

Saginaw Habitat Highlights

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Neighborhood Revitalization a huge success!

Blitz bits

- **Volunteer forms** are available right on our website. Join any one of our projects or help us at the ReStore or office. Our volunteers make Saginaw Habitat for Humanity a great organization!



Great Lakes Bay Habitats receive big check(s)

Along with more than 130 volunteers and \$15,000 in regional support from The Dow Corning Corporation, Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties are pleased to share the awarding of a \$15,000 grant from The State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Strong Neighborhoods Program.

Both grants were matched by the Saginaw, Bay Area, and Midland Community Foundations and The Dow Chemical Company.



Consumers Energy employees replace windows, soffits, fascia & more!

Neighborhood Revitalization took place in Saginaw's Northmoor Neighborhood (bounded by Weiss, State, Bay and Mershon) this past August 1-6. Volunteers from the community, corporations and churches worked to complete 6 Critical Home Repairs and 33 A Brush With Kindness houses (6 of these overlapped into both programs).

Critical Home Repair is the deeper, more extensive work needed in a home such as electrical, plumbing, attic insulation, siding, windows, exterior doors.

A Brush With Kindness is lighter exterior repairs such as parts of a porch, treads, siding, a few windows (instead of the whole house), and painting.

While we were challenged by heat, rainy-looking days, and excess ca-

capacity for volunteers, we did well with the resources we had and rejoiced at the opportunity to serve others.

The homeowners put in sweat-equity (work) on others' houses, in the registration tent and on their own house during the week of revitalization efforts.

We owe Dow Chemical a tremendous amount of gratitude as they made this revitalization possible by donating \$30,000, providing many volunteers for the week and leadership during the planning phases.

The Saginaw Community Foundation donated \$25,000. Both the Dow Chemical and Saginaw Community Foundation funds were used as match for any donating corporation or church. All together we raised more than \$90,000 in cash and in-kind gifts— a job well done!

Teamwork is our biggest blessing

In May I was blessed to receive the opportunity to become the affiliate's third paid executive director as we approach the affiliate's twenty-fifth anniversary.

We are in a new era. We are into a period of great growth in the number of families we serve.

We are blessed to have a visionary board that is grounded in reality. We have an outstanding volunteer base and a staff of ambassadors who put service above self.

We kept our core management team intact, which I believe is a key component of our ability to successfully execute our Strategic Plan.

We continue to work hard to honor our commitments to families, donors,



volunteers, and all other stakeholders in our community.

Our 'Spirit of Abundance' has already paid off with new partnerships and the planting of seeds for many more.

We have re-contacted old friends; and we have adopted new tactics, always mindful of never wavering from our principles.

We have a long list of what I have called "you should, you gotta, you oughtta." Believe me, we know what we need.

We need you to help. Look over the newsletter (if you haven't already) and see where you can pitch in.

Our biggest challenges have come from aligning volunteers with the opportunities before us. We are doing mission-at-home work, and there are still many people who are not taking advantage of this call to service.

There are many individuals and groups that I, our staff, our board, and our stakeholders can work to engage. There will always be families to serve. How quickly we can offer them a 'hand up,' rests solely on those willing to do so.

We will continue to support work outside the United States as well. We will begin to tithe to the Dominican Republic, and offer opportunities through Habitat for Humanity International to send Global Village work teams there. For those who wish to go, you will be able to see (y)our investment, help there and undoubtedly return here with a greater inspiration to serve.



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New: Assistant ED & Development Manager

Two Saginaw Habitat for Humanity staffers now have new titles and new responsibilities.

Courtney Huyck and Carmen Mora have been promoted, following the naming of Cameron Brady as Executive Director.

Courtney, already the affiliate's Financial Manager, is now also Assistant Executive Director, a newly-created role.

"I am grateful to the board of directors for allowing me to keep our core management team intact, which has already paid dividends.

"We are blessed to have Courtney's eight years of Habitat experience to rely on when it comes to helping make decisions," said Brady. "We make a great team."

Carmen Mora is now the Development Manager, an upgrade from Development Associate. "Carmen

has proven herself to be an invaluable asset in so many ways. She understands ministry, housing issues, family issues, fund-raising of all types, and how to balance each of these challenges," Brady concluded.

Carmen has been with the affiliate for nearly three years, but came to Habitat with each of these skills.

The affiliate is currently operating with 2-1/2 fewer staff than at this time a year ago, due in part to the retirement of eight-year part-time staffer Sharon Block, Communications Specialist.

Said Brady, "Sharon is irreplaceable. We cannot afford to hire the four people I would need to have everything done that she did. God bless Sharon for a long, happy, and healthy retirement."

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Four families purchase homes



Pictured: Betty G., Pastor Dave, Patricia Marcelin and Jim Doane

House #158
Home of the Marcelin family on Avon.
Built by Lefthanders



Pictured: Maria and Al Garcia with family

House #159.
Home of the Garcia family on Chestnut.
Built by Methodist Churches



Pictured: Leslie Medel and family members

House #161.
Home of the Medel family on Coolidge.
Built by Delta College & Women Build

House #163.
Home of the Williams family on Deindorfer.
Built by Lutheran Churches



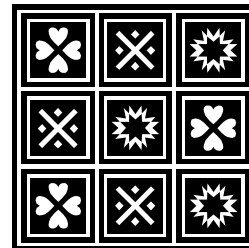
Pictured: Cameron Brady, Carla Williams and Wanigas Credit Union representatives who made funding for this house possible.

Deconstruction continues

This spring we were blessed with many houses to deconstruct. Our first opportunity came from Hemlock Semiconductor. They invited us to “skim” 3 houses they planned on demolishing. From these houses we acquired many valuable building materials: aluminum and vinyl siding, windows, interior and exterior doors, wood trim, cabinets, bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, furnace, shed, and much more. In addition, we were doubly blessed by being able to skim several houses with permission from Covenant HealthCare. All the items gleaned from these projects are now being sold or recycled through our ReStore to support our ministry.



Young Professionals Network volunteers for deconstruction



Quilters: they did it again!

The quilters of Our Saviour Lutheran Church held their 10th Annual Quilt Auction with all proceeds donated to Saginaw Habitat for Humanity.

Beautiful quilts made by the Church’s quilters and many others who donated pieces to the event were auctioned off to raise over \$10,000. These funds were used to help rehab the future home of Ms. Carla Williams. (Please see lower left for a picture of Carla at the dedication of her house). Thank you so much to the quilters and to Our Saviour Lutheran. We are so grateful for your efforts.

Weatherizing homes

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity was awarded a grant from the Department of Energy through Habitat for Humanity International to weatherize homes. We are committed to completing the weatherization of 18 homes for this coming year. Qualified families can look forward to an energy audit that determines heat loss, plus a test after the home has been weatherized reporting the improvement from those efforts.

Neighborhood Revitalization in pictures

For hundreds more, go to www.saginawhabitat.org



Ss. Peter & Paul members installed siding, windows, doors, steps and insulation. Great job!



Dow Corning volunteers came in groups throughout the week to support revitalization in Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland.



Good Shepherd Lutheran painted every night from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. *That's dedication!*



St. Lorenz Lutheran Church volunteers installed windows and doors.



St. John Vianney worked on two houses. They replaced windows, doors, steps, insulated attics & more!



Friend of the Court and community volunteers tear off and replace a roof.

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Saginaw Community Foundation CEO Renee Johnston presents check to SHFH Board President Jim Doane.



Rita Medel and volunteers in front of her home.



The all-volunteer lunch crew, led by Laura Fox (far right).



One of the houses is prepared for new siding, windows and insulation.



Check out this newsletter in full color: www.saginawhabitat.org

Endowment for Habitat launched

The late Mayor Henry G. Marsh believed in Saginaw Habitat for Humanity. As his last wish, he requested that donations be made to our organization. Mr. Marsh gave of his time, money and mental capacities to benefit our organization. He was attracted to our model of "self-help" for families to attain affordable housing. Saginaw Habitat helps those who are willing to help themselves.



The Late Mayor Henry G. Marsh

We form a partnership where families work toward their goal of home-ownership along-

side the volunteers who are helping to build or rehab their house.

The Henry G. Marsh Saginaw Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund is being created to ensure the viability and sustainability of Saginaw Habitat for Humanity in future years. Today while we are building this endowment, we are planting the seeds that will one day grow and blossom to be reaped by a future generation of

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity volunteers and ministers.

In honor of Henry G. Marsh, we begin our endowment by making an indelible tribute to a man that made a difference in Saginaw's history and in the lives of many. We want his legacy

to live on in this endowment that will help future low-income families afford simple, decent housing.

Our goal is to raise an audacious \$2,000,000 so that this initial investment will yield a minimum of \$100,000 a year in perpetuity. While economic times are

difficult, we believe that people want to leave their assets to organizations in which they can believe. In today's economy we can certainly appreciate the need for simple, decent affordable housing. We know our donors see it also. We invite you to honor our late Mayor Henry G. Marsh and to assure future generations that this ministry will be available to serve low-income families. Please consider leaving your legacy through our organization.

Leaving a bequest

Have you considered leaving all or part of your will to a non-profit organization. We would love to have you consider Saginaw Habitat for Humanity in order to continue to work to end poverty housing in the future. If you already have a will, you can simply add a codicil specifying a gift of one of the following:

Fixed amount: You specify a dollar amount or asset in your will for Saginaw Habitat for Humanity

Percentage: You name a percentage of your estate. This allows the size of your gift to adjust to your financial circumstances.

Residual: Once your family and friends are remembered and all your debts and taxes are settled, Saginaw Habitat for Humanity receives all or a percentage of whatever remains in your estate.

Contingent: Name Saginaw Habitat for Humanity as a contingent beneficiary in case your primary beneficiary pre-deceases you.

Anna Luis Day Spa donates proceeds

Anna Luis Day Spa held its 5th Annual Fundraiser for Saginaw Habitat for Humanity, September 18.

Opening on Sunday, Anna Luis had all its employees provide services and donate all tips and costs of the services to our ministry. Clients could enjoy hair cuts, facials, massages, pedicures and manicures.



Along with the services provided, they held a silent auction. Items ranged from custom jewelry to a purse to a hair care basket.

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Camaro raffle winners

On the evening of September 21, we raffled off choice of a 2011 Camaro SS or \$25,000, as well as more than a dozen cash prizes at Sullivan's Black Forest in Frankenmuth.

The Grand Prize Winner is:
Nicole Brush, Bath, MI

The \$1,000 winner is:
Thomas Gendernalik, Fenton, MI

The \$500 winners are:
Jim Bow, Hemlock, MI
Kai Spande, Clarkston, MI
Randy York, Fenton, MI
Jack Greche, Hartland, MI

Jim Schleben, Grand Ledge, MI
Scott Lockwood, Tonawanda, MI
Deleria Hammond, Detroit, MI
J. Craig Liwak, Flint, MI
Joseph Frederick, Jr., Flint, MI
Traci Cornelius, Frankenmuth, MI
Roger Rossman, Goodrich, MI
Rob Harvey, Bay City, MI

We had a great party with fun music from High Fidelity Entertainment, tasty beverages, and hearty appetizers. We look forward to next year as we raffle another Camaro.

Thanks, too, to WSGW for their support of this event.

In memoriam

In Memory of . . .

Henry G. Marsh
 Ronald Mitchell
 William Bain
 Dean Somerfeld
 Leo Lynch
 Robert S. Oliver's Birthday
 Lillie Parham
 Jean Matash
 John & Norma Zoromsky
 June Feldotte's Birthday
 Shirley Piffer
 Willie Atwater
 Helmut & Elsie Shreck
 Stanley Hatter
 Kay Lambert
 Sharon & Steve Cauble
 Robert McLeod

In Honor of . . .

Kenneth Block
 Sharon Block



A big thank you To...

Resurrection Lutheran and the Saginaw Area Concert Band for holding the annual "Harmonies for Habitat" concert that raises more than \$1,000 each year. Awesome!

First United Methodist Church for raising more than \$4,347.18 from a Pasty Sale. Yum!

We are very grateful for your on-going support.

Celebrating 25 years of ministry

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity is in its 25th year of ministry. We celebrate our 25th anniversary in April of 2012.

Instead of reminiscing, here is a brief description of where we are now. We have completed 164 houses that have either been new construction or rehabs. We have formally added additional housing solutions to assist low-income families keep the homes they already own.

These programs are: Weatherization, Critical Home Repair and A Brush with Kindness. We have served 89 families with these additional products. All together we have served over 250 families including

more than 600 members of households. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity is going through a stage of rapid growth. *We intend to serve up to 250 additional families in just the next five years!*

We celebrate God's goodness and favor that has helped us develop this ministry into what it is today. We say thank you to all volunteers. This ministry is real because of its volunteers.

We thank all donors, for without financial resources this ministry wouldn't exist. It takes the talent and treasure of many for the miracle that is Saginaw Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for making it happen.



Citizens Bank employees volunteered for Women Build this past May

Major Contributors

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\$10,000-\$24,999

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Volunteers needed for 'Punchlist Wednesday'

Would you like to volunteer on a Wednesday? You are invited to join a team of folks, like you, who enjoy carpentry, volunteering and spending time helping Habitat families.

Here is an example of the types of things we do on Punchlist Wednesday.

- Trim
- Screen doors
- Landscaping
- Things the family has noticed after they started living in the house

Punchlist Wednesdays takes care of completing small projects. We have a great list "honey-do" list.

Please consider volunteering.

Getting ready to build in Merrill, MI— family needed

To begin with, every Saginaw Habitat project has to have four things come together: a qualified family, the property, the volunteers, and the money. Well, we have 3 out of 4. And it isn't the money!

We are looking for a qualifying family with a family member who is disabled. The family must meet our income criteria, have a need to for decent, affordable housing, and is willing to put in sweat-equity.

They must make between 30%-60% of the Area Median Income, which translates to roughly \$17,000-\$34,000 for a family of four. The income amount is adjusted for family size. For example, if your family is smaller than four then the income would be lower than shown here.

Many things can be an indicator of need. Help us find a family for this house in Merrill. Please call us at 753-5200.



Seeking donations

**Don't throw it away.
Throw it our way!**

Unused and gently used building materials such as lumber, wood trim, doors, windows, lighting, bathroom fixtures, and more.

We also accept furniture, household goods, paint (even if the can is partly empty), appliances, plumbing and electrical and many odds and ends. Sorry, we do not take clothes.

What's even better is that we can pick these items up from your home at no charge.

Donated items are tax-deductible.
For a pick-up, call 754-9435.