

# THE CORNER- STONE



The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

## BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA · HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### Our New Partner Family

**W**e wish to announce our new partner family for the 2009 build. **Randi Eckstein** and her three children, **Hannah, Jesse** and **Johnny** will be the recipients of the second home in the Pleasant Hills subdivision on Brocks Lane. Randi was born in Columbus and raised in North Vernon and Seymour before locating here in Brown County. She is employed at For Bare Feet in Helmsberg. At the time of our interview she was headed to Chicago, attending embroidery school, where she will learn skills to become head of embroidery at the factory. Hannah is a sophomore at

Brown County High School. She has a keen interest in math, science and photography. She may be a potential candidate for the newly established Allen Hazelbaker Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide much needed dollars for Brown County Habitat kids to attend college. Jesse "Tank" is in the 5th grade at Seymour where he lives with his dad and loves to play football. And six year old Johnny is the "ornery" one, as the rest of the family agrees, with all the quick answers to everyone's questions. Johnny will be starting the first grade here in Brown County this fall. They are eager to realize the long awaited dream of home ownership.

The official introduction of the family was made at the Brown County Community Band concert on Sunday, April 19th.

Randi and her kids will also participate in our third annual SummerFest on June 6th.

Brown County Habitat for Humanity welcomes the Eckstein Family as our next Partner Family and wishes them all the best as our construction begins this summer. We are looking forward to Hannah's documentary photos of the building process. 🏠



▲ left to right: Jesse, Johnny, Randi, and Hannah

## DONOR RECOGNITIONS

We give a big 'thanks' to **Mike and Susan Hunsberger** from Bulgaria who, once again, have given to Habitat generously. Their \$8,000 contribution will not only help build homes here in Brown County, but also help build homes in the global community of need through Habitat's tithe.

Grants received to date for '09 include a \$1,000 grant from the **Lions Club** and a \$250.00 grant from **Sam's Club**. Additionally, we received \$1,000 from the **Ministerial Association** from last year's hymn sing/ goodwill offering. Habitat gives many thanks to all its contributors.

HFH appreciates ALL gifts, large and small, and we recognize the many individuals, businesses, organizations, and churches who have contributed in support of Habitat's mission in Brown County and beyond. We couldn't do it without all of you!

## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Greetings in this beautiful month of May! Spring is here and there are signs of new life and vitality wherever we look. And it is so with Habitat as well: the wonderful Benefit Concert; the Spring Blossom Parade's award winning Habitat float; the up-coming Annual Meeting/Construction Kick-off; SummerFest on June 6; and the clearing of lot #1 for the 2009 house. All these activities have one common purpose — moving the words of our mission statement into acts of kindness and love — building homes for families in need and helping them find new hope for a better future.

These activities help make the Habitat mission possible, but it takes all of us to make that mission a reality. You and your neighbors are the ones who make it happen — providing financial support; volunteering on construction crews; preparing lunches; offering words of encouragement; telling the stories that help others to get excited and get involved. Without you, we couldn't do it. Thanks for what you do!

As you read this issue of "*The Corner-Stone*," look for the ways in which you can get involved. Tell your church groups and community organizations how they can get involved. Bring your friends and neighbors to the Annual Meeting/Construction Kick-Off on May 26, to SummerFest on June 6, and to work with you on a construction crew later this summer.

My yard shows signs of rebirth and a hopeful future, but I know it needs me to help it mature and reach its full potential. Habitat is blooming and we appreciate what you will do to help it produce a home and hopeful future for yet another deserving family.

**Verne Sindlinger, President**

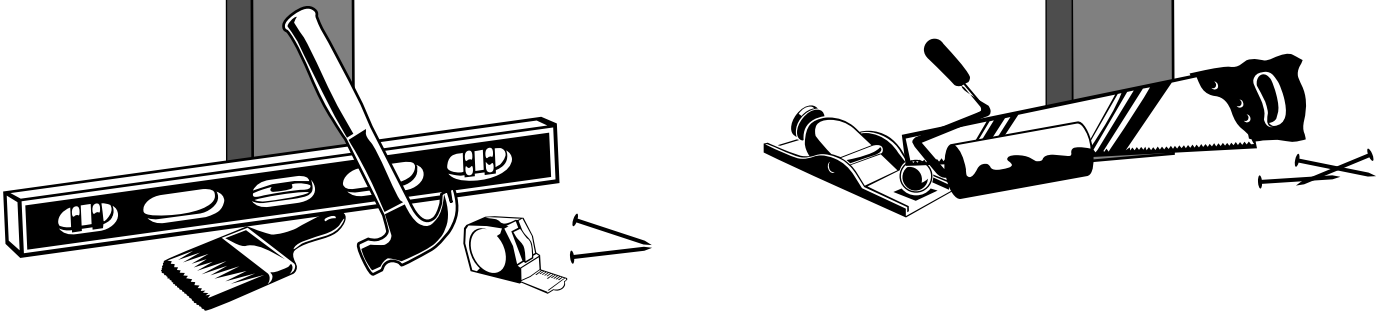


### SPRING BLOSSOM PARADE BLUE RIBBON!

Congratulations Bruce and George Clegg for the award winning Habitat float. Thanks to all who helped see the float to its completion and shared in the May 2nd parade.

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# *Construction Kick-off* AND ANNUAL MEETING



*Habitat building plans for '09 ...  
see how you can get involved!*

**Meet the new Partner Family • View the house plans**

**Visit with Board members, Habitat's Construction TEAM,  
and our '09 Construction Manager, Bruce Clegg.**

*In addition, there will be a very short Annual Meeting to elect five new Board members. Everyone present may vote.*

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009 • 7:00 PM**  
**Brown County Public Library, lower level**

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

*Refreshments will be served.*



## Thanks for the Melodies and Memories!!

The Brown County Band presented an absolutely fabulous concert of “*Unforgettable Melodies.*” Kudos to director Ray Laffin and the more than forty members of the Band. Starting with “*Music from Ben Hur*” and ending with the “*Colonel Bogey March,*” the audience of nearly 300 was treated to an outstanding evening of music featuring saxophone and trumpet solos and a first ever appearance of Marielle Jockey dancing to “*The Lady is a Tramp.*” This is the sixth year the Band has presented a benefit concert to help Habitat kickoff its fundraising year, and each year is just gets better and better. The Habitat Board of Directors wants the community to know just how grateful it is to the Band for the many ways it enriches our lives, and especially for its support of Habitat. We were able to raise \$6000 from this effort.

Many people helped make the concert a success: the merchants, businesses, civic organizations, churches, and even one dog, who purchased the 120 ads in the concert’s printed program; Brown County High School, who provided the auditorium, and Dr. Laurie Godfrey with her theatre crew, who provided lighting, sound and setup support; Bob Kirlin, who was an excellent and entertaining announcer for the concert; Donna Braas and a team of volunteers, who served refreshments in the school cafeteria; Jinny Thompson’s high school saxophone students, who entertained concert goers as they arrived; Sue Ahbe, who created the very professional printed program; and, of course, Ray Laffin and the Band, who spent hours rehearsing in preparation for the great concert.



To all of you and any unintentionally omitted, thanks for providing a wonderful evening of unforgettable melodies and memories.




### Attention!

New e-mail address for Brown County Habitat: [contact@bc-habitat.com](mailto:contact@bc-habitat.com)

Go Green! Help us save postage and paper by sending us your e-mail address.

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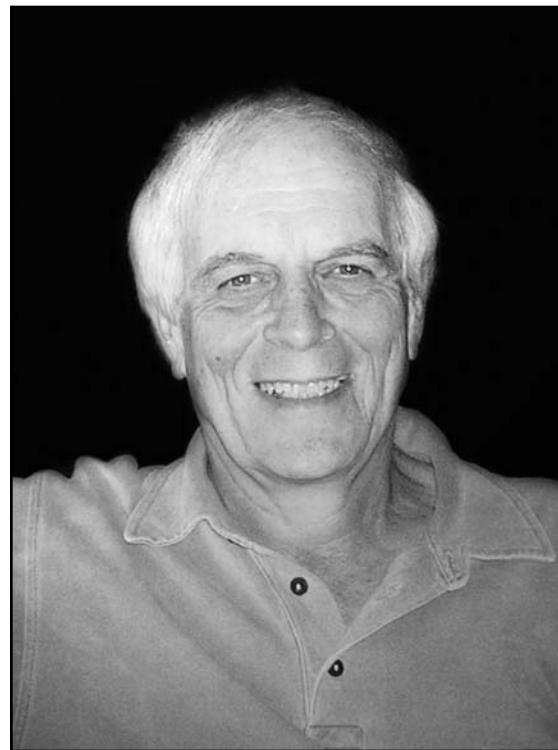


**Habitat for Humanity®**  
**BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA**  
*Volunteer of the Year*

**Brown County Habitat Board voted unanimously to name Allen Hazelbaker as the 2009 “Volunteer of the Year”.**

Allen had become a very special member of the Habitat family. He was known as the “Monday Master Painter”, present every week during the home builds, virtually doing the entire exterior painting and staining or whatever needed to be done that day. When Allen learned about this award, he maintained that, while he didn’t deserve it, he was receiving it on behalf of the hundreds of volunteers who give so generously.

Rather than wait until the Community Band Concert to announce the award, it was presented to Allen last December before his untimely death on March 6th. The Band then proceeded to dedicate the concert to Allen with special tribute with renditions of “Over the Rainbow” and “Thanks for the Memories.” Stories of Allen’s skillful work, and even of some humorous incidents, helped those in attendance celebrate the memory of a dearly loved friend and neighbor. Allen’s wife Sandee, daughter Christie and husband Mike, son Brad and wife Elizabeth were also present to enjoy the night dedicated to Allen.



▲ *2009 Volunteer of the Year and “Monday Master Painter,” Allen Hazelbaker*



▲ *The Hazelbaker family accepts the Volunteer of the Year award on Allen’s behalf at the annual concert on April 19th.*

As testimony to Allen and Sandee’s love for Habitat, they created the **Allen and Sandee Hazelbaker Family Scholarship Fund** as an endowment through the Brown County Community Foundation. The Fund will provide support to the children of Habitat families from 2006 forward, to further their education beyond high school or G.E.D. diploma.

Donations may be made through the Brown County Community Foundation. Call 988-4882 (Bob Kirlin) for further details.

Mark your calendars for the third annual Brown County Habitat

# SummerFest

**Saturday, June 6, 2009 · 2-7 PM**

*Village Green at the corner of Jefferson and Main Streets · Nashville, Indiana*

**Food and Drinks · Old Fashioned Bake Sale · Silent Auction  
Musical Entertainment**

*the Brown County Community Band Dixieland Group · Lou Stant and the Mizfits · the Reel Tyme String band*

**The Construction Team will be doing a "mini barn raising" for the next Habitat house**

**View an exhibit of Habitat work · Sign up to be a Habitat Volunteer**

**It will be a good time for all, so come on out and enjoy the fun!**

*Items are needed for the auction. If you have something that may be of value contact Mark Thompson at 812-988-9715 to arrange delivery.*

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