



Summer 2008

Golf Outing a Success

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Perfect weather, good friends and co-workers, and helping to build affordable housing, this was our hole in one for the annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing. A Big THANKS, goes to Nelson & Bob's Auto Care Center of Defiance as they were our Title sponsor for the Outing. They also offered a coupon for \$5.00 off on an oil change was also included in the golfers goodie bags. F.O.E. was also a gold sponsor for the outing and Thrivent Financial matched a portion of the funds that were raised! A great course, time off work and a good meal also helped make our event a success. Thank you to everyone who was a sponsor or golfed in the outing!

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Message from the President

I'm very excited about Habitat this coming year. We have just started building another home with a wonderful partner, the Scarlett Wescott family. Scarlett has been very helpful in the office in recent months and hopes to be at the jobsite during the build, depending on the weather conditions. Scarlett has some health issues that keep her from very hot environments. Please read the article on Scarlett in this newsletter or on line at habitatdefco.org.

We are really excited about our website and will have pictures of the house as we build it. If you are interested in being on the weekly update list, please email us at habitatdefco@habitatdefco.org. We will email you every week to let you know what we have completed and what we will be working on the next Saturday. We try to email no later than Saturday evening. This is a good way to let your church or organization know what is happening a week ahead of time

We really rely on our volunteers! During this kind of economic climate, where everyone is asking for donations, we also take a little different approach. We very much welcome monetary donations and in kind donations but we also need people to build the houses. This is a good way to make a difference in people's lives without having to contribute monetarily. We need all types of volunteers and if you do not have any skills, we will be more than happy to teach you. We are interested in getting business' to support their employees coming out to work on a house or to have an employee work on one of our committees or board. We also would love to have organizations and churches come out in groups to help on a house. One of the benefits is that we have wonderful meals on Saturdays, also provided by volunteers. See there are many ways to help.

Please consider working with Habitat Defiance County, it is a great way to work with some fantastic people!

News from www.habitat.org

World Habitat Day – October 6, 2008, “A Place to Be”

This year's theme emphasizes the importance of feeling secure, safe and comfortable in one's own home. Sadly, millions of families around the world lack this security. Please be a part of our build in October and every Saturday until our current home is complete.



Did you know Whirlpool donates a range and refrigerator to every partner family?

Whirlpool is one of Habitat for Humanity's largest corporate partners. Thousands of Whirlpool employees volunteer their own time to Habitat builds around the country also. The partnership began in 1999 and Whirlpool brand plans to support every new Habitat home built globally by 2011, through product donations, cash or home sponsorship.

What are Habitat Houses Like in North America?

The “typical” U.S. Habitat house is

- Living space of about 1,000 square feet (exact size depends on family size and number of bedrooms needed)
- One bathroom
- Covered primary entrance
- Three-foot doorways and three-foot, four-inch hallways to allow wheelchair access.

While all U.S. Habitat houses share similarities, the differences in climate and construction techniques ensure ample individuality. Homeowners are also given opportunities to customize their homes when possible. An average house costs around \$60,000.00

For more information on Habitat homes, go to habitat.org.

Myths about Habitat

Myth: Habitat for Humanity (HFH) gives houses away to poor people.

Fact: HFH offers homeownership opportunity to families unable to obtain conventional house financing – generally those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area's median income. Because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable.

Myth: Habitat houses reduce property values in a neighborhood.

Fact: Low-cost housing studies show affordable housing has no adverse effect on other neighborhood property values. In fact, Habitat houses have increased property values and local government tax income.

Myth: Habitat homeowners are on welfare.

Fact: While some Habitat homeowners receive aid in some way, many more are working people. Typically their annual income is less than half the local median income in their community.

Myth or Fact

Habitat gives away houses for free?

Thanks to Biggby's Coffee for their donation of Coffee, Saturday morning. They got us off to a great start. Thanks also for letting us participate in the remote broadcast on WDFM, 98.1, August 14th!



We can't give enough Thanks to all the volunteers that contribute to habitat. There are many people working on committees, the board of directors, making food, working in the office, donating money and actually hammering on a house. Thank you all from the partner families of Habitat for Humanity, Defiance Co.



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If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please call us to be put on our electronic email list.
Thanks,

Our Newest Partner family

Our newest partner family is Scarlett Westcott and her children. Scarlett was born in Germany and came to the U.S. in 1982 with her husband. In 1997 Scarlett had a blood vessel in her brain rupture.

After being in the hospital a month and much time off work, Scarlett went back to work but had to go back to the hospital and have a further medical procedure done to alleviate the fluids on her brain. Since this time Scarlett has suffered from seizures and cannot stay for long in a hot environment. Because of this condition and other health issues, Scarlett is on disability. Scarlett, now divorced, has had many problems with her health and getting money to provide for her family.

It took a few years but Scarlett finally is getting SS benefits. Since this time, Scarlett has repaid old debts and getting a new lease on life with her new home. "I thank God and everybody that is making this miracle happen to my family" says Scarlett.


Even though Scarlett may not be able to help as much with the actual hammering on her home due to her health, she has been a big help in our office. She has helped on our newsletters, mailing and other clerical work. We welcome Scarlett and her family into the partnership of the Habitat families.



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Check out our website. We have current pictures of our new "build" updated each and every week- by bobbybee.com. See the online album for our last house too. Find out information on officers, committees, volunteer information/forms, families, applications, and special events. Check the website for directions and for more information at 419-782-2172. Thanks also to SAA Brightnet for hosting our website.

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Defiance County became an affiliate of HFH International in September of 1998, fulfilling the dream of the Defiance County founding member, Bonnie Ford of Farmer, Ohio. If you feel you qualify for a habitat home please download our [Housing Application](#) and mail it to us. Thank you

Work on our next house at 1037 Madison St., Defiance, Ohio is underway. Workers are needed from 8:00AM to late in the afternoon every Saturday at the site until the home is built. [LEARN MORE](#)

Habitat for Humanity Defiance County

Volunteers Needed!

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We offer families a hand up, not a hand out!

Habitat for Humanity of Defiance County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, (HFHI). HFHI is an organization that provides affordable housing worldwide.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that provides housing for low-income families with a need for decent housing. Habitat is here to help fight the war against poverty.

Volunteers and partner families are the ones who put all the time into building the homes. Individuals, area churches, and corporate donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. Partner families as well as their family and friends invest hundreds of hours of labor called sweat equity, into building their homes and other Habitat homes. The money that the homeowners pay each month goes into a revolving fund to build more Habitat houses.

The [Habitat for Humanity International](#) website contains more information on Habitat's history, mission, volunteer opportunities and contact information for other Habitat affiliates around the world.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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