

# Saginaw Habitat Highlights

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## Good works continue in 2011

### Blitz bits

▶ In these times of economic woe and bleak foreclosure forecasts, we're **happy to report** that so far in 2011 **three of our partner families have paid off their homes and they are mortgage-free!**

▶ A SHFH volunteer from the late 80's and early 90's reports that every year **he still receives a Christmas card from one of our homeowners** in appreciation for helping build her house.

▶ In April, **we begin our 25th year** of building simple, decent, affordable houses in Saginaw County with people in need who would otherwise never be able to afford the joy of homeownership.

▶ Our ReStore is entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation taking in gently used construction materials and household items and recycling them back into the community. In those seven years it is estimated that **we have kept 1.4 million pounds of materials out of landfills**. Thousands of individuals have donated tax deductible items, saved on disposal fees, and made construction and household items available and affordable to individuals at well below retail prices. All proceeds from sales at the ReStore benefit Saginaw Habitat for Humanity and its mission of eliminating poverty housing. **\*\*Note from a satisfied ReStore donor:** *"The team did a great job this morning! They were quick, efficient, professional, and polite. I was very impressed. Thanks again for the help! I'm praying that the cabinets will sell well for you. God's blessings,..."*



**World's First Left-Handers & Friends Build is beautiful testimony to volunteers' faith and love for others.**

Six houses are already in the works for our latest FHLBI project in conjunction with Wanigas Credit Union. Last May we were awarded a FHLBI grant toward rehabbing 12 houses with down-payment assistance of \$32,000 each. We are happy to report that we are well on our way to working toward our goal of completing those 12 rehabs in the three years allotted to us.

Two houses are currently in progress on Coolidge Street (Saginaw Township) and Brockway Street in the City. We also have a donated house at 505 S. Parsons in Merrill that we are currently looking to rebuild with a qualified family.

This Spring and Summer will see two

rehabs starting on Deindorfer and one on North Charles which will also be the future homes of qualified families.

Families that will purchase these interest-free houses includes having income in the range of 30%-60% of the area median, and a family member with a disability. One of our families includes a disabled Vietnam veteran.

Under normal circumstances these families would never be able to afford a house on their own, but through the combined efforts of SHFH, FHLBI, and Wanigas Credit Union, the joy of home ownership will be realized for 12 grateful families through this partnership.

**Women Build coming April 30-May 7—call Habitat to volunteer!**

In memoriam...

IN HONOR OF ...

- ▶ Charlie Wargel
- ▶ Robert and Marilyn DuCharme
- ▶ Fr. John Sarge
- ▶ Albert and Anne Menard
- ▶ Robert S. Olivier
- ▶ Mark Spence
- ▶ Herb and Mary Spence
- ▶ Floyd and Edna McIntyre

IN MEMORY OF ...

- ▶ Marybeth Barnes
- ▶ Carol Sting
- ▶ Peggy St. Charles
- ▶ Walter Noble
- ▶ Thomas Spencer
- ▶ John Luplow
- ▶ Kirk Asher
- ▶ Gerard Scott
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# An eventful 2010 leads into a hopeful 2011

2010 was an eventful year for Saginaw Habitat for Humanity. We began with a three-part strategic planning retreat. As a result we have a new focus on the goals for the next two years. They are centered on the five elements of our success: Qualified Families, Suitable Properties, Dedicated Volunteers, Adequate Funding, and A Strong Organization.

In January Randy Alpin joined our affiliate as Project Manager, bringing with him a wealth of experience from his work at Spicer Engineering and as a Habitat volunteer. The heart of Habitat is, of course, building and renovation. By the end of the year we had completed four new builds, three renovations, 'recycled' seven houses, and began the renovation of three more homes—not to mention our Neighborhood Revitalization projects! And much more is needed.

Thanks to the hard work of Betty Garza, our Family Relations Manager, we now have more than 20 families on our waiting list.

This year brings its own challenges. Paul Warriner, our former Executive Director, resigned his position in January to seek new opportunities. We wish him well in whatever path he takes.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors has appointed Cameron Brady and

Courtney Huyck as Co-Operating Managers while we conduct a thorough search for a new Director.

As winter begins to loosen its grip on Saginaw County we start to think about picking up a hammer and saw and building something. This summer you will find us hard at work in the Northmoor neighborhood of Saginaw. We have lots of room for all volunteers to help.

We welcome your call, or visit our website at [saginawhabitat.org](http://saginawhabitat.org).

But there is a little time yet before we all get busy, so here is an idea just for you. Have you been to our ReStore lately? Come visit and be amazed at the endless variety of donated building materials, household goods, gift items, antiques, etc. on display. There is a reason that we have lots of repeat customers. It's the very low prices! Ask Deb Greenwood, our store manager, about the new Frequent Buyer Club for even more savings.

Habitat is a great place to volunteer. You can do some very satisfying work. You can have a good time doing it. And you will know that there is a family in Saginaw who will be grateful to you for the rest of their life.

Jim Doane

President, Board of Directors

## New board members ready to serve

The board of Saginaw Habitat for Humanity welcomed two new board members at their January meeting.



**Daniel Dennis**, at left, a Michigan Maintenance Resource Facilitator for Dow Chemical Company, and **Anthony Taylor**, research and grant manager at Synergy Medical, will serve their first two-year terms.



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## Neighborhood Revitalization has three components in Northmoor

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has acquired three houses in the Northmoor Neighborhood that we will start to rehab beginning June 10. Lutheran Churches will be among three major partners to each take on the challenge.

Financial assistance also comes from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and Wanigas Credit Union.

Critical Home Repairs and the Brush With Kindness programs will take place July 30-August 6 with our Saginaw affiliate doing 7-14 critical home repairs and 13-16 Brush With Kindness projects, in partnership with The Dow Chemical Company and many of our church and corporate partners.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers.

For the first time, Bay and Midland affiliates will

be doing similar projects in their respective areas the same week and the cumulative involvement in the tri-county area will include hundreds of volunteers helping nearly 100 less fortunate families do much-needed work on their homes. Dow will match partner donations from businesses or churches in each community up to \$5,000.

Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome!

## Saginaw HfH receives Energy Award

Project Manager Randy Alpin recently attended the Green Conference in Grand Rapids and we are happy to report that Saginaw Habitat for Humanity received the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) award for the affiliate that had the lowest average rating in the state of Michigan (the lower the score the better). The state average was 64 and our rating was 51.

HERS is a rating system developed to measure how efficiently a home performs. We believe this award says volumes about the care we have taken in making our houses energy efficient throughout, from the insulation put in all the way through to the appliances we use, and gives our homeowners another way to keep their costs to a minimum.

## Ministerial Breakfast draws diverse audience

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's second annual Ministerial Breakfast took place on January 11 (1/11/11) in the Educational Center at St. Mary's of Michigan. In attendance was 130 people representing 43 churches.

The 2011 Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative was laid out,

along with the plans we have for this initiative in 2011.

There was also in attendance some representation from families that will benefit from this project and they shared their excitement and appreciation for what SHFH volunteers will do for them.

## Wish List for Spring

Your gifts of non-cash items can help us stretch our dollars even further, and every bit helps!

- Gift cards (gas, Consumers Energy, Sam's Club, GFS)
- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Trash Bags
- Cleaning Supplies
- Clip boards
- Copy Paper, white & colors
- Batteries
- Paper Plates, paper cups, napkins
- Gift Cards for Sam's Club and Gordon's
- Coffee cups (biodegradable)
- Pre-wrapped snacks (granola bars, etc)
- Bottled water (especially for those working on roofs)

## Vehicle purchases will conserve money, resources

We would like to thank the **Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation** for their generous grant in the amount of \$35,000 for purchase of vehicles. We were able to purchase a badly needed dump truck, stake truck, and a front end

loader for use in excavation, construction and deconstruction. The dump truck is saving us money immediately as it allows us to load up deconstruction and construction waste and haul it away rather than pay for dumpster rentals and removal.

### Major Contributors

*Thank you to the following groups and individuals who contributed more than \$1,000 since the last newsletter:*



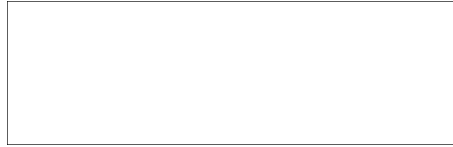
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### Quilt Auction Coming Soon!

The TENTH Annual  
Our Saviour Lutheran Church Quilt Show and Silent Auction  
to benefit Saginaw Habitat for Humanity is planned for  
**April 8, 9, & 10, 2011.**

Please help make this year's Tenth Anniversary Show and Auction a big success by stopping by to this FREE event and viewing the magnificent quilts on display and, perhaps, bid on one.

We also appreciate any support from quilters that wish to donate quilted items for the Show and Auction. All profits will go to help Saginaw Habitat for Humanity.

Submit items no later than March 22.

Contributing items to the Show and Auction and visiting the show and making a bid are wonderful ways to help build or renovate homes in Saginaw.

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 08, 2011</b>	<b>9 am to 6 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 09, 2011</b>	<b>9 am to 6 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 10, 2011</b>	<b>9 am to 2 pm</b>

**Place:** Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
2525 Hemmeter Road (at Weiss Road), Saginaw Township

**Co-Chairs:** Linda Grindahl and Jane Werner, Our Saviour Lutheran

#### Donation Tips

Please consider donating:

- Quilts of all sizes
- Quilted clothing
- Quilted bags
- Quilted wall hangings
- Quilted throws
- Baby/child quilts
- Quilted pot holders
- Quilted placemats and table runners
- Vintage quilts welcome but please consult us first
- Quilt or patchwork items using other techniques but reflecting quilting or sewing themes, such as stained glass, counted cross stitch, paintings and wood work or carvings

Please avoid donating:

- Commercially made items
- Knit or crochet items

Please submit only clean items in very fine or excellent condition.

## Harmonies for Habitat concert May 16

Please join us for the Fourth Annual benefit concert by the Saginaw Area Concert Band under the direction of David Valesek on Monday, May 16th, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2110 Brockway.

It is always a rousing good time!