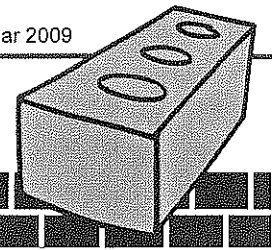


Habitat For Humanity of Lebanon County

HABITAT HAPPENINGS

Jan/Feb/Mar 2009



WHAT DOES HABITAT DO?

-- Pam Tricamo, Executive Director

In January I attended the Habitat National Conference in Atlanta, GA. It is hard to explain the feeling of being in a room with 1,000 people who are all on the same mission to eliminate poverty housing from this earth. I wish I could bottle the enthusiasm to bring home and share it with all of you. It truly was inspirational.

There were many educational sessions with materials I am still sorting through; but a presenter at one of the plenary sessions asked a question that made all 1,000 attendees stop. At our Strategic Planning Session in late January I asked those attending the same question. That question is: "What does Habitat do?"

Our planning meeting attendees had many of the same answers shouted out at the Atlanta meeting. We build houses. We serve God. We partner with families. All good answers, but not THE answer. THE answer is that *we change lives*. Of course we change the lives of the families who move into our homes. Families with a decent home they can afford. Where their children can study in their own room. Or where they can bring their friends without being embarrassed by the condition of their home.

Habitat for Humanity also changes the lives of those who partner with us. From the businesses who want to be associated with a \$5 billion brand to every one of our volunteers who make a committee stronger or work on a jobsite hammering nails. By your support of Habitat you may be making it possible for a family to be the first generation in their family to own their own home. Or you may be helping a family in Zaire replace the insect infested thatch roof of their house with a safe and permanent one to protect the family from the elements.

Whatever your level of support, know that all of us in this huge Habitat family appreciate your confidence in the work we do. With over 300,000 Habitat homes worldwide, we have accomplished much together. With your continued support we will see that every child in Lebanon County and throughout the world has the opportunity to grow up in safe, decent housing.

Calendar of Events

March

- 2 Financial Literacy Advisory Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 5 Realtors Association meeting to discuss October Auction, open to those who would like to help
- 11 Redevelopment Authority Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Washington Arms, 3rd and Chestnut Sts.
- 21 Application Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Jubilee Ministries Conference Room, REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- 23 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 23 Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 24 Lebanon County Builder's Show, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 25-26 Lebanon County Builder's Show, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- 26 Habitat Regional Meeting in Berks County, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., call the local office to register
- 27 Lebanon County Builder's Show, Noon to 9:00 p.m.
- 28 Lebanon County Builder's Show, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

April

- 1 Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness, 9:00 a.m. Jubilee Ministries conference room, the public is invited
- 8 Redevelopment Authority Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Washington Arms, 3rd and Chestnut Sts.
- 17 Habitat "Raise the Roof" annual fundraiser auction, details inside
- 27 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 27 Executive Committee meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries

May

- 4 Financial Literacy Advisory Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Jubilee Ministries
- 12 Primary Election Day
- 13 Redevelopment Authority Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Washington Arms, 3rd and Chestnut Sts.

June

- 1 Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries, the public is invited
- 1 Board meeting, 8:00 p.m. at Jubilee Ministries

HOUSE RAISING NOTES

Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County would like to recognize those who have contributed \$100.00 or more in October through December 2008:

Annville Church of the Brethren, Mike & Nancy Arnold, Avon Zion United Methodist Church, Dan & Wendy Azzara, Richard & Barbara Bentz, David & Shannon Bohr, Ronald & Marilyn Boogaard, Alma Brubaker, Campbelltown United Methodist Church, Voorhis & Mary Cantrell, William & Bonnie Chambers, Randy Chapman, Church of the Good Shepherd, Joe & Judy Clark, Thomas & Susan Cooper, Michael Dubin & Rebecca Baldwin, Jeffrey & Virginia Edleman, Tom & Joanne Ehrhart, Victor & Paula Faralli, Myra Fink, Rick & Ginny Follett, David Frank & Megan Hart, Ft. Indiantown Gap Chapel, Henry & Sarah Funk, Cal & Mauree Gingrich, Harold & Lois Gingrich, Grace United Church of Christ, Gravel Hill United Methodist, Christine Hackman, Carolyn Haskell, Judy Hau, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilson & Susan Hoyer, John P. Layser, Inc. John Salahub, DPM Podiatric, Jonestown United Methodist, Grace Karsnitz, Susan Kline, Knights of Columbus #9875, Keith & Susan Kreamer, Dale & Alice Kreider, Naomi Kruger, Donald & Donna Layser, Lebanon Federal Credit Union, Marion Leshner, Robert & Mary Lillie, Doug & Rebecca Lister, Laverne Longenecker, Eugene Lutz, Messiah Luthren Church, Mt. Zion Community Fire Co., Dave & Sharon Murphy, P.D.K. Developers, Inc., Palmyra Church of the Brethren, Quentin United Church of Christ, Dale & Betsy Reppert, Gary & Colleen Rosborough, Robert Shelton, Leroy & Barb Sherk, Dale & Dawn Snader, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews United Presbyterian Women, St. Jacob's Kimmerlings, St. John's United Church of Christ, Reba Sterner, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook, Tulpehocken Trinity United Church of Christ, David & Michelle Walker, Judson & Carol Weiss, Carl & Margaret Wenger, Harlan & Nancy Wengert, Terrence & Lenoir Wible, Dorothy Witmer, Linda Dice Woelffling, Zion Gosherts United Church of Christ, and Zion United Methodist - Myerstown.

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

The following is a list of those folks who have given their time to put their faith into action by working on one of our many jobsites in October 2008 through December 2008:

Jim Allwein, Shanon Althouse, Ruth Ambrose, Spiros Anastas, Mike Arnold, Nancy Arnold, Colby Austin, William Ayala, H. Baish, Everett Balmer, Justin Bauman, Wanda Bechtold, John Behney, Pedro Beltre, Jeremy Benner, Jimmy Black, Cody Bollinger, Bob Boltz, Jere Bomgardner, Alice Ann Bonham, Gina Bouchede, Steve Bouchede, Donna Brandt, James Brandt, Maxine Brandt, Paul Buck, Bob Capobianco, Karen Casciotti, Carmen Chavez, Joseph Clark, Ben Condran, Mike Condran, Sean Condran, Trish Condran, Eugene Cozza, Kirk Criswell, Bonnie Culp, Jeff Culp, Rebekah Daubert, Frank Deaner, Jim Deaven, Gary Deck, Markie Deck, M. DeLong, Doris Demler, Alex Dishong, Rick Dishong, Pastor Dan Donmoyer, Susan Donmoyer, Jennifer Douglas, Pastor John Douglas, Daniel Dower, Mike Dryden, Richard Dubbs, Jr., Mary Earle, Frank Early, Sue Early, James Earnshaw, Jeanne Earnshaw, Henry Eberly, Rosemary Edmon, Thomas Ehrhart, Carol Eppley, Roy Eppley, Jedd Erdman, Judy Feather, Phil Feather, Joyce Felty, Justin Felty, Nathan Felty, Laura Fessler, Dennis Flake, Gary Folk, Ruth Frankfort, Sam Freed, Pat Freeland, Vicki Freeland, Anita Frey, Gary Gettler, Shane Gettler, Cal Gingrich, Terry Ginter, Shawn Gipe, Shirley Girvin, Jodi Gonzales, Lindsey Good, Marlin Good, David Gray, Pam Gray, Pastor Steve Gribble, Andrew Groy, Paul Gundrum, Catherine Halat, Barb Hanson, Matt Harr, Karl Hawkins, Larry Hawkins, Ken Hebel, Karen Helmeczi, Lester Helmeczi, Gary Hershberger, Zachary Hershberger, Marie Hibshman, Kathy Hill, Brittany Hilton, Justin Hilton, Marlene Hinkle, Mariann Houseal, Rick Houser, Diana Hromco, Jim Huth, Felipe Jimenez, Mary Jones, Leon Kauffman, Joan Keith, Tom King, Mike Kleinhans, Lorraine Krall, Ron Krall, Dennis Kready, Tim Kreider, Heather Kritzer, Ira Landis, Madelon LaPointe, Erica Lawson, Joan Lehman, Chris Leisey, Steve Levengood, Tracy Levengood, Justin Long, Nathan Long, Anthony Longo, Dave Machamer, John Makuch, Sally Makuch, Kristian Martin, Don Mason, Ed Mathews, Sandy Mathews, Shaun Mathur, Erin Matusiak, Katie Matusiak, Mae Maxwell, Dana McFadden, Linda McFeaters, Nicholas Meinnert, Cody Miele, Peter Miele, Aaron Miller, Pastor Holly Miller-Shank, James Monaco, Curtis Moore, Dick Moore, Rita Moore, Heydee Morales, Lindsey Mulle, Jim Murray, Michele Murray, Eric Nerino, George Nicholes, Sherry Noll, Betsy Nolt, Tom Nolt, Janet Norman, Devan O'Doud, Joanna Olson, Andy Onushco, Vanessa Palacios, Adam Perez, Alisha Perez, Mike Perez, Mike Querry, Mike Reber, Douglas Redinger,

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Timothy Redinger, Becca Reid, Pastor Ian Reid, Deb Reppert, Lenora Reynolds, Judy Reznik, Robin Rinier, Bob Rita, Jacob Rita, Melvin Rittel, Beverly Rittle, Alexis Rivera, Miguel Rivera, H. Robinson, S. Robinson, Tom Robinson, Ashley Rodriguez, Donna Rolon, June Rose, Ron Royer, Crystal Rudolph, Kate Ruhl, Ted Russell, Joe Saam, Jan Santer, Ivan Santiago, Kyle Schneider, Paul Schwab, Patti Sheffey, Diane Shultz, Sherry Slaughter, Jennifer Slough, Nancy Smeltzer, Christine Smith, Pastor Kristal Smith, Lisa Smith, Alice Snell, Katie Snyder, John Solie, Rita Solie, Trisha Spangler, Zach Speece, Chuck Steineri, Kyle Stewardson, Jack Stouffer, Brad Surdam, Kathryn Swartz, Todd Thomas, Colleen Thomasco, Mike Tice, Dave Tuason, Kathryn Ulrich, Jeremy Umbenhauer, Jessica Umbenhauer, John Umberger, Lori Updegrove, Tim Venable, Lawrite Vranesic, Paul Vranesic, Lydia Wagner, Merv Wampler, Amy Weber, Don Weise, Sally Weise, Bob Wentling, Jared Werth, Lucy Whisler, Katharine Whitner, Heath Wike, Carolyn Williams, Charles Williams, Sean Wilson, Shawn Winters, Brian Witmer, Bruce Wolfe, Pam Wolfe, Steve Yeagley, Joe Yiengst, Alvin York, Jeanne Zeck and Barbara Zimmerman .

During this three month period 250 different volunteers spent more than 3,110 hours working on one of our construction sites.

THANK YOU!!

Committee meetings are open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 23
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Jubilee Ministries
12th & Walnut Streets

"RAISE THE ROOF" CELEBRITY AUCTION

On Friday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. the doors at the Hebron Banquet Hall at 701 E. Walnut Street in Lebanon will open on the 14th annual "Raise the Roof" celebrity auction. The \$20 admission fee includes a light dinner and sodas. A cash bar will be available. The amount of live auction items will be limited to 100 to keep the auction from running later than 8:00 p.m. Visit our website (www.habitatlebanon.org) regularly to review the list of items available. Revisit often to view the list of new items that are arriving weekly. To purchase tickets call the Habitat office at 228-1490.

MEETING TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING

Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity will hold a meeting to accept applications from families and individuals interested in housing through the local program. Slots are limited and advance registration is required. Call 228-1490 for more information.

38th ANNUAL LCBA BUILDERS SHOW

Show dates and times: Tuesday, March 24, Wednesday, March 25, Thursday, March 26 (5:30 to 9:00), Friday, March 27 (12:00 noon to 9:00) and Saturday, March 28 (10:00 to 3:00)

Visit our booth at the Spring Builders Show to say hello and give us a chance to thank you in person for all your support

Let us tell you about the 7-unit townhouse project we are developing on Worden Street.

Pick up a brochure describing how you, a friend, or a family member can apply for housing through our program.

Meet families currently working on their sweat equity hours to discuss their feelings on becoming a first time homeowner.

Learn about the volunteer opportunities available through the local Habitat affiliate. This includes selecting the families who will receive housing, assisting families working on their hours, acting as your congregation's liason, helping at one of our many events, joining our Board of Directors or working on a jobsite.

See you at the show!!