leader in bringing Habitat to Posey County. He was personally involved in fundraising, identifying future homeowners, recruiting volunteers and building nearly every one of the 13 homes in Mount Vernon and Posey County. He also initiated Evansville's ReStore operation and was an inspiring champion of Habitat's tithing program.

Steve Titzer served as treasurer, a member of the board's Executive Committee and chair of the Finance Committee from 1993 until the present — over 28 years. He is the only member of the Board of Directors to be named to emeritus status immediately upon his retirement from the board. He presently serves as chair of the Development Executive Committee and the Planned Giving Advisory Committee.

Every family deserves a decent, affordable home.

Congratulations to these new Habitat homeowners!



Clara "Miss Ann"

Sponsor: The New Market Tax Credit

Dedicated: August 31, 2020



Angela and LaMarcus

Sponsor: In Honor of the Perigo-Prickett Society

Dedicated: September 22, 2020



Amanda

Sponsor: City of Evansville, Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Dedicated: October 27, 2020



Doretha

Sponsor: CenterPoint Energy

Dedicated: November 25, 2020



Chelsea

Sponsor: ReStore

Dedicated:

December 15, 2020



Kathleen

Sponsor: In Memory of John H. and Mary Ada Berg

Dedicated:

December 17, 2020



Kaynah

Sponsor: Donaldson Capital Management

Dedicated: January 30, 2021



La Shanda

Sponsor: Lutherans for Habitat

Dedicated: March 5, 2021



Shalin

Sponsor: Interfaith

Build

Dedicated: March 11, 2021



Tammy

Sponsor: Anonymous Friend of Habitat

Dedicated: April 19, 2021



Cortney

Sponsor: Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union

Dedicated: April 28, 2021



DeAdria

Sponsor: Women Build: Building Homes, Building Leaders

Dedicated: May 20, 2021



Brandi

Sponsor: UCC and DOC Churches, built with SICTC students

Dedicated: May 27, 2021



Brooke

Sponsor: Jim and Carol Havens and Dottie Schauss

Dedicated: June 16, 2021



Neakeba

Sponsor: Anonymous Friends of Habitat in Honor of Fr. Ted and Robert A. Thompson

Dedicated: June 24, 2021



James

Sponsor: Tom and Betty Titzer Family

Dedicated: June 30, 2021



Cassandra

Sponsor: Alan and Sharon Braun Family Foundation

Dedicated: July 29, 2021



Johnte¹

Sponsor: St. Theresa Families

Dedicated: August 12, 2021



Home Maintenance Tip

from Patrick Landry, Habitat's Construction Director

Make sure to clean out your gutters. Keep both the gutters and downspouts free of leaves and debris. A clogged gutter can cause damage to not only the gutter and downspouts themselves but can also damage your fascia board and roof. It can also cause moisture issues in the crawl space. It's best to clean your gutters well at least twice a year in the spring and fall.

Paid Off Mortgages!

Congrats to the homeowners who paid off their mortgages between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021:

Christa Minor • Audra Banks • Tameka Pegue Lloyd • Angela Stewart • Michelle Jackson • Benita Willett • Lawrence Winstead • Joyce Berry • Billy and Mae Thompson • Jeanette McKinnon • Joanna Ising • Shannon Murray-Gentry • Dionna Fox-Buchannan

Habitat News and Happenings!

Expanding to Northern Posey County

Habitat Evansville is committed to building in both Vanderburgh and Posey counties to improve quality of life in our region and positively impact local families. Until now, we have never built a home in Northern Posey County, but we are excited to share that this will soon change! A dedicated group of

individuals, spearheaded by Deacon Mark McDonald, have moved with stunning momentum to rally folks in the Poseyville area for the cause. Their Chicken Dinner fundraiser in June raised \$15,000 in one day, with GAF in Mt. Vernon matching proceeds to bring in a whopping \$30,000 total! They have officially surpassed the \$80,000 needed to sponsor a first house and are well on their way to funding a second!



AmeriCorps returns!

We welcomed a group of AmeriCorps NCCC members to our organization at the end of June! The group spent all of July working with us. Thank you, Micah, Angel, Xian, Matwos, Ariana, Tayana, Maia, Aranza, and Lauryn for spending your summer with us and impacting families in our region!



The members spent their "Summer of Service" building with us.

Night at the Otters with Evansville Eyewitness News a Hit!





Greater Evansville COVID-19 Response Fund Helps Habitat

The COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund of the Greater Evansville Region was a Godsend to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville and to countless other non-profit organizations in our area. Under the auspices of United Way of Southwestern Indiana, a group of concerned individuals, corporations, and organizations raised more than \$6.6 million to help ensure that critical community needs would continue to be met through all stages of the pandemic.

Habitat received two separate grants, totaling \$96,200, to recoup lost income from ReStore shutdown, pay sub-contractors for siding and interior trim work when volunteers were not able to come out safely, and help to defray the increase in lumber costs during the COVID crisis and the loss of donated material.

Two Communities of Faith Create a Legacy

We are most grateful for the many ways that houses of worship in our community have embraced the cause of affordable housing as an expression of their desire to build the city which God desires.

This can take many forms, from having honest conversations about how to do the congregation's philanthropy in a way which is focused and impactful, to actually sending armies of volunteers onsite to help build and add to the ranks of homeowners in our most underserved neighborhoods.

Recently, Habitat received the ultimate gift from two faith communities. When East Side Christian Church and St. Mark's United Church of Christ made the painful decision to dissolve, both made substantial contributions to Habitat, a total of nearly \$70,000. Habitat gives praise and thanks for the thoughtful way that church leaders decided to redirect the church's assets, ensuring that families in our community could have a safe and secure home to call their own.

Building a Legacy with the **Perigo-Prickett Society**



The Society is pleased to welcome new members: Steve and Susan Brizius, Harold and Joyce Godeke, Dave and Mindy Jochem, Tim Mahoney, Fred and Kim Mulfinger, William and Lynn Penland, Tom and Gloria Speer, Rev. Ted Tempel, and two anonymous members.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville recognizes all individuals and couples who have become members of the Perigo-Prickett Society as of August 31, 2021. Through their legacy giving Habitat's ability to continue to help families become strong, stable and self-reliant through shelter is ensured. Deceased members of the Society are indicated by a †.

Perigo-Prickett Society Members

David and Teri Hollander Albin Ron and Margaret Angermeier Tom and Marcia Ballard Randy and Linda Becker Lois M. Bennett[†] Dean and Karen Bosler Steve and Susan Brizius Lola I. Bromm[†] Bill and Phyllis Bussing Jeff[†] and Margaret Ann Byrne Jeanne M. Carter[†] Dennis and Angelika Clark Dustin and Julie Cline Deacon Dave and Mrs. Ginny Cook Catherine Walter Groben[†] Charles F. and Frances Crawford[†] Ed and Martha Diamond[†] Melvin L. Dickhaut[†] LeRoy and Pat Dilger Greg and Joyce Donaldson Jim and Cathy Edrington Marjorie E. Ewing[†] Gilbert and Alberta Fehrenbacher[†] Chuck and Linda Fellwock Scott and Jacqueline Fenneman

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Elizabeth Kalb Kris Kinsey Kevin and Margaret Koch Mary Helen Laval† Charles D. Leich[†] Dr. Llewellvn Lieber[†] Rev. Steve Lintzenich Tim Mahonev Jack and Bonnie Main[†] Jim and Mary Stumpf McCarthy David[†] and Colleen McLaughlin Fred and Kim Mulfinger Anne and Bill[†] Nicholson Bob and Shirley[†] Nicholson Dan and Laura Niemeier William and Lynn Penland Jim and Pat Perigo[†] Jim[†] and Janette Prickett Charlotte Richardt[†] Aileen Roberts Irene Ruston[†] Yvette Sapp Oscar[†] and Dottie Schauss Richard[†] and Joann Schechter

Carl and Beverly Schofield Frank and Judy Schultheis Jim[†] and Joann Schwentker Roger and Elizabeth Shinnerl Kenneth Silverman[†] Tom and Laura Sommerfield Tom and Gloria Speer Jim[†] and Pam Stevens Rev. Ted Tempel Steve and Wendy Thomas Steve and Sandy Titzer Fran and Vernon Vix Diane Weiss-Altstadt Stephanie K. Weiner Marvedna Wilkie[†] Iim and Laura Wittman Scott and Holly Wittman Dick and Paula[†] Yeager Anonymous (3)

[†]Denotes those who have passed

with 100 Members of the Perigo-Prickett Society!



MEMBERSHIP TRULY IS FOREVER!

100 Homes with 100 Families is the name of Habitat's 2019–2023 strategic plan — its focus is building family stability and increasing homeownership rates in Glenwood, Tepe Park and Jacobsville with a goal of 100 homes by 2023!

Our Goal - 100 Members of the Perigo-Prickett Society

The Perigo-Prickett Society, Habitat's planned giving and endowment society, is the only **Habitat-affiliated association where** membership truly is forever! Decades from now, generations to come will review the membership roster and say, "These people truly cared about everyone having a decent place to live."



In Memoriam



Rev. Dr. James R. "Jim" Prickett passed away September 1 at his home. Along with his friend, Jim Perigo, Jim was honored as the co-founder of Habitat Evansville. Jim Prickett was the first paid staff person for Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, in Americus, Georgia, and in 1976 helped found the organization which has now served over 29 million people throughout the world. Jim

served on the first Habitat for Humanity International Board of Directors and later served for 12 years on Habitat Evansville's board, serving as president three of those years. Jim was an exceptional pastor, scholar and servant of those in need.

Habitat mourns the loss of members of the Habitat family, and asks for prayers for peace and consolation for their loved ones.

Dr. Charles A. Brizius, annual donor for 18 years — August 12, 2021

Doris Grabhorn, preceded in death by her husband Al by a little over a month, Perigo-Prickett Society member — April 15, 2021

Charles D. Leich, Perigo-Prickett Society member — June 22, 2021

Francis "Nick" Long, a founder of the Wednesday Crew (now Core Crew), faithful contributor, and father to Kevin, a Core Crew Emeritus member — March 19, 2021

Rev. Richard W. Miller, lead pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church for almost 30 years, long-time chair of Lutherans for Habitat — July 20, 2021

Jackie Patten, faithful supporter for 21 years — April 29, 2021



Every gift creates change.

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In Honor Of:

Peggy Dewig

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Gregory Hayden

Carol Pearce

Alan and Sandy Newman

Emily Hackworth

Sr. Theresa Peck, D.C.

Mary Wildeman

Carl Schofield

John and Pam Small

Fr. Ted Tempel

James Buthod

Judy Eskew

Barry and Darby Schnakenburg

Mary Schroeder

Steve Titzer

Randy and Linda Becker Brett and Trudy Stock

In Memory Of:

Urban and Caroline Baehl

Paul and Brenda Wallace

Bettve Barkmann

Frederick Barkmann

Ed Schultheis and Larry Bartley

Ken and Janet Schultheis

Marie Becker

Peggy Becker

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Phyllis Hart

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Robynn Working

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Francis L. "Nick" Long

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Charles Spaetti

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Killebrew Brick

Viable Home Energy

Rev. Joseph Ziliak

Cars for Homes

Beth Brown

Adam and Michelle Hollenbacher

Evelynne Lonnberg Andrea Wells





Homeowners have improved educational outcomes, reduced monthly payments and more opportunity to build equity.

- There are 30 future homeowners in our program working on sweat equity.
- Habitat Evansville has dedicated 540 homes in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties.
- It takes 75 volunteers approximately 1,100 hours to build a Habitat home.
- We are currently building in St.
 Theresa Place, Mt. Vernon and
 Jacobsville soon to be building in
 Tepe Park and Northern Posey County as well!

Homeowner Spotlight

"This house will mean everything. It will be more than just a house to us — this will be our forever home. This is proof that God does answer prayers; it just takes time."

- Future Homeowner Heavan

You can read Heavan's full Habitat story on our website!



