



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OF DEFIANCE COUNTY**

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New Build in Defiance

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County is pleased to announce the upcoming construction of our 11th house. The lot is located on Madison Street in Defiance; and a partner family has been selected. Heather Salinas will be the new homeowner. Be sure to look for a complete biography of Heather Salinas and her family in our next newsletter.

Construction will begin this spring and many volunteers are needed. The Construction Committee is seeking a qualified person to work as the construction

supervisor throughout this build.

The first steps in constructing a Habitat House is clearing the lot and securing the foundation. Habitat uses donated goods and services whenever they are available, but also hires individuals at standard or reduced rates if necessary. After framing the house, installation of all mechanical and electrical wiring takes place. The insulation and drywall is finished and painted. Then the flooring is installed and finishing



touches completed before the dedication of the home. Volunteers take part in each stage throughout construction. For those who would like to help but are unable to do manual labor, meals are needed on the weekends for all workers. Church groups, individuals, families are all welcome to get involved. This build will be a great opportunity for anyone to help Heather Salinas and her family build their home. Keep an eye out for more information about the build.

Habitat wants YOU!

- TO CONTACT US
- TO RAISE FUNDS
- TO BUILD A HOUSE
- TO MAKE A HOUSE A HOME
- TO SUPPORT AREA FAMILIES IN NEED
- TO CHANGE A LIFE

“11 in ‘07” Campaign

The “11 in ‘07” Campaign is a culmination of our 11th build, the reorganization of all our committees, and the reenergizing of the affiliate with new volunteers.

There are many different ways volunteers can help including: donations, construction, cooking meals,

serving on a committee or helping with a fundraiser. This new campaign can only be a success if all of habitat’s volunteers ban together to spread the word about Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County.

The help of volunteers make it possible for

HFHDC to help Defiance County families. Your help is very important.

If you or anyone you know would like to help with the “11 in ‘07” campaign contact Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County at 419-784-1075 or visit www.habitatdefco.org.

Visit Our Newly Remodeled Website

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County is pleased to partner with Bobby-bee.com to redesign and update the Habitat website. The new website features information on our new and successful projects, upcoming

events, and how to get involved; such as our 11th build, Habitat's annual golf outing, and organizational structure. The new website has pictures posted from various projects and events.

Thanks Bobby-bee for donating your valuable time to update and maintain our website!

Information about Habitat for Humanity can be found at www.habitat.org, the website for Habitat for Hu-

manity International. On this site, interested parties can find the history of Habitat for Humanity along with how it has spread around the world. Both websites are easy to navigate and filled with useful information and great pictures.

So the next time you're "surfing the net" remember to stop by Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County and find out how you can get involved!

www.habitatdefco.org



Volunteer Spotlight

Jeff Rahmel is a new member of the Construction and Volunteer committees. He has already helped to bring in new members for the construction committee, and we hope to attract more volunteers with Jeff's energy and continued involvement. Jeff has retired after 35 years in the pharmaceutical sales industry. He is interested in the civil war era and reviews

books for The Civil War News. Jeff has two daughters, four step-children from wife Karen and thirteen grandchildren. Along with Habitat, Jeff also volunteers for Nature's Nursery, an organization that rehabilitates wild animals. Jeff has become an important resource for Habitat, he has given presentations, attended meetings, and made many phone calls to individuals and businesses. We are excited to have Jeff as a member of our team, his life experience is invaluable. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about volunteering call Habitat at 419-784-1075 or www.habitatdefco.org.

Join us for our "11 in '07" Campaign!



The Whirlpool annual Building Blocks event will be May 13-19

Board Members to Attend Conference

HFHDC President Caren Bauer and Board member Charlie Jewell have both been selected to attend the 2nd annual Whirlpool Building Blocks community build. This event will be held just outside of Phoenix, Arizona May 13-19, 2007. Caren and Charlie were nominated by other members of the HFHDC affiliate because of their commitment and dedication to the Habitat mission. The Building Blocks project is sponsored by Whirlpool as a way to recognize the outstanding relationship between Habitats affiliates and the surrounding community. Caren and Charlie will be reporting about their trip at the annual meeting May 23. This is an amazing opportunity and we wish Caren and Charlie luck; don't forget to have fun in Arizona!

The Search for Partner Families

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County is dedicated to providing decent affordable housing to low-income families in the Defiance County area. Families that feel they meet Habitat's requirements must apply to partner with Habitat throughout the home building process. Partner families must meet the following guidelines. The family has to have a housing need (for example: no indoor plumbing, poor heating, leaks in the roof, overcrowding), they need to have lived, worked or worshiped in Defiance County for a year. Families need to have a minimum steady income that amounts to between 25 and 75% of area median income for the community. Habitat will verify employment



and financial status; the families will also need to be willing to attend homeowners' meetings to learn and practice budgeting, home repair, and maintenance. After being approved, the partner family is required to complete 250 sweat equity hours for a single parent or 500 sweat equity hours for a 2 parent family prior to moving in to their home. After the family has completed all the requirements Habitat will sell them the home at cost; the family will need to make monthly payments that will be used to build future Habitat home. If you or anyone you know might be interested in partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County contact us at 419-784-1075, we will send you an application and get the process started!

HFHI Update

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. HFHI is continually traveling around the world to rebuild communities that have been destroyed by natural disasters. Habitat is located in more than 90 countries and has built more than 225,000 homes around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with decent affordable homes. More locally, HFHI has been helping affiliates in the Gulf Coast region to rebuild the flooded communities. These affiliates have been receiving help from other affiliates and individuals from around the country; HFHDC Board

Member Charlie Jewell joined the more than 800 volunteers that are needed each week to help rebuild homes for those whose lives were brought to a standstill after the storm. HFHI is a global organization that betters our world. To learn more about HFHI visit the website at www.habitat.org.

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Habitat Annual Meeting-- You are Invited

Every year HFHDC invites all volunteers and interested community members to attend our annual meeting. This year the meeting will be at the Gene Smart Community Center building, 511 Perry Street, Defiance, Ohio, May 23 at 6:30pm. At the meeting this year board members will be introduced, new board members approved and retiring board members recognized. Elections for officer positions will take place as well as reports from all of the committees. Volunteers will be recognized and the affiliate's accom-

plishments will be reviewed. The annual meeting is a way for all of Habitat's volunteers to get to know each other and learn what everyone does for the affiliate. By understanding what the volunteers contribute to the affiliate we can all understand what's been accomplished and how everyone can pitch in to make our affiliate more successful. This years meeting will be extra special because we hope to welcome several new volunteers to the affiliate. Be sure to mark your calendars. Hope you can attend!

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Golf Outing

Don't Miss the 2007 Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County Golf Outing! It will be held July 20 at Kettering Country Club with a shotgun start at 1 pm. All are welcome to participate and join in the fun.

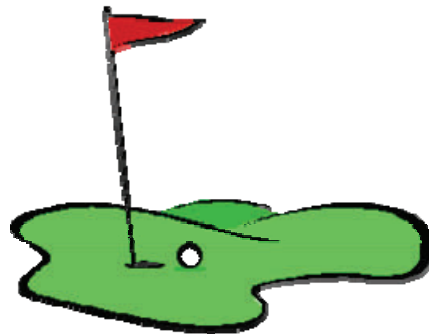
Registration has started and will continue thru July 13. Golfers will play the course in teams of 4. Price per player is \$75, golfers may enter as individuals or teams.

Not a golfer? Sponsor this great event! Sponsorship levels will be awarded as: Title Sponsor \$1500, Gold Sponsor \$1000, Silver Sponsor \$700, Beverage Cart Sponsor \$300, and Hole Sponsor \$150. Each sponsorship level comes with great promotional

perks for your business or organization

There will also be opportunities to purchase various components of our next home at the outing. Such as: fifty pounds of nails \$25, kitchen sink \$50, window \$100, bathtub and shower surround \$200, garden shed \$500, vinyl siding \$1000, lot purchase \$5000, and framing package \$7500.

Golfers will have the opportunity to qualify for the Premier Putt Off with a grand prize of \$10,000. Prizes will



also be awarded to the golfer with the longest drive, hole-in-one, and find out if you are the mystery golfer to receive a special award!

So if you want to win great prizes while having fun playing

golf then its time to get out those clubs and practice your swing! Round up your golfing buddies and register for the 2007 HFHDC Golf Outing today! Registration ends July 13 so don't procrastinate. For more information about the outing contact Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County at 419-784-1075.