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Habitat for Humanity Welcomes Two Families

Welcome Home

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside's Newest Family

by *Steve Mannchen*

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside welcomes the Tina Berti family as our newest Habitat family. Tina completed her dream to move her family from the Milwaukee area to a safer environment in Sheboygan County. After several years of apartment living in Plymouth, she now calls her place on 22nd Street "home."

Tina works for Bay Shore Billings in Milwaukee and commutes each day with her sister who lives in Adell. She has two children, Nick who is 13 and in the eighth grade at Sheboygan Falls Middle School, and Cheyenne, 11, who is in the fifth grade at Sheboygan Falls Elementary. Nick, whose favorite

class is Phy. Ed., was a gold medalist wrestler in his weight class last year. Cheyenne enjoys swimming. The family shares the home with "the zoo," two huskies, two cats, and three birds.

Tina is thankful to have a Habitat home that is not only in a safe neighborhood, but she can also enjoy Sheboygan A's baseball games from her lawn chair in her backyard which faces the stadium. She and her children are also excited to be able to paint their rooms something other than apartment white, and hang pictures on the walls.

Tina would like to thank all who helped her make her dream of a safe home come true, with special thanks to the Lakeshore Community Action Partnership, helping with a down payment and property improvements. Habitat for Humanity Lakeside also recognizes the Whirlpool Corporation (appliances), the Larson Company (exterior doors), Bob Hartig (carpentry), Specht Electric (smoke detectors), and Sherwin Williams (paint).

Welcome home!

Thrivent Builds Home on Schedule

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside is pleased to invite Katherine Schroeter and her family to their new home. They'll be moving into the house on 37th Street in late October.

Schroeter, 25, is currently working at both Elements Spa in the Blue Harbor Resort and Younkers to support her children: Logan, five, who attends Montessori and the Early Learning Center, and Zoe and Dominic, 3-year-old twins, who attend Mapledale Child Care Center.

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Letter from the President

Greetings friends and fellow volunteers! I hope you have enjoyed your summer.

It is true that we are putting the finishing touches on our first Thrivent Building project.

Our new homeowner has been working hard side by side with our dedicated volunteers to earn her sweat equity hours. Soon she will move into her new home and begin to call our seventeenth project her home.

On Sunday, May 6, 2007, we gathered together to break ground for the new building. A wooded lot became a hole. Over several months the hole became a home. All this thanks to the dedication, sweat and hard work of our volunteers and generous donors. To both I would like to express my deepest thank you.

This does not mean our work is completed for the year.

There are many volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, Inc. We are always seeking individuals to serve on committees and to do some of the "behind the scenes" tasks that most people never see, but are a vital part of the organization.

If you have a desire to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, Inc., please leave a message on our office phone or send us an email.

I have said it before, but I am going to say it again.

Volunteers are Habitat's life blood. Where can you fit in? Where do you want to fit in?

- Michael Huber

Schroeter House

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Katherine is quick to point out how happy she is to have been selected for a Habitat Build house. "I am very excited and blessed to be chosen to be a part of Habitat for Humanity," she wrote in a recent letter. "I've always wanted to own my own home for my children and me."

Like most people who work with Habitat for Humanity, Schroeter didn't realize how much time and energy goes into building a house. "The first day of construction was fun," she tells us. "I did not know how many people volunteer their time for someone else. It was heartwarming. They put a lot of hard work into what they did and I am so grateful and thankful for their time commitment and help, not to mention their strength! There will never be enough 'thank you' to everyone that helped."

Lakeshore CAP

A new home can be great, but first-time homeowners will have new financial challenges. That's where organizations like Lakeshore Community Action Partnership come in. LCAP has many services available, including its Home Buyer Program, which it encourages members of faith-based organizations (like Habitat) to join. The two parts to the program are education and training, and financial. By fulfilling the educational requirements, participants become eligible for no interest loans for purchase expenses.

There are other programs available through LCAP. Call (800) 924-0510, (920) 803-6991 or visit www.lakeshore-cap.org.



Habitat 500 Bike Ride Kudos

by Steve Mannchen

The Mississippi Headwaters 500 Bike Ride is now history and all of the soreness has subsided.

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside board members Dennis Ketterman and Steve Mannchen participated in this ride along with four other riders – Richard Manny, Gert Walsh, Keith Rowe, and Brian Manny. We are pleased to announce that our group of bikers combined to provide \$8,543 for future Habitat Builds in Sheboygan County.

The bike team would like to thank all who contributed to our ride, with special thanks to our generous corporate sponsors, Sargento Cheese and Pentair. We'd also like to thank our church sponsors, First United Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church of Sheboygan.

"We look forward to the 2008 ride," Steve Mannchen says, "and your continued support of Habitat for Humanity."

Call for Volunteers: Shantytown



Habitat for Humanity is looking for individuals who are interested in organizing the event in 2008. Contact Dennis Ketterman, 458-8421.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Tuesday, October 23 – 7 PM
Tuesday, November 27 – 7 PM
December Meeting – TBA

Subject to change. Board Meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month at First United Lutheran Church, Sheboygan.

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Volunteer Committee Steps Up

by Dennis Ketterman

Since June, the Volunteer Committee has been very busy responding to volunteer surveys from people and groups interested in working for Habitat. This information was forwarded to our Volunteer Building Coordinator who put the names on an email list to inform them of building dates and projects.

The Volunteer Committee also coordinates things such as the food and beverages provided at the worksite.

We are now compiling a list of volunteers to work on Habitat committees. The Volunteer Committee will contact these individuals to match their talents and interests with Habitat's needs. Our goal is to expand the committees because the Board members currently are taking on the work of the committees. Hopefully, the Volunteer Committee can complete this task before the end of the year.

For more information about how you can volunteer your time

and energy to Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, please call 458-3399 or send an email to hfhlikeside@excel.net. You can visit our website www.habitat-lakeside.org or the international site at www.habitat.org.

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