



Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

December 2018



***Happy Holidays from Our Homes
to Yours!***

***The Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat For
Humanity Board of Directors***

are grateful for the support and enthusiasm shown to our organization. We have built 17 homes in South Wood County since receiving our covenant with Habitat International in 1994. Modest homes for low-income recipients take vacant lots and turn them into homes for hard working families while improving tax revenue for the community. Board members offer support to families at their request, helping sustain pride and success in home ownership. We are looking forward to helping our newest family celebrate the milestone of attaining home ownership.

***We wish you a Happy Holiday Season
and a Prosperous New Year!***

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Introducing our newest family!

We'd like you to meet the Meza family.

Alma Meza is a single mother of four children: Alexis, Alexandro, Eddie, and Jessica. Currently, the children live with their maternal grandparents while Alma resides in Appleton due to her employment. The family is looking forward to living together under one roof! Alma is so humbled that she and her children were selected to be the homeowners of the 2019 Habitat for Humanity home.



Your Skills are Needed!

- Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity is in need of a **volunteer/s with the skill set of a Contractor**. This person or persons would be called upon during the next home building project scheduled for the spring of 2019. The volunteers would be asked to oversee the actual building project and secure required permits as needed. If interested, please contact Charles Green at charles.green111@yahoo.com or 715-451-8466. You may also contact Larry Davis at larrygsp@solarus.net or 715-422-1925.

- Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity is also seeking a **volunteer In-Kind Coordinator**, one or more people who have the gift of finding inexpensive or free building materials. They would, when time permits, use their skills to make connections with local contractors, businesses, or the general public to locate building materials that would be used by Habitat to keep the cost of home building down. If interested, please contact either of the above people.

Cost for building a home in 2019



Many of Habitat appliances and building supplies are donated for each home. We also purchase building supplies using the financial donations we receive. Our costs have magnified over the past 10 years which is reflective in the mortgage the families assume on their homes.

Your donations are put to good use as we strive to keep the overall cost of the home mortgage affordable for recipient families. Most families now assume a 30-year mortgage.

Creating Partnerships...

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity successfully partners with other non-profits including **Choose to Reuse** and **ReStore**. Choose to Reuse allowed Habitat to participate in the program in May and September of 2018 by giving us the opportunity to select dropped off building materials and furniture that may have gone into a land-fill. These items, then, were picked up by the Mauston ReStore van to be sold to the general public at their location. In turn, ReStore will share a percentage from the sale of any item that Habitat donates. These funds are then placed in the construction budget.

Restore outlets accept building materials and household goods for re-sale. WRAHFH is affiliated with the ReStore in Mauston. ReStore will pick-up your tax deductible donations by appointment. The store sends a truck with a driver to load donations. WRAHFH receives proceeds from goods donated from South Wood County. These donations fund our building materials.

Remember **ReStore** for your next home remodeling project. They are located at:

N3696 Hwy 12-16, Mauston, WI.

Store hours are: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-4:00; 1-608-847-2000

Local businesses and craftsman sponsor Wisconsin Rapids Habitat by donating building supplies, appliances, and their professional labor skills.

Please remember to buy locally and support them in return!

What We Do:

WRAHFH partners with families living in substandard housing, volunteer labor, organizations, local businesses, and skilled craftsmen to build modest, affordable homes.

Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans.

The homeowners pay monthly mortgage payments, insurance and real estate taxes.

Habitat volunteers work with families who are ineligible for conventional loans and assist them to succeed in home ownership.

A hand up – not a hand out.



WINDOW PROJECT

WRAHFH took on a window project because, at the time, there were no applications from potentially qualified future home owners. Upon completion, the building superintendent reported a successful project, as seen in this photo. The homeowner was extremely pleased and thankful.



We appreciate your ongoing financial support.
 Please send your tax deductible contributions to:
Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity
PO Box 1134
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-1134

Name: _____
 Address: _____

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Thank you for your support!



Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope

