



HABITAT HAPPENINGS

HABITAT PROJECT UPDATES

by Pam Tricamo, Executive Director

2007 is a very busy year for our local Habitat affiliate. We have been blessed by the generosity of several people who have donated properties to us in the last year or so. This has made it possible for us to add a third workday during the week. We are now building on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. With 5 houses to get ready this year, and 4,000 hours of volunteer time required per project, there are lots of opportunities to help! If you are interested in working on the jobsite you can call our office at 228-1490 or visit our website at www.habitatlebanon.org to reserve a date on site.

Following is a list of current projects:

639 N. 3rd Avenue - UCC Project - This is a house being fully sponsored by the 22 United Church of Christ churches in Lebanon County. The roof is on and the family is down to their last 50 hours so we expect to be dedicating this house and moving the family in early this summer.

203 Mifflin Street - Apostle Build Project - This collaborative project is a wonderful example of the faith community working together to provide a house for a family in need. A number of churches are combining their talents and treasures to remodel a home that we expect to dedicate during Building on Faith week in September.

366 N. 13th Street -- As our current work project, this house will receive a lot of attention and see a lot of activity over the next few months. At our current pace we expect to have the family moved in sometime during October.

239 S. 5th Street -- This burned out property will require thousands of volunteer hours until it is ready for a family. Cleaning out the interior will continue sporadically until fall when this becomes the regular worksite. It will be early in 2008 before a family will once again occupy this house.

Calendar of Events

May

- 1 Law Day
- 2 Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting, 9:15 a.m., at Jubilee Ministries
- 3 Leave A Legacy Program "Senior Women Donors", 8:00 a.m. at Cafe Baracah, call Jess at 274-3493 to register
- 15 Primary Election Day
- 16 Financial Literacy Project Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Jubilee Ministries Conference Room
- 17-18 50+ Festival at the Ag Center
- 21 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 21 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 24 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 2 - 9 Katrina Exhibit at Lebanon Picture Framing during market hours
- 11-17 Wills Week
- 25 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 25 Committee Chairperson Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 28 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office

July

- 4 HOLIDAY
- 14 Habitat annual picnic - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 26 Leave A Legacy, 8:15 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office

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FUNDRAISING NOTES

Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County would like to recognize those who have contributed \$100.00 or more in December 2006 through March of 2007:

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Thanks to everyone who generously contributes their time, talent, materials and money. All are needed and all are very much appreciated.



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930 Church Street -- With the structural problems discovered during the demolition phase of this property, it may be next spring until we are ready to have volunteer groups on this site.

Worden Street Project -- Once all the drawings are approved and the permits acquired, we expect to break ground on this site where we will provide housing for 13 families. Once building begins, we will be in a position to accept larger groups. This means we will be able to build faster. We will also be in a position to purchase larger quantities of materials at one time allowing us to negotiate better prices on some products. We hope to break ground before fall of 2007 on the first group of houses.

This is a very exciting time for Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County. Be a part of it by gathering together your family and friends and reserving a Saturday of your own!

Half the world's people live on less than \$2 per day
-- Source: www.worldbank.org

Habitat Wish List

Volunteers

Building Committee Chairperson
Cooks (2-3 times per year)
Development Committee Members
Family Support Committee Members
Volunteer Committee Chairperson

Goods and Services

Professional contractor services:
plumbing and HVAC
Laptop and projector
Drywall Lift

Poverty and Families

by Lisa Reitz, Habitat Northeast

Poverty imposes conditions that cast families into an unforgiving cycle of physical and emotional distress, compromising their health, academic achievement, and sense of security. House structural and environmental problems push people toward sickness. Many families must live with the consequences of unmitigated exposure to household molds and lead.

For too many, poverty is the disintegration of their families. Very often families must move frequently from one inadequate situation to another, from a pullout couch in the living room of an overcrowded apartment to a car to an unheated one-room apartment. It is difficult for a family constantly in turmoil to provide the type of environment that parents want for their children. Without emotional safety, there can be no incentive to escape. For students, adequate housing ranks high on the scale of psychological security.

The costs to individual families also cost society as a whole. Poverty breeds dependency, resentment, vulnerability, desperation, and isolation. A costly drain on humanity is also a spiritual drain on us all. What seems to be their poverty is also our poverty.

The importance of a decent place to live cannot be overstated, for with it comes stability and promise, family unity, hope, and a foundation from which individuals and societies reach their full potential.

Help us provide a decent place to live for local families. Call our office at 228-1490 or visit our website: www.habitatlebanon.org to find a way to use your talents and energy to help provide safe, decent, affordable housing for our Lebanon County friends and neighbors.



"Poverty is pain. Poor people suffer physical pain that comes with too little food and long hours of work; emotional pain stemming from the daily humiliations of dependency and lack of power; and the moral pain from being forced to make choices -- such as whether to use limited funds to save the life of an ill family member, or to use those same funds to feed their children. If poverty is so painful, why do the poor remain poor? The poor are not lazy, stupid or corrupt -- why, then, is poverty so persistent?"

-- Excerpt from "Can Anyone Hear Us?"

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 ATTN: Nominating Committee
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 Lebanon, PA 17042-1161

