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## The Barlow family: ten years after moving into a Habitat House

By Pamela Cotant for the State Journal

The low white fence Shavay Barlow built around her front yard can't technically be called a picket fence because of its design.

But the symbolism is the same. Shavay Barlow and her husband, Rudy, live in the first home built by Habitat for Humanity of Dane County in the Greater Madison area. Just over 10 years later, the Barlows, who tried to get their own home for years, are still thrilled with their house and what it has meant for their family.

"Everything revolves around here," Shavay Barlow said. "It feels so good."

Rudy Barlow said the house has meant, "taking pride in being able to say this is my home."

The fence is the Barlows' latest improvement to the yellow-sided house with white shutters at 812 Ridgewood Way off South Park Street. Last year, the Barlows built a 3 1/2-car garage next to the four-bedroom home.

"We didn't just stop there," Rudy Barlow said. "I said, just give me the start and I can go from there."

The home was built with the Barlows and their five children, whose ages now range from 19 to 11.



Shavay and Run Barlow in front of their Habitat house at 812 Ridgewood Way. Photo taken by Jim Addis.

A shelving unit in the corner of their dining area is full of some of the trophies their children have earned. One son, Daniel, received a Madison Community Services Award last year in recognition of his volunteer work, and the family continues to give back to Habitat. Shavay serves on Habitat's Board of Directors.

Shortly after they moved into their new home, the Barlows got the jobs they had been after for years. Since then, both have gone back to school to acquire new skills.

Rudy is now a machinist at Oscar Mayer and works part time as a security guard at East Towne Mall. Shavay Barlow is a business banker at M&I Bank.

Rita Kehl, who taught the Barlows' children, recommended the family of seven to Habitat for Humanity because she knew how much they wanted a home to call their own. The Barlow children are Lynneta, 19; Rudy III, 15; Daniel, 14; Run, 13 and Chawndeill, 11. Shavay Barlow said it was difficult raising children at Sommerset Circle.

"It makes a difference when you have a good home," Shavay said. "The teachers respect you."

### What happened after moving into a Habitat home?



**Owners:** Rudy & Shavay Barlow Family 812 Ridgewood Way

**House cost:** \$32,000 & 500 sweat equity hours

**Moved in:** 11-17-90

**Paid off Habitat mortgage:** 4-2001

**Built 3 1/2-car garage:** 4-2002

**Children:**

**Lynneta:** at MATC studying Computer Networking

**Rudy III:** Senior at West High School

**Daniel:** Junior at West High School

**Run:** Freshmen at West High School

**Chawndeill:** 8th grade at J.C. Wright Middle School



# HABITAT HAPPENS

## July 26th

Summertime Goldmine "Replenish the Habitat Tool Chest" event at Alliant Energy Center

## August 24th

12-3 pm: Volunteer Recognition Picnic at Rennebohm Park

## Late October

Groundbreaking for the first of the Twin Oaks homes

## November 15th

Benefit concert



June 25- The Yang family, HFHDC staff and long-term volunteers celebrate the groundbreaking of 5312 Park Meadow, the fourth and final Park Meadow home. - Photo by Jim Addis

## Habitat Begins to Build in Blue Mounds!

A mid-September groundbreaking is planned for a new Habitat house in Blue Mounds with the House Blessing scheduled for early 2004. The construction site house is at the corner of Mounds Road and Brigham Avenue. If you live in the Mount Horeb area and would like to help, please contact the Habitat office at 255-1549.

## Education for Humanity

If you own your own home, you might remember how scary it was the first time you realized that you had the full responsibility for maintaining your house and yard. HFHDC sells simple, decent houses to first-time home buyers, so we think it's only right that they learn something about taking care of their new habitat along the way. That's part of the reason that all Habitat families put in so many hours of sweat equity as they help build their own homes, but it's also the reason that we coordinate an education series for families. Thanks to the support and partnership of Consumer Credit Counseling of Madison, Jung's Garden Center and The Home Depot, all of the families that move into their new simple, decent homes have also received a simple, decent education on money management, home maintenance and yard care. Want to help? Call Matt Mayers 238-8769.

HFH homeowner Lindiwe Gwaza (center) learns to repair drywall with Lisa Peot of HFH and Doug Powell of Home Depot.



## Habitat's Worldwide Housing Ministry

Habitat for Humanity International's mission is to eliminate poverty housing worldwide. As an affiliate of this international organization, the Dane County Habitat Board of Directors puts their energy into building houses within Dane County, but is mindful of the overwhelming housing needs in the world outside our country's borders. To help support our global efforts, every house completed in Dane County also begins a house in another country. So far this year financial designations have been made to support Habitat homes in Gliwice, Poland; Alexandria, Egypt, and Northern Ireland. Our UW student chapter also designated funds for Northern Ireland's efforts in honor of Joe Van Oosbree, their former president and student build construction leader. Joe is working as a construction leader with Habitat in Belfast for a six-month tour. Contact the Habitat office if you know of a Habitat project in another country seeking support, or if you would like to contribute to Habitat's Worldwide Mission through Habitat for Humanity of Dane County.

## Deconstruction Makes for Efficient Construction

- A crew from Habitat's ReStore will remove sellable materials from buildings and homes that are being renovated or torn down.
- Materials are then cleaned, processed and sold at Habitat's ReStore, with proceeds going toward Habitat's affordable home-building program.
- Recent large deconstruction projects took place in partnership with St. Mary's Care Center (\$15,000) and Steve Brown Apartments (\$12,000).



If you or your company are interested in a visit from our deconstruction crew, or in contributing to Habitat's Deconstruction Project, please call Frank Byrne at 661-2813 ext. 4.

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## Twin Oaks Updates

*Twin Oaks is Habitat for Humanity of Dane County's most ambitious project ever—a 142-unit mixed-income neighborhood on Madison's southeast side.*

- Madison Common Council approved the final plat on June 17th
- Bulldozing begins to build sewers and streets in late August
- Groundbreaking for the first homes late October

## Home-In-One — Golfing with a Purpose

Thanks to Habitat Board Member Phil Sveum and the 24 companies and many individuals that made the June 9th day of golf and fellowship at Nakoma Country Club a success. Proceeds of almost \$16,000 were donated to Habitat's house building ministry from a beautiful day at Nakoma. Thank you, Phil, and the long list of supporters:

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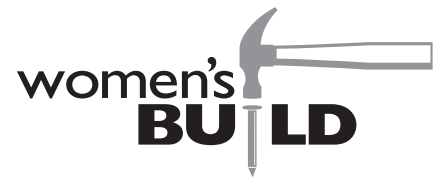
## First United Methodist Church - Builds Awareness & the Spirit Takes Over

Recently, the parishioners of Madison's First United Methodist Church studied housing issues and had a Sunday school class that discussed Millard Fuller's book, "The Theology of the Hammer." After raising awareness of how critical a safe, decent and affordable house is to healthy family life, and under the leadership of member John Stolzenberg, they decided to take the bold step to raise the funds and become a sponsor for one of the first Twin Oaks houses. Habitat for Humanity has traditionally relied upon people of faith to believe in our mission and put their faith into action. Thanks to the people of faith at the First United Methodist Church who will make a special mark on the landscape with one of the first Twin Oaks houses this fall. If your congregation would like to get involved in this way, please call the Habitat office.



## Ancora Coffee Gives Habitat a "lift"

Ancora Coffee Roasters of Madison generously donated 600 pounds of coffee to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat volunteers really appreciate a cup of "house blend" fair trade coffee on their breaks. Ancora Coffee says "thank you" to volunteers with every cup. Ancora, locally owned and operated, is known for their best organic and fair-trade coffee. *Madison Magazine* says "Ancora sets the local coffeehouse standard in Madison." Thank them next time you stop at one of their four Madison retail locations or visit them online at [www.ancora-coffee.com](http://www.ancora-coffee.com).



## WOMEN'S BUILD IS GOING STRONG!

A group of concerned, dedicated women have opened their arms, their hearts, and the ground to build a safe, decent home at 5314 Park Meadow Drive for single mom Lacey Olness and her son Coleman. This year's build marks the second all-women-built Habitat home in Madison.

"As a woman, it's very moving to be able to help another woman overcome adversity and attain a good home for her family. A lot of us working on this build have been there or close to it, and feel great being part of the solution," says Women's Build project leader Kathy Borkowski.

Work crews have been on the site from 7:45 am until 3:00 pm every Saturday since May 10th, and since June 20th, added alternate Fridays from 1 pm to 6 pm. The excitement is building as the concrete was poured, the first-floor joists were nailed into place, and the wall frames went up!

The Women's Build Steering Committee is focusing on fund-raising, and is looking for volunteers to help staff booths, stuff envelopes, and make crafts or treats. Look for more information at the Women's Build Web site: [www.habitatdane.org/current.womens.cfm](http://www.habitatdane.org/current.womens.cfm)



*Women's build volunteers work hard to put up the wall frame.*



## New Online Construction Updates!

Check the progress of the construction of the current Habitat houses on our new "under construction" page on our Web site.

[www.habitatdane.org](http://www.habitatdane.org)





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*In Memory Of...*

Thank you to friends and loved ones who gave Memorials to Habitat's house building ministry in honor of the lives of:  
**Miriam Merrill, Julie Nashold, Phyllis McGrath, Lori Pederson and John Lyall.**

*In Honor of...*

Thank you for the financial gifts in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of longtime volunteers **Bernie & Jim Treichel**. Their love is shared with family and friends who honor their commitment to one another and Habitat.

*In Support of...*

Thank you to our major sponsors supporting our ongoing efforts to build affordable housing this year:  
**Evjue Foundation, Christ Presbyterian Church** and the **Wisconsin Department of National Resources**.

# Springs Window Fashions - Team Building Through Community Building

Springs Window Fashions, a Middleton-based manufacturing company is building a cooperative spirit within their company by giving back to their community by sponsoring a Habitat house this summer. Not only is *Springs* making a \$50,000 cash donation for building materials, but 250 associates from its local work force are actually building the house with the Lu family at 2249 Myrtle Street on Madison's east side. They started in July and will finish the house early this fall. *Springs* team building brings people together to build a

cooperative spirit while helping a family build their dream home. Thanks to *Springs* for making their company's presence in Dane County so valuable to all of us.



Window Fashions LP



*Employees from Springs Window Fashions gather for their first day of work on a Habitat house. Springs CEO Ron Zabel, far right, joined the group and members of the Lu family to drive the first nail.*

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