



Habitat for Humanity®

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

April 2016

Spring

A sense of renewal, blooming tulips, flying kites, longer daylight hours, and

GROUNDBREAKING for the 17th Habitat home!

Groundbreaking is a celebration for us. It renews our mission to eliminate substandard housing one home at a time. Groundbreaking exhilarates us like flying kites.

The 2016 home has been awarded to Florentino Gonzalez and his family. Florentino is a builder by trade. They are ready to get started and will be active building partners. We will be welcoming daily volunteers and organizing weekend crews; if your organization would like to participate give us a call.

Join us for groundbreaking and come meet those behind the scenes and Florentino's family!



*May 15th, 1:30 P.M.
1620 24th Avenue South
Wisconsin Rapids*

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From Left Jayden (13 yrs), Diego (9 yrs), Florentino Gonzalez, Icyis (11 yrs), Nicole Gonzalez, and Jazmine (10 yrs).

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity:

P.O. Box 1134 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-1134
715-422-1925

Web Site: WRAHFH.org



Fundraising: A piece of the action for those who don't build.

Our team is better geared for building and supporting families. Fundraising is more of a struggle yet vital for our success. Each home benefits from skilled craftsmen services, volunteer labor, and donated goods. Yet every home requires a capital outlay.

Fundraising efforts also need volunteers. We have several small fundraisers scheduled and ***if you have a few hours you can share with us we would appreciate your company!***

In addition to providing financial backing, fundraisers give us an opportunity to meet supporters directly and reminds the community we are actively building.

The Board of Directors is seeking an individual or couple who would lead an annual fundraising event to help finance our one-home-a-year building goal. This position is unpaid, truly a volunteer opportunity from the heart which would not require attendance at extra meetings or additional time commitments. We have community volunteers, church and board members willing to assist in an event that could be held in the season of your choice.

Contact Karen Brewer at 715-423-2812 if you would like to learn more or if you have a few hours to share at a Brat Fry!

Brat Fry Dates

June 10th
August 19th

930—3:00

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SHARING OUR STORY

Does your church, business or organization struggle finding presenters for your meetings?

We enjoy sharing our story about Habitat's mission to eliminate substandard housing with a hand up instead of a hand out.

Contact us to schedule a short introduction and a slide show of completed homes.

Web Site Development

Dennis Gaskill has launched our Web Site and keeps it updated with our organizational changes. Check it out!

www.wrahfh.org

The web site contains:

- Newsletters
- Information about Habitat for Humanity
- Application process information
- Services
- Home progress pictures
- Fundraising events



The lot is almost cleared of trees and debris. Building plans have been finalized. Basement excavation is planned for May. Not quite ready for those tulips but everyone is looking forward to getting started!

HOW DOES THE BUILDING PROGRESS?

Building Days: There is a Habitat Building Superintendent on site every work day, Tuesday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The superintendents coordinate the building process assuring permits are purchased, building codes are met, supplies are on hand, and the building plans are followed. Tools and materials are on site. Work beside these skilled craftsmen and you may learn some tricks of the trades! Walk-on helpers ages 16 - adult are *always welcome*. No need to call ahead; just show up and they will orient you to the home's progress. You can join in for a couple hours, the day, or all week. You will be requested to sign a volunteer form the first time you come on site.



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Weekend Teams:

Businesses, churches, civic organizations or a whole family may contact Habitat to schedule a Saturday work day. Call the Habitat phone line and leave a voice mail if your team would like to schedule a weekend date. Weekend teams are very helpful as the project moves to indoor finishing such as woodworking, painting or other hardware completion tasks. Superintendents will be present to direct volunteers to the scheduled plan. By the time indoor finishing is at hand, the regular work crew is getting tired of the daily push to completion, and celebrate this hand up to completion.

Non-Building Needs; Family Support:

Do you prefer to shop instead of building? As the building process gets underway, the family gets assistance in picking the interior décor. Habitat uses donated materials such as appliances when available, and the family has little choice in these pieces. However, there are always numerous interior items that transform the interior to the family's taste. Paint, flooring, lighting, plumbing fixtures, countertops, siding, and roof color are examples. Habitat volunteers shop with the family to assure choices meet Habitat building guidelines. *You can have the fun of shopping and someone else pays the bill!*



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Call the Habitat phone line to volunteer for family support shopping responsibilities.

715-422-1925

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

Please remember to buy locally and support them in return!

ReStore accepts:

Furniture, books, building materials, electrical items, household goods, exercise equipment, antiques/collectibles, DVDs, toys, tools, outdoor furniture., working appliances.

For free pickup of donated goods, call 608-847-2000

Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends.

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 so they succeed in home ownership.

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: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you for your support!