



Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

December 2020



Happy Holidays from Our Homes to Yours!

We often hear, we need to know where we have been, to know where we want to go. We know, for sure, you will agree that 2020 has been a year that none of us will forget. Who knew that we would still be trying to safe-distance in December? Many of us may have thought that our biggest worry was going to be toilet paper shortages and learning how to fashion a face mask from old t-shirts. If anything, the months of living during the COVID-19 Pandemic have taught us that our normal habits and routines would need to change. Our Habitat board had to adjust how we met for our monthly meetings, but we were able to stay connected through the use of technology. We realize that the adjustments will continue, yet we look forward to 2021 and are hopeful that we will continue to fulfill our mission of building an affordable home for a qualifying family. We know that within each of us there is hope for a better, healthier and safer 2021. Let us remember to appreciate what we have and to pray and open our hearts for those with less.

The New Year is a time for making resolutions. Resolutions are intentions that we would like to accomplish: goals that we set for ourselves. Organizations also set goals and as we look forward to 2021, one of our goals is to move into creating a digital Habitat newsletter. We understand that not everyone on our mailing list has a computer or that not everyone enjoys reading digital newsletters. With that said, we still would love it if you could help us achieve our goal by joining our free newsletter emailing list:

The process is quite easy:

- **Go to our website:**
wrahfh.org
- **Type your name, as you wish it to appear on a mailing label; type in your email**
- **Click on "Subscribe Now"**
- **You will receive a confirmation email asking if you subscribed**
- **Confirm the email**

And, you're done!

Our marketing company, AWeber, respects your email privacy and will not sell your information. The Habitat for Humanity board thanks you for your assistance with our goal.

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

Phone: 715-422-1925

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you for your support!



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.



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Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

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



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