

# Habitat Happenings

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## News from our Director

Each year we at Habitat accomplish more and more with the help of so many wonderful volunteers. I would like to welcome and thank our **new Affiliate Board members:** Tom Buck, Rebekah Richards, Jan Rhode, and Ginny Clementson. I also would like to thank several key volunteers, especially Sally Coomes, Sister Jean Juenemann and their committees for hosting two incredible gourmet holiday dinners grossing nearly \$55,000. Habitat does not receive government funding; we raise the money ourselves. Each year we raise enough funds to build five to eight homes now costing as much as \$100,000 each and also meet our other budget needs. You help us make this happen. We just received a Thrivent grant for \$75,000 toward building a home in Lake Crystal. Please see the Thrivent article on page 4. We also received \$20,000 from a trust fund to assist us in building one of our North Mankato homes. The Wells Fargo Foundation just gave us \$15,000 to build a home in the community of New Prague. Thank you to all of our donors. Please refer to pages 3, 4 & 5 for 2007 contributors.

To date we have built a total of **64 homes**, 40 by The Mankato Chapter, 17 by the St. Peter Chapter, 6 by the Le Sueur-Henderson Chapter and one in New Prague. Another three homes are under construction to be completed in the next several months. We plan to build another five homes this spring in North Mankato, Lake Crystal, St. Peter, and New Prague.

We are now well settled into our

new building at 1751 Bassett Drive. We have discovered that our new building and location have opened doors for us. We are receiving more financial donations, more building donations, and more individuals interested in volunteering with our organization. The ReStore also has been very successful; we are blessed with numerous donations and volunteers to assist us in our efforts. Our ReStore Advisory Committee recently participated in a Strategic Planning Process to form worthy ideas for our future.

Habitat For Humanity International, our governing parent organization, is implementing positive changes within all Habitat affiliates. We at South Central MN Habitat are evaluating our existing policies and making positive changes in meeting homeownership needs.

We are blessed with many talented volunteers; in working together we are able to make the American dream of homeownership a reality for our Habitat families. As I look back upon our past year I am very thankful for the many blessings Habitat has received. Anatole France has said, *"To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."* May our future be as bright as our past. Thank you for your support!

*Julie Schmillen*  
Executive Director

### Support Habitat at Timber Lodge

Friday, February 22

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

1010 Raintree Road, Mankato

**15% of all proceeds will be given to  
Habitat for Humanity**

Come anytime or join Habitat staff and volunteers at 12 p.m.

Call ahead seating and reservations accepted but not required.

Carry out orders also qualify.

Please mention

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when ordering.

Helping build houses for folks has never been so satisfying.

With all of us pitching in, we can build something great.

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*Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry dedicated to building simple, decent and affordable housing with and for families in need.*

## HABITAT in NEW PRAGUE

Habitat supporters in New Prague hosted their first fund raiser at the New Prague Golf Course, an elegant four course dinner for 160 served by Chef John Schumacher and Chef Molly Dollarhide on November 17. Following the dinner, John Schumacher changed hats and auctioned 20 select and unique items. Twenty sponsors contributed funds that brought the total to \$40,000. Thanks to Habitat supporters in New Prague led by Sister Jean Juenemann.

Wells Fargo of New Prague presented Sister Jean with a check for \$15,000 from the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation for the second New Prague build on January 21. Wells Fargo contributed to the first Habitat house as well. Many of the bank employees worked as volunteers then and are eagerly awaiting opportunities to help come spring when a second Habitat home will be built in New Prague. A lot has been purchased, is staked and ready for groundbreaking as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

The Family Selection Committee is meeting and hopes to have a family selected by early March.

## 2008 HABITAT 500

The 2008 Habitat 500 bike riders will “pedal to build a cycle of hope” from Maple Lake to overnight locations: Hutchinson, New London, Little Falls, Onamia for two nights and back to Maple Lake on the 16th Annual Habitat 500 bike ride July 13-19. Registration is \$150 before March 31, \$175 after March 31 or \$50 each for team members. Many devoted riders return year after year for the challenge, the cause, and the fellowship. Each rider must obtain \$850 or more from supporters. Riders name a Habitat chapter or affiliate as recipient of their donations. In 2007 the Habitat 500 raised \$336,500. You may obtain details and an application or make a donation to support a rider at [www.habitat500.org](http://www.habitat500.org). Thanks to 2007 riders: Julie Fedeler for St. Peter and Erica Marti for Mankato.



## Home Dedication, Family Partners & Home Ownership Education

A dedication ceremony was held December 27 for the Kathryn Brand family. Volunteers, friends, family and Habitat staff held a celebration of the completion of the home at 2208 Fairbanks Dr. in North Mankato.

We are looking for a volunteer to be a family partner for the John Ruach & Nyawech Riek family. Please contact Natasha for more information: 507.388.2081.

A new home ownership education program has been launched for Habitat homeowners. Thanks to Mankato Plumbing & Heating's Sean Wenner who gave a great presentation to the Habitat partner families. A Lutheran Social Service representative will speak about credit counseling in February. We are looking for speakers in the areas of home maintenance, landscaping, home projects (such as building a deck) or interior design. If you'd like to give a presentation or recommend a suitable presenter, please contact the office.



The Brand family home is the 40th for the Mankato Chapter.

## Team Card Program

Presenting the new Team Card when paying participating area businesses is a simple way to donate funds to Habitat of South Central Minnesota and also to earn store credit for yourself. With each transaction you make, a **7% cash rebate is split between you and Habitat**. The Team Card had earned \$2240.46 for our Habitat Affiliate as of February 3.

To obtain a card that is already coded for Habitat, please pick one up at the Habitat office / ReStore, 1751 Bassett Drive, or call the office, 388-2081, to have one mailed to you along with a list of participating businesses. To review your balance, you would then need to register your card at [www.cashvalue.com](http://www.cashvalue.com) where you can also see how much revenue has been raised for Habitat.

Present your Team Card at the following participating businesses:

Boomtown	Nicollet South Bike Shop
Buster's	Pub 500
Charley's	Potter Implement
Coldstone Creamery	Subway
Domino's Pizza	The Buzz
Dunn Bros. Coffee	Topper's Pizza
Fantastic Sam's	Westwood Bar, Restaurant
Happy Joe's Pizza	
Jiffy Lube	
Jiffy Tire and Repair	
Mankato Implement	
MGM Liquor Warehouse	

Your card may be used in Mankato, North Mankato, St. Peter, New Ulm, Winona and the Twin Cities.

## Corporate Donors

Thanks to the following corporations, foundations, and organizations donating \$100 or more to the Affiliate in 2007.

3M Foundation  
Anonymous \*\*  
Appletree Press Inc  
Arlie Matson Estate  
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CenterPoint Energy  
Eckert Plumbing & Heating  
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Kiwanis Club, St. Peter  
Lighthouse \*  
Lions Club, Le Sueur  
Lloyd Management  
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Mdwakanton Indian Tribe: New Prague \*  
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City of North Mankato  
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Weber Plumbing & Heating  
Wells Fargo Foundation \*\*

\* donated \$1,000 or more  
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*We apologize for inadvertent omissions.  
Please call them to our attention.*

## Thanks to Churches Contributing \$50 or more in 2007

Belgrade Ave. United Methodist Church  
Centenary United Methodist Church  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Church of the Holy Communion  
Episcopal: St. Peter  
Evangelical Covenant Church  
First Christian Church  
First Congregational Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church: Amboy  
First United Methodist Church, Lake Crystal  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Holy Family Catholic Aid Assn: Lake Crystal  
Marysburg Catholic Church  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church: Butternut  
Presbyterian Church of Le Sueur  
SS. Peter & Paul's Jesuit Community  
St. Ann's Catholic Church, Janesville  
St. Anne's Catholic Church, Le Sueur  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church  
Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter  
Trinity Lutheran Church Women, St. Peter  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Zion Lutheran Church: Lake Crystal  
Zion United Church of Christ, Le Sueur

## Back improvement for Home Improvement

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www.newmanchiro.net  
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Thanks to Dr. Paul Newman & Staff.

## A Change in the Recycling Program

We are still recycling ink jet printer cartridges and cell phones but with two different companies that accept them only in bulk. That means that we can no longer use the plastic prepaid mailers provided in the past. Please bring your own or your company's / church's / organization's collected ink jet cartridges (no Epson, please) or cell phones to the Habitat Office, 1751 Bassett Drive Monday - Friday 8-5 or to the ReStore Saturdays 9-4 . We have a few collection boxes left, but you can also make your own.

Together we can help the environment by diverting cartridges and cell phones from landfills. At the same time, we can help fund the construction of Habitat homes.

## ReStore Capital Campaign a Success

Thanks to Kay & Lyle Jacobson for matching ReStore Capital Campaign donations totaling \$25,000 received after the June 8 Grand Opening when Kay, as chair of the campaign, announced their commitment. Donations received after May 10, 2007 are listed below. (Those received by May 10 appeared in the Spring newsletter.) Thanks to Kay for chairing the Capital Campaign which ended on a successful note December 31.

### **Diamond Hammer: \$25,000 & Up**

Kay & Lyle Jacobson

### **Platinum Hammer: \$15,000 - \$24,999**

Page, Jones, Richards Family Foundation

### **Gold Hammer: \$10-\$14,999**

Kato Engineering

### **Silver Hammer: \$5,000 - \$9,999**

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### **Bronze Hammer: \$1,000 - \$4,999**

James Coughlan

Famous Dave's/Alliance Card

Habitat/Hoffrogge Golf Tournament

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### **Copper Hammer: \$250 - \$999**

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Hugh & Marcia Miller

Mary Topp

Charles & Rutheda Wagner

Thanks to the many additional Iron Hammer donors who contributed up to \$100.

## ReStore's Six Month Success Story

December 7 marked six months of operation for the ReStore, and it's been a great start! We've made over 2,000 transactions and have diverted 100 tons, yes TONS, of materials from landfills. We have also allowed countless homeowners to improve their homes. It is an exciting time to be part of Habitat.

Most recently, we were able to salvage an enormous amount of materials from the former Rasmussen College (previously the Mankato Clinic) building prior to its demolition. The cabinets, countertops, doors, ceiling tiles and light fixtures all found new life out in the community. Many thanks should be given to Blue Earth County, I&S Engineers & Architects, Blue Earth Environmental Company and Rasmussen College. They demonstrated that great things can happen when government, private business and non-profits work together.

Our biggest challenge is a good one to have. Due to our success, our need for both storage space and volunteers is greater than ever. Volunteers are the backbone of all HFH operations, and the ReStore offers a great opportunity for people who want to help but don't have building experience. We welcome volunteers who have retail experience or who have worked with marketing or who just want to try something new! Just contact Fred Snyder or Emily Schwieger at [restore@hickorytech.net](mailto:restore@hickorytech.net) or 507-388-6682.

## Mankato Fund Raisers

The "Get on the Beam" campaign will be held again soon after Easter. We deliver a 2x4 "beam" with a bank on it for signatures and donations. The signed 2x4's become a part of the next HFH home. Please call Roger or Sally at 625-9279 to ask questions or to get involved.

Good news! The November Holiday Dinner at the Mankato Golf Club raised \$13,750. One-third of the revenue was designated by the PRFR Committee to support the ReStore and two-thirds to support home building by the Mankato Chapter. Thanks to all of those who attended, who contributed to, and who organized this festive evening.

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# Mankato Chapter News



## Thrivent Home Planned for Lake Crystal

Locally, Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota has gratefully been awarded 65 percent of the funds necessary to build one home in 2008 through an alliance with Thrivent Builds. This home will be built in Lake Crystal in Lilly Lake Estates by area volunteers, of whom at least one-half are required to be Lutheran and one-fourth Thrivent Financial members. The Habitat partner family will also invest 300-500 hours of "sweat equity" to the building of their own home. Construction will begin in April and is expected to continue for nine months.

Local Thrivent chapters and Lutheran congregations raise an additional ten percent, and Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota will cover the remaining 25 percent of construction costs. Thrivent Builds is making this generous contribution not only toward this home in Lake Crystal but also toward the building of up to 322 homes with 42 Habitat affiliates across the nation in 2008. Thrivent's worthy goal is to increase the number of homes affiliates will build this year. Our deepest thanks to Thrivent.



Thanks to generous Carpenters Club members who contributed \$120 or more to the Mankato Chapter in 2007.

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 Kathleen Bertrand  
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 Mary Jane & Bailey Blethen  
 Robert & Suzanne Browne  
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 James & Idelle Walton  
 Larry & Marie Weeks  
 Wilfred Witz Memorial  
 Perry & Barbara Wood  
 Gary & Mary Zellmer

\* donation of \$1,000 or more  
 \*\* donation of \$10,000 or more

## Making Progress, but Habitat Needs You!

The LaVonne Peck home, #40 for the Mankato Chapter, at 2217 Fairbanks Drive in North Mankato is progressing well. Drywall is complete. Mudding and taping are in progress.

We are looking for volunteers to help with LaVonne's home and also with the Amanda Eagan home which will be started this spring on Fairbanks Drive. Construction typically takes place Tuesday through Thursday 9 - 3 and also on various Saturdays this spring.

Lots and lots of volunteers will be needed on Saturdays and weeknights starting in April on the Lake Crystal Thrivent Builds home. Yes, we need Lutherans, but all volunteers are needed. Learn new skills, make new friends, and help your community. Please contact Natasha at the Habitat office today: 507.388.2081 or [habitatsc@hickorytech.net](mailto:habitatsc@hickorytech.net).

Thank you to all of Habitat's dedicated volunteers. Without you Habitat wouldn't be possible. Whether you're swinging a hammer, entering data or baking treats, you're appreciated!

**Care-A-Vanners** will be building with us for two weeks at a time May 4-16, July 20-August 1 and September 7-19. Care-A-Vanners come from all across the United States in their RV's to help build Habitat houses. Feel free to stop by the job site and share some Minnesota hospitality.

## Remembering Vern Hanson

Vern Hanson, who died November 20, is remembered as a central figure in the early days of our Habitat affiliate. He was one of the "Old Fuds," a self named group of retirees who were Habitat's construction backbone working regularly to build the earliest houses. Vern worked on the first Habitat house and many more plus a South Dakota Blitz Build during the 90's. Thanks to Vern and all of the "Old Fuds" for their diligence and dedication.

## Aluminum Cans Build Habitat Houses

Please recycle your cans at the Habitat Aluminum Can House sponsored by the following churches in the coming months:

January	Good Shepherd Lutheran	2101 LorRay Dr., N. Mankato
February	Hope Baptist	150 Jaycee Ct.
March	Evangelical Free	709 Riverfront Dr.
April	First Congregational	150 Stadium Court
May	Bethel Baptist	1250 Monks Ave.
June	First Christian	1735 E. Main St.
July	Belgrade United Methodist	325 Sherman Ave, N. Mankato
August	Bethlehem Lutheran	720 S 2nd
September	Our Savior's Lutheran	1103 N. Broad
October	Evangelical Covenant	345 Carol Ct., N. Mankato

Thanks to sponsoring churches. Please call Natasha at 388-2081 to schedule your future sponsorship.

# St. Peter Chapter News

## Two Home Dedications!

It is an exciting time for Habitat for Humanity in St. Peter! We had the joy of dedicating a home January 19th and are planning another home dedication for mid-February.

On January 19th we dedicated the home of the Mohamed Abdulkadir family. Duniyo and Mohamed, along with their four small children, Rahma, Rahima, Najima and Nabil, and their three teenage sons, Najib, Kamil and Guled, welcomed family and friends to the dedication celebration of their new home at 2107 Turpin St. in the Washington Terrace Addition of St. Peter. A vast array of delicious Somalian food had been prepared for the guests. Duniyo's sister from Great Britain was visiting the family, and two of Mohamed's brothers surprised them with their arrival from Atlanta, Georgia. Jan Prehn is the family partner for this family.

The planning for the dedication of the 17th St. Peter Habitat home is in process for Saturday, February 16th from 1 to 3 PM. Amy Hoffman and Josh Robb and their children, Logan and Paige are excited to soon be moving into their new home at 2105 York Street, Washington Terrace Addition of St. Peter. Their dedication will occur before the family moves in to their new home as this is now the prescribed format for all home dedications. Elaine Deschaine and Betty Thompson are the family partners for this family.

## Family Selected for 18th St. Peter Habitat Home

Students in the Building and Trades class at St. Peter High School are currently hard at work constructing the 18th St. Peter Habitat house under the direction of their teacher, Warren Peterson. The house has been closed in, the roof is on, and there are coverings on the windows, allowing the students to work on the interior. This spring the

house will be moved to a lot in the Washington Terrace Addition in St. Peter, where it will become the home of the Victor Cerritos family. Victor came here seven years ago from El Salvador. He and his wife Anna have three daughters. Angie came a few years after her father. Anna and daughter Arianna arrived last summer, and daughter Sophia just arrived in January. Renee Geckler and Thalia Taylor are the family partners for this family. Since Anna is not yet fluent in English, it is fortunate that Thalia's native language is Spanish.

## Family Partners Committee

Our Excitement is Building! We are always happy to welcome new members on our Family Partner committee. It is a joy to have Nancy Walbeck and Judy Maharry recently join our committee. We meet the second Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at Union Presbyterian Church in St. Peter. If partnering families is something you would be interested in doing, please call Jan Prehn, acting chair, at 507-243-4276 for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

## PR/Fundraising/Church Relations Committee

The St. Peter Habitat Garage Sale will be held again this summer. Please save your unwanted, but much loved, treasures. Household items, tools, toys, books, etc. are all needed. We cannot take clothing, shoes, encyclopedias, and Reader's Digest Books. The contact person for this event is Laura Boomgaarden 931-7393.

Our committee has put most of its focus this fall on increasing our involvement with area churches. We have created informational handbooks for each church and have begun meeting

with pastors and social concerns/mission committees. Each church has a unique perspective to bring to Habitat's housing mission, and we welcome the participation of each church. Please ask your pastor what your church's plan is for involvement with Habitat.

Blessings never cease where Habitat is involved! The St. Peter Chapter has recently received three anonymous gifts – one for \$15,000, one for \$10,000 and one for \$5,000. We appreciate donations of every size, but large ones call for extra celebration! Thank you to all donors.

## All-Committee Meeting

The next St. Peter Chapter All-Committee Meeting will be held Monday, May 5th at 7:00 PM at Union Presbyterian Church in St. Peter. Everyone is welcome! Come hear reports from every committee and learn where your talents can be put to use. The regular schedule for the All-Committee Meetings is the first Monday of February, May, August and November.

## Volunteer Hotline

Volunteers will be needed this spring to help with construction on house #18 once it has been moved from the high school to its site in the Washington Terrace Addition. Watch for announcements or call the Volunteer hotline at 380-5959.



Abdulkadir family dedication, St. Peter.

# Le Sueur-Henderson Chapter News

The Le Sueur-Henderson Chapter has had an interesting and productive year! In the very early spring our Family Selection Committee recommended the Luis and Yolanda Puente family from Le Sueur as our next Partner Family. They have lived in Le Sueur for over eight years. They have four girls and one boy, ranging from 2 - 16 . We are working with them in the building of their Habitat Home, the Chapter's 7th home, at the corner of Ferry and Sixth Street in Le Sueur. They will likely be able to move into this new home sometime in February. The location, on a very busy main road between downtown and the new Middle School/High School, has been good for keeping the work of HFH in Le Sueur before the community. Besides the usual Habitat for Humanity Sign we have been using a portable, two sided, advertising sign where changing messages are posted: "Habitat Thanks \_\_\_\_." Each of the firms, groups, or organizations who have worked at the site have been listed for three or four days at a time. During the framing of the house, all who worked signed 2x4's throughout the rooms. The Puentes enjoyed this immensely! - especially when the dentist and his assistants signed

around a picture of a tooth.

We have become involved in a new "volunteer" activity — helping a senior in the St. Peter High School Construction class complete his Senior Project. He works with Hunter Hardwood, Inc and installed the flooring. We thank him for his good work and we also thank Hunter Hardwood for donating the materials and supervising the operation.

**Fund raising activities** included a successful "first ever" 1000 Nails Campaign. Thanks to all of our generous donors. Farmers Market activities continued to be popular in St. Peter and Le Sueur, and a delicious Fall Harvest Brunch was well attended.

The Annual Meeting of the Le Sueur-Henderson Chapter was held January 21, 2008. Jan Rhode, the Chapter Secretary, has been elected for a three year term to the Affiliate Board of Directors. She will join Lee Plonske and Jo Anderson as our Chapter representatives. Ginny Clementson also volunteered to be a representative to the Affiliate Board. Four directors were re-elected for 3 year terms to the Le Sueur-Henderson Chapter Board. They are: Randy Baum, Ginny and John Clementson, and Lee Plonske.



Puente family home, Le Sueur.

## Don't miss the Le Sueur - Henderson Chapter Brunch

"Beat the Winter Blues"  
Sunday, February 24, 9 to 1  
St. Anne's School  
511 North Fourth St., Le Sueur  
\$9 for adults; \$5 for age 5 to 10, free  
for those under 5  
The food is always delicious.

## Mark Your Calendar Habitat Event Calendar

**Sat., Feb. 16** - Hoffman / Robb  
Family Home Dedication  
2105 York Street  
St. Peter, 1-3 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 24** - "Beat the Winter  
Blues" Brunch, St. Anne's School,  
9-1, 511 N. 4th St., Le Sueur

**Fri., Feb 22** - Timber Lodge  
Community Day  
1010 Raintree Rd. Mankato,  
11-11, 15% to Habitat

**March 10-21** - Newman  
Chiropractic & Wellness  
Assessment for \$20 HFH donation  
600 Reed St., Ste. 102, Mankato

**Spring - Get on the Beam  
Campaign**

**Mon., May 5** - All Committee  
Meeting  
Union Presbyterian Church  
St. Peter, 7 p.m.

**Summer** - St. Peter Chapter  
Garage Sale



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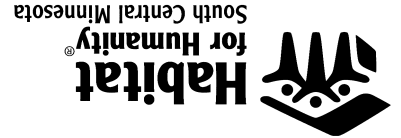
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