# **Wr Habitat for Humanity**®

### **Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity**

### Spring 2014

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### DID YOU KNOW?

WRAHFH sends a newsletter 3-4 times a year keeping supporters updated on our building plans. Changing postal regulations are making mailed newsletters more difficult to send.

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### **HOME PLANNED #16!**



We will be breaking ground in early June for our 16<sup>th</sup> home project. Habitat volunteers are finalizing the site and preparing building plans. The vacant lot will become home for

Denise Jolly and her children Lea Bradley (11) and Nathan Dupuy (13)

Denise and her teens are excited and will be active partners in their building process. The first step will be to participate in financial counseling, a requirement of all Wisconsin Rapids Habitat recipients. Building Superintendents will be Jon Neidhold and Ken Schuetz. We hope to have them in their new home by Christmas!

The building schedule is Tuesday through Friday each week from 9 AM to 3 PM. Whether you have a couple hours or all day, we would enjoy working with you. You will meet Denise and her family members working beside us.

You don't need to be an expert builder to help! The Habitat Superintendents will be onsite to help put your skills to good use!

Contact Larry Davis at 715-423-3856. He maintains the volunteer schedule and would be happy to help you schedule a date and put your skills to work!

Don't see yourself as a builder? The fundraising committee is looking for volunteers too! Contact Karen Brewer at 715-423-2812.



Left to right - Brenda Walczak, Kris Ahles, Nathan, Denise, Lea, and Board Chair Aden Ward.

Denise, Lea and Nathan were introduced to the Board of Directors on April 8, 2014. They were instructed in the building process. The Board recommended keeping a notebook to log sweat equity hours and questions about the building process. The building superintendent states the best family help is keeping the site clean for the comfort and safety of construction volunteers.

The family will be put in a minimum of 250 hours of sweat equity during construction.

Habitat Homes are basic homes built to Habitat International standards and sized to meet the needs of each family. Our 16th home will be three bedroom and single story. Ground-breaking will be held in early June. Denise and Family Partner Committee members will be meeting throughout the summer to choose the interior design of their new home. The family must stay on budget with wood stain color, carpet, light and bathroom fixtures. The kids have chosen wall color for their rooms. Each family is allowed to make 1 choice in the home that makes it unique to their needs. Some examples may be an attached garage or back yard fencing. We had one family whose wish was for a laundry chute.



### Copps Brat Fry

Habitat volunteers will be cooking the first brats of the season!

Friday, May 2nd, 2014 from 9:30-3:30

JOIN US!

# 15th Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat Home Dedication December 1, 2013 337 Buehler Avenue Nekoosa



### Cool and drizzly outside; happiness and laughter inside!

Friends and relatives, her new neighbors, Board members and Habitat volunteers came to celebrate with Samantha Heckendorf and her 2 year-old daughter Emery as she received the keys to their new home after making her first mortgage payment to Ken Schuetz.

After the invocation and a heartfelt song by Mary Wright, a brief discussion of the building process was provided by Jon Neidhold, building superintendent. Ken Schuetz provided an over view of Habitat 's mission. Samantha was given a house warming wall hanging quilted by women from the Nekoosa United Church of Christ. Emery was given a quilt created by the Common Thread Quilters.

A tour of the home, refreshments and cheerful camaraderie was enjoyed by all who attended. It was the culmination of what civic support, corporate and community donations coupled with dedicated volunteers and enthusiastic spirit can create!

### Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere 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.

### Rabitat for Humanity®



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**Donating** helps reuse household items and building materials that otherwise go into landfills.

**Buying** from ReStore offers low-cost options for home improvement projects.

**Proceeds from ReStore** fund the repair, rehabilitation, and construction of houses for local, low-income hardworking families.

**WRAHFH is partnered with the Mauston Habitat ReStore.** It is EASY! ReStore trucking volunteers, often times with a local Board Member, *will come to your home* to pick up donations to market at the store. Donations to ReStore are tax-deductible! Our Habitat affiliate receives the profits from all goods donated from South Wood County.

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### Store Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM