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Board and Vounteers Honor Herman Brandenburg



On March 15, builders, office volunteers, family partners, fund raisers, committee chairs, staff and board members crowded into Jack Kenny's home to honor Herman Brandenburg. The Kennys together with Hank and Judy Whipple planned the event. A board resolution honored Herman's contributions during 15 years of dedicated service to Habitat for Humanity. The retired builder and former president of Madison Area Builders Association has recruited and trained volunteers, set uncompromising quality standards, and led building on many houses. His craftsmanship, leadership, and dedication to Habitat for Humanity were cited by the Board in a resolution to name a

street in the new Twin Oaks subdivision Brandenburg Way.

In August 2002, Herman stepped forward again to assume full-time responsibility as a volunteer construction manager until the vacant position could be filled. During those months he organized and led volunteer builders, managed permits, purchasing, contracting and host of other details so that home construction could be completed on target.

President Steve Millar thanked Herman on behalf of all the builders he had taught and all the families he had helped in his many years of service. A collection to honor



President Steve Millar (right) and Herman Brandenburg (left) celebrate his many years of service to Habitat.

Herman taken that evening produced over \$1000 for the chapter.

Welcome Brian Miller: Habitat's New Executive Director

President Steve Millar announced that Brian Miller has accepted the position of Habitat's Executive Director. Miller's experience includes service as executive director of Madison's Community Housing and Services, Inc. (CHAS). In that capacity he worked in partnership with downtown merchants, elected officials, the United Way and community supporters to expand the facilities and to create services for homeless people. He has also worked on housing issues in Chicago through Olive Branch Mission and as a board member of Breakthrough Urban Ministries.



Miller said, "As our volunteer organization grows to build more houses and develop entire neighborhoods, we conducted a

nationwide search and were pleased to find someone with impressive credentials right in our own community." Staff and board members report that Miller has quickly grasped the challenges and issues facing Habitat of Dane County and is moving together with committee chairs, staff and board to develop solutions.

Miller identifies communications and fund raising as among his key priorities. He also recognized the need to work together with government, neighborhoods, volunteers, civic groups and business groups to build a balanced income subdivision in Twin Oaks. "What an honor it is to work hard toward fulfilling our mission of 'partnering with God's people in need.' I'm excited about this organization's future and humbled by the chance to lead such a strong group of volunteers, staff and partnering families."



HABITAT HAPPENS



Times and Places Where You Can Get Involved

April 12:

Ground Breaking at 5314 Park Meadow

Women's Build Home will need volunteers for construction, food, fund raising, and publicity tasks. A great opportunity for women of all ages and at all levels of experience to get involved. Contact the office at 255-1549 to volunteer.

May 10:

House Blessing at 726 E. Dayton

Campus Chapter completes a home with Joette Peterson family. Bless the home, visit with family and friends and bid Godspeed to house leader Joe Van Oosbree as he completes an engineering degree at UW and moves on to build Habitat Homes in Northern Ireland.

June 1:

Alternate Parade of Homes, an Historic Neighborhood

Walking Tour of Tenny Lapham neighborhood, features the new Habitat home at 726 E. Dayton Street.

June 11:

Home in One: Golf for Humanity at Nakoma Country Club

Board member Phil Sveum organizes this annual event that includes golf, dinner and a silent auction. Call 276-3161 for reservations.

June 29:

8:00 Badger State Games has chosen Habitat for Humanity as the beneficiary of its 5k/10k run

Register to run for humanity at www.badgerstategames.org

Twin Oaks On Track

The City Plan Commission and Common Council have approved the preliminary plan for Habitat's new subdivision on Siggelkow Road. Engineering and environmental experts have completed analysis and responded to all issues identified. Habitat hopes for final approvals in May or June with construction of roads and other infrastructure to follow rapidly. By September, lot sales and construction are expected to begin.



*Twin Oaks rendering by
John Ford, Designer
Marshall Erdman & Associates*



Not Just a Place to Live

Did you ever notice that when we talk casually about Habitat for Humanity, we just say "Habitat"? It seems fitting enough, since Habitat for Humanity is a house builder.

But what about the "Humanity" in Habitat for Humanity? You may be surprised to learn that Habitat for Humanity is not just a construction company with a heart. Every time we build a house, we engage in a long-term partnership with our fellow members of humanity—the ones who help fund the building, the ones who help build it, and most of all, the ones who will live in it for years to come.

We believe that Habitat for Humanity is really about people, and that's why every family that buys a home from us also gets an education on home and yard maintenance, and a volunteer partner in the deal!

Partners offer support, a caring ear, a helping hand, and a positive role model for Habitat families. But it doesn't stop there. If you've ever done this kind of volunteer work, you know that the "helpers" often receive more than they could possibly give.

If you'd like to help us build the Humanity in Habitat's name, contact Matt Mayers (238-8769, mlmayers@wisc.edu).

Volunteers Can Do Anything

Every year hundreds of volunteers work together and make home ownership possible for the families working with us. In 2002, 803 volunteers contributed 22,797 hours of service—more than 10 years of full time work.

Volunteers work in construction, of course. Hammering, roofing, and raising a wall are images most associated with Habitat. But not all volunteers are proficient with a hammer. Working behind the scenes, volunteers also manage financial and personnel issues, support office staff and coordinate other volunteers.

Through an extensive committee system, volunteers plan and implement every aspect of Habitat's work. Committee work offers the opportunity to volunteer in areas of your special interest or professional expertise.



Committees of volunteers plan and work in every phase of Habitat's operation. Architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants, social workers, realtors, environmental experts and many others offer both time and professional expertise to the enterprise. Family Selection reviews applications in detail and visits applicants to select families meeting Habitat's criteria and demonstrating a willingness to partner with us. Family Support assists families in meeting requirements and provides education in all aspects of home ownership, from financial management to routine repairs. Land Acquisition locates and purchases suitable land and manages all of the regulatory hurdles associated with its development. The Architecture Committee designs each home to meet the needs of a specific family and has developed a portfolio of homes for Twin Oaks. A Volunteer Committee schedules the many groups from churches, civic organizations and businesses who work on building sites through the year and makes sure that they get lunch. Church Relations carries Habitat's message to communities of faith and recruits additional support. Finance manages the budget, insurance and other financial issues, including mortgage payments from homeowners. A Grants Committee develops applications and reports for government agencies, foundations and other funders. A Public Relations Committee manages the Web site, newsletter, speakers and press coverage. A new Capital Campaign Fund Raising committee will soon be organized. The Board and its committees are also volunteers.

To share your expertise, call the office at 255-1549, go to the Web site, or email to hfh@chorus.net and let them know the committee that interests you. Ask for a volunteer form and a referral to the committee's chair.



High School Students create ceramic art bowls for UW's Habitat Fundraiser.

WOMEN'S BUILDING BREAKS GROUND

On March 31st, a kickoff meeting at the Monroe Street Library brought together a committed group of women who will lead Habitat's second Women's Build. The home will be in Park Meadow on Madison's east side and will be built with the Lacy Olness family.

Chaired by Kathy Borkowski, the group welcomes volunteers for all aspects of the project and from women at all levels of skill. Call the office at 255-1549, go to the Web site, or email to hfh@chorus.net to volunteer your already well developed skills or to learn some new ones. All are welcome.



Executive Director Brian Miller, Family Services Manager Lisa Peot, Grandmother and Homeowners Coleman and Lacy Olness, Kathy Borkowski, Chair Women's Build and President Steve Millar lined up in order to break ground at Park Meadow.



Homeowner Lacy Olness and son Coleman at their 4/10/03 ground breaking ceremony.

Thank You!

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