

# Hearthstone

*In partnership with God. In partnership with God's people.*

Spring 2004

P.O. Box 258128, Madison, WI 53725-8128 • 608.255.1549

www.habitatdane.org

## Twin Oaks Blitz Build Putting Down Roots

Two years of planning, applying for permits and holding public meetings is done. The first houses at Habitat's Twin Oaks subdivision are under way. Beginning on May 7th and concluding on May 22nd, six houses will be built from the basement to a complete exterior enclosure in two weeks. Interior work will be finished by Labor Day. Habitat volunteers have been patiently waiting for the start of the building season, so plans were made to make it a significant start.

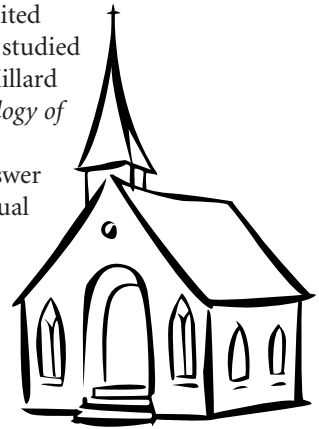
Friday, May 7th at 4:30 pm a dedication ceremony will officially begin the four-year construction of Habitat's Twin Oaks homes. Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton will speak along with others. Special music with a prayer of dedication will mark the celebration and sacredness of this project.

Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 4 pm, everyone is invited back to Twin Oaks for an old-fashioned barbecue and street dance. A local Louisiana style dance band, The Cajun Strangers, will start us off on the right foot with some dance instruction about 6 pm. Music and dancing will continue until 8 pm.

Construction Manager, Dan Johnston and Volunteer Coordinator, Megan Kenney have volunteer opportunities for 650 people; 50 per day for 13 days. While the popular weekend dates are filled, some weekday slots are open. Contact Megan at 255-1549 ext. 104 or hfh@chorus.net to sign up. We need skilled and unskilled builders. It's spring and time to flex those muscles to help families build their dream houses at Twin Oaks.

## Building On Faith

When the parishioners at Madison's First United Methodist Church studied Habitat founder Millard Fuller's book *Theology of the Hammer*, they learned that an answer to the city's perpetual affordable housing debate was in their hands. Led by member John Stolzenberger, the congregation quickly moved from studying to creating action plans. Groups within the church developed information materials, designed fundraising plans, formed a family support group and found both skilled and unskilled builders in their midst. It didn't take long before the congregation had raised \$55,000 to sponsor the Cantu-Vasquez Family's Twin Oaks home. Building starts this spring with a House Blessing goal of Labor Day, but that's not the end of their story.



The need for housing is worldwide, and the congregation saw an opportunity to build a second house overseas by raising another \$5,000. The result will be a Labor Day House Blessing with the Cantu-Vasquez Family at Twin Oaks and another House Blessing half a world away.



*Twin Oaks Neighborhood, a mixed-income community by Habitat for Humanity of Dane County.*



# Recent Habitat Homes & Sponsors



**The Diayen Family**  
 HFHDC—5324 Park Meadow Drive  
 House Blessing • October 5, 2003

**The Underhill Family**  
 HFHDC—5326 Park Meadow Drive  
 House Blessing • October 5, 2003

**The Lu family**  
 Springs Window Fashions  
 2249 Myrtle Street  
 House Blessing • November 16, 2003

**The Olness Family**  
 Women's Build  
 5314 Park Meadow Drive  
 House Blessing • December 14, 2003

**The Yang Family**  
 UW Student Build Number Three  
 5312 Park Meadow Drive  
 House Blessing • April 18, 2004

**The Cork Family**  
 Mt. Horeb Area Volunteers  
 11010 Brigham Street, Blue Mounds  
 House Blessing • May 2, 2004

**The Cameilla Howe Family**  
 HFHDC & MATC Carpenters  
 2676 Sweetgrass Street, Sun Prairie  
 House Blessing • June 2004 (T.B.A.)



# Capital Campaign—Phase I

## Feasibility study underway

While the excitement is building, it can't happen without a financial plan for success. The HFHDC Board of Directors has begun a partnership with Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) to study the feasibility of raising enough funds to complete Twin Oaks and double the number of homes built each year from 6 to 12 houses. HFHI is supporting 50% of the costs to gauge the ability of the Madison community to support these plans.

Interviews with community leaders and Habitat supporters began in March. By mid-April, Phase I of the Capital Campaign will determine if we can increase our building capacity by raising \$3.5 million in pledges to be paid within 5 years.

While the excitement is building, it is gratifying to hear from Habitat supporters that they want to be a part of making a difference by raising funds for this house building ministry.

# ReStore Grows

## Building and Volunteers Can't Be Contained



The Habitat ReStore, 208 Cottage Grove Road, is bursting at the seams. A 4,000 square foot cold storage and display area has been added to the east side of the ReStore. This improves ReStore's capacity for an increasing amount of new and salvaged building materials. Still operating smoothly thanks to over one hundred volunteers every week, the ReStore has literally become a model for other Habitat affiliates.

People from all walks of life contribute their time and energy as warehouse workers, truck drivers, and cashiers. Volunteers also help with office and administrative tasks, deconstruction jobs, and special projects. They enjoy good company, good coffee donated by Ancora Coffee Roasters and a good opportunity to make a difference by keeping materials from the landfill and helping fund more Habitat houses.

As the first of its kind in Wisconsin, ReStore's success is contagious. Since opening in September of 2001, ReStore has served as the model for other stores in Davenport, IA, Winona, MN and Sheboygan, WI. Visitors from Waukegan, IL, LaCrosse and Green Bay, WI want to open Habitat ReStores and are inspired by our success. Director Jen Voichick, Manager Woody Osborne, Assistant Manager Deiter Dettling, Volunteer Coordinator Myrt Sieger, Deconstruction Manager Frank Byrne and Marketing Manager Linda Welch have created a successful business as well as a family atmosphere that keeps customers and volunteers coming back.

If you haven't discovered the ReStore, you are missing bargains. New and used materials and tools arrive every day. Check the Web site: [www.restore Dane.org](http://www.restore Dane.org) for location, store hours and bargains.

*Thanks ReStore staff and volunteers—you are making a difference.*



*Deconstruction volunteers remove and bundle hardwood flooring to be transported to the ReStore.*

**GOLF... builds more than character!**

**Join Us...**

June 7, 2004 @ Nakoma Golf Club to help us support **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DANE COUNTY, INC.**

Hole Sponsorships Available!  
 Golfers & Silent Auction Items Needed!

For information call **608-288-3335**

# Rockin' The House to Raise the Roof

## A music benefit for Habitat featuring Natty Nation



NATTY NATION brings its unique all original hard reggae rock sound to the venerable Barrymore Theatre on Friday, April 16, 2004 to raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity of Dane County. Tickets are \$13.00 advance and \$15.00 day of show for this all ages concert. NATTY NATION will be welcoming special guests to join them on stage. All ticket sales and a portion of merchandise sales will be donated to Habitat.

NATTY NATION is excited to marry its positive socially conscious message with Habitat's mission to bring the community together to build homes with God's people in need.

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk will help kickoff the concert by reading a proclamation declaring April 16th "Habitat for Humanity of Dane County Day." The Master of Ceremonies is radio personality Pat Gallagher of 105.5 FM-Triple M WMMM.

This music benefit is possible through a partnership with Charter Communications, 105.5 FM-Triple M WMMM, WMSN FOX 47, madison.com, Maximum Ink, DeWALT Industrial Tools, Group Health Cooperative and Abraham Productions.

Tickets for this Barrymore Theatre show are available at The ReStore, The Habitat Office, The Exclusive Company (State St. & High Point Center), Strictly Discs, Magic Mill, Star Liquor, Green Earth (East & Middleton), The Barrymore, online at [www.barrymorelive.com](http://www.barrymorelive.com) or by calling (608) 241-8633.



## UW Chapter Builds Completing Third House and Planning Number Four

The UW Student Chapter is setting high standards for other campus chapters. In addition to raising funds, this ambitious group travels throughout the US and overseas during semester breaks for homebuilding projects, even managing to build one house locally every year.

The Yang family house at 5312 Park Meadow Drive is currently under construction using student labor, and is funded through projects like "Rake-A-Thon", where the UW Chapter recruits other groups to help rake leaves around the UW campus. As the 2004 semester began, the Chapter organized high school art and music students for the 8th Annual Souper Bowl party on the eve of the Super Bowl game. This year's event raised over \$19,000 for Habitat.

Summer building plans continue with a trip to Costa Rica and a short rest before starting UW House number four in Twin Oaks this fall.



*Students help wash dishes after the Souper Bowl fundraiser.*



*November ribbon cutting event celebrates completion of infrastructure.*

## Twin Oaks Ribbon Cutting

Joyce Wallace (left), Twin Oaks homeowner, HFHDC President Steve Millar, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, and Jose Cantu-Vasquez, Twin Oaks homeowner, cut the ceremonial ribbon on November 25, 2003 to celebrate the completion of utilities and streets just in time for winter weather. Lot sales and construction are set for a busy winter and spring.

## BRINGING PARADISE TO THREE FAMILIES CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE RESTAURANT OPENING RAISES \$74,010

Although the temperature outside was a frigid nine degrees, Jimmy Buffett fans lined the sidewalks two hours early to make the Grand Opening Benefit Night of his restaurant, Cheeseburger In Paradise, a success. The third restaurant in this franchise opened on January 12, 2004 in Middleton, WI. Buffett thrilled his fans by playing his signature tropical island songs for the 250 guests for almost an hour. Just like the other two Grand Opening affairs, the Cheeseburger In Paradise partners designated the admission proceeds for a local charity. Unlike the other two events, this time they chose Habitat for Humanity of Dane County.



*Cheesehead Jimmy Buffett*

The Entercom Communications radio network staff worked with Habitat to promote the event. Our long term relationship with Entercom made this event run smoothly. Their work raised funds with both ticket sales and auction items autographed by Jimmy Buffett.

Funds raised will build a house in Twin Oaks, one in Trinidad and a third in Jamaica. Both Entercom and Cheeseburger restaurant staff were scheduled to work on the Twin Oaks house. Their first workday was March 16th. Thanks to 105.5FM-Triple M, 105.1FM-



*Jimmy Buffett*

WBUZ, 94.9FM-WOLX and Cheeseburger In Paradise for giving three families a hand up with your generous gift.



# Board of Directors Changes

Terms are for three years and change each February. Thank you to members completing their terms: Ted Ormund, Jess Acker, Phil Sveum, Eric Oelkers and President Steve Millar.

Welcome to new members and officers: Tom Zimmer, Pete Stebbins, Ann Eaves, Hank Whipple, Co-Presidents Mary Ann Cook & John Merrill, Secretary Doug Piper.

The HFHDC Board of Directors adopted a Mission Statement and set of Operating Principles at their February, 2004 Meeting. The Board's Strategic Planning Committee recommended these statements after studying the values and goals of the HFHDC. Committees, volunteers and staff use these to guide decision making.

## HABITAT HAPPENINGS

### April 16th

8 pm Benefit  
Concert-The  
Barrymore Theater

### April 17th

12-4 pm Earth Day  
Celebration  
at ReStore

### April 18th

1 pm UW  
Chapter's 3rd  
House Blessing,  
5312 Park Meadow  
Drive



### May 1st

9th Annual  
UW Football Team  
Community  
Service Day-Twin  
Oaks

### May 2nd

Blue Mounds  
House Blessing

### May 7th

4:30 pm at Twin  
Oaks-Blitz Build  
Kickoff Ceremony

### May 8th-22nd

7:45 am-3 pm  
Blitz Build work  
days

### May 22nd

4 pm Blitz Build  
Community  
Dinner and Street  
Dance 6-8 pm  
both on  
Kanazawa Lane

### June 7th

All day, Home-in-  
One 5th Annual  
Golf Outing,  
Nakoma Country  
Club

### June 13th

Mallard's Baseball,  
Warner Park  
Women's Build  
Benefit

### June (T.B.A.)

Sun Prairie House  
Blessing

## Mission Statement

*Bringing the community together to build homes  
with God's people in need.*

## Operating Principles

*We build quality, affordable, simple and  
decent homes.*

*We are an organization founded on Christian  
principles; we welcome all people to participate in  
our organization.*

*We provide the opportunity for home ownership to  
people who might not otherwise become  
homeowners.*

*We recognize that one strength of Habitat is the  
central role volunteers play in our work.*

*We work in partnership with the people who  
purchase our homes, providing support and counsel  
to help them succeed in home ownership.*

*We bring the community and our partner families  
together in the home building process.*

*We work to assure that our families and homes are  
assets to the surrounding neighborhood.*

*We seek to partner with others in the community to  
address affordable housing issues.*



*Design and layout generously donated by Malcolm Marketing Communications.*

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County  
P.O. Box 258128  
Madison, WI 53725-8128

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
36  
OREGON, WI 53575

