



Wolf River
Habitat
 for Humanity®
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a busy and exciting year for Wolf River Habitat for Humanity in Shawano and Menominee Counties. Shortly after a very moving dedication celebration in August, the Pamoncutt family was able to settle into their new home at 415 South Smalley Street in Shawano.



With much planning, we have been able to expand the Habitat space at 320 East Richmond Street to make room for our new store. Volunteers continue to work hard at remodeling, and can certainly use more help on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing in August was very successful due to the sponsorship of Pine Hills Golf Course and the North Star Casino.

Plus, thanks goes out to Joel Kroenke and Ross Fugill for organizing the Fall Music Festival in Kuckuk Park! It was a beautiful day, and we heard some great music!

October was also the "25 for 25" challenge of the Fox Valley Community Foundation. We especially appreciate all who voted for Wolf River Habitat as your favorite charity. This organization and the work we do would not be possible without supporters like you.

Come visit us at the corner of Lincoln and Richmond in Shawano, just down the street from Charlie's County Market and SAFPARC at the old Johnson Electrical Supply location!

Kevin Culhane
President

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS ...

a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need.

When we act in response to human need, giving what we have without seeking profit, we believe God magnifies the effects of our efforts. We refer to this perspective as "the economics of Jesus." Together, the donated labor of construction volunteers, the support of partner organizations and the homeowners' "sweat equity" make Habitat's house building possible. By sharing resources with those in need, Habitat volunteers and supporters have made decent, affordable housing a reality for more than 300,000 families worldwide.

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HABITAT STORE NOW OPEN

With the hopes of raising additional funds for home building, we have opened a Habitat store at our 320 East Richmond Street headquarters. The signs are in place to help you find the location, and remodeling of the building is still in progress.



We are thankful for the customers who have already stopped, and for the wide variety of donations that have appeared. So far, there are a variety of doors and sinks, tools, new and slightly used building materials, light fixtures, some good used appliances, nails, lots of hardware donated by Retail Lumber and Qualheim's True Value, plus an enormous antique homemade rug loom.

Donations, especially of various cabinets, should be brought in during our store hours (Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (We are not accepting toilets, upholstered furniture or paint.)

Stop in for a visit, but remember it is still a combination store and remodeling project!



THANKS GIVING!

Wolf River Habitat was recently awarded two grants for starting our store. The Mielke Family Foundation generously contributed \$5,000 to help get the renovation "off the ground," and the Fox Valley Community Foundation graciously donated \$7,000 to the store effort. Volunteers have spent many hours taking out old walls, insulation, etc., so the grants are especially being used for changes in electricity, heating and plumbing.

Thank You Mielke Family Foundation and Fox Valley Community Foundation!

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Bring your old computers, printers, monitors and TVs to the Habitat for Humanity building on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are partnering with Vintage Tech Recyclers to keep electronics out of the landfill while at the same time benefitting Habitat. (All funds generated will be used for home building projects.) Vintage Tech, which is working with several Wisconsin Habitats, is R2 (Responsible Recycling) certified. They use state of the art technology to wipe the hard drive clean, are DNR endorsed, and exceed the Department of Defense Standards for data destruction. If you or your employer are looking for a place to recycle electronics, bring it to Habitat!



DEDICATION CELEBRATION HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

We found the most meaningful descriptions of that special day – the day of the Habitat home dedication - on the pages of the Shawano Leader. Shawano Mayor Lorna Marquardt wrote, “Through my years in public service, I have been honored to attend many events on behalf of the city. I have to say, none has touched me more. As I looked at the volunteers who made this family’s dream come true, and as I witnessed the family accepting the Bible and keys to the home, an overwhelming spirit of goodness and caring filled the room. Listening to Cliff Elertson and Johnny Doxtator sing a musical blessing, followed by the home blessing of Father David Barrett, I was glad I was there.”

She continued, “Norm Habeck was at the groundbreaking ceremony and was so proud the property his father once owned was the site for

the home. Somehow I felt Norm looking down smiling at the dedication and saying, ‘There are a lot of good folks in Shawano.’”

A reporter for the Shawano Leader, Lee Pulaski, wrote that Father David Barrett told those in attendance that a lot of people approach the world with a proverbial club in their hands and demand what is theirs. He said it is important for organizations like Habitat to help those who do not have such a confrontational attitude and provide them with tools for success. “The true reality in the world is we’re all in this together,” Father Barrett said. “When we see something like this, this is the way the world should work.”

Many thanks for everyone who helped to make the south smalley street home possible (with volunteer labor, donations and prayers!)



Putting Faith into Action

Habitat’s ministry is based on the conviction that to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, we must love and care for one another. Our love must not be words only - it must be true love, which shows itself in action. Habitat provides an opportunity for people to put their faith and love into action. We bring diverse groups of people together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone.

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Shawano Community High School teacher, Mr. Greg Brown, and his Building Trades students *(for all they did in the construction process on Smalley Street.)*

FFA Chapter at Shawano Community High School *(for their generous donation, plus great help at the Golf Outing!)*

Shawano Women’s Club *(generous donation!)*

Berken and Moesch *(plumbing)*

Colonial Craft *(hardwood flooring)*

CRI *(publishing and printing)*

Crossroads Cabinetry *(kitchen cabinets)*

Montour Engel *(heating)*

Ferguson Enterprises *(bathroom fixtures)*

Floors Unlimited *(vinyl flooring)*

Gary’s Garage Doors

Hunter Douglas *(window blinds)*

Kallies Electric

LJ Sperberg *(yard work)*

Menzner Lumber *(hardwood trim)*

Paynter Equipment *(silt fence)*

Square D *(electrical supplies)*

Whirlpool *(stove and refrigerator)*

Zaringer Trucking *(excavation)*

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