

# THE CORNER- STONE



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

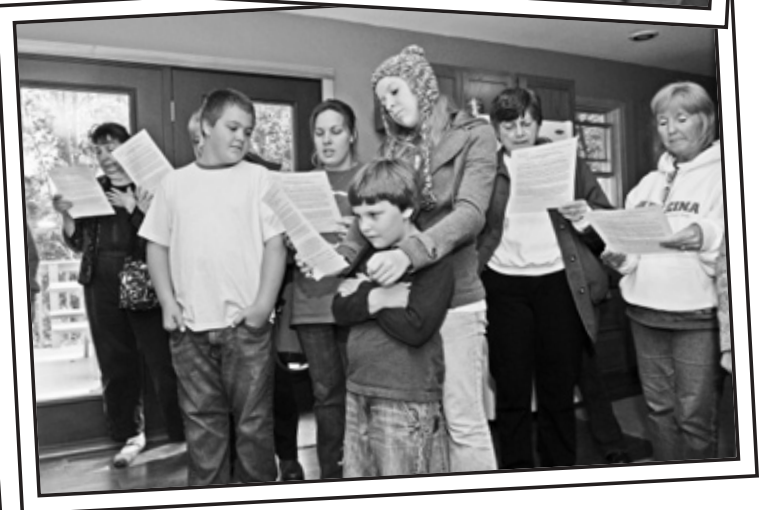
This is the Lord's doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

## BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA · HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### Eckstein Dedication

**B**rown County Habitat for Humanity celebrated their most recent building project with a dedication and open house October 11th. About fifty people were in attendance for the Eckstein house dedication on a bright Sunday afternoon this fall. Randi, Hannah, Jesse and Johnny's home on Brocks Lane was completed in record time of about eleven weeks. Only the abnormal rainfall in October prevented completion and approval of the septic system and thus a delay in Randi's move-in until the end of that month. Returning construction manager, Bruce Clegg, provided excellent guidance throughout the project. Expert landscaping was provided by the Brown County Garden Club, especially Laura Rikken, who put in about 40 hours of work. This is our 13th home in the county, but the second of four in the Pleasant Hills subdivision using gifted land from Ida Rose and Al Meyer. 🏠



▲ TOP *Randi Eckstein officially "opens" her new home to guests during the ribbon cutting ceremony.*

▲ *The Eckstein family and friends look on during the dedication ceremony.*

◀ *Judy Zimmerman of Q.U.I.L.T.S. presents Johnny with a new quilt during the dedication.*

## President's Letter

As in this season of the year we remember to be thankful and think about gift giving, I am grateful for each of you and for the many ways your gifts support the mission of Brown County Habitat for Humanity—providing financial support, getting involved in leadership, swinging a hammer, and the many other ways you express your support. You are the ones who help move 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.

The year 2009 has been another exciting and encouraging year for Brown County Habitat. We completed the second house in the Pleasant Hills subdivision, the 13<sup>th</sup> house in our 20 year history. It was another successful year financially—three fund raising events; a record number of grants and a very generous gift from a supporting family in Bulgaria. (You will see more about these gifts on page 3.) We have also received another gift of a beautiful five acre lot from Al and Ida Rose Meyer. New volunteers were welcomed to our committees and Board of Directors as well as many more to help build the Eckstein house. None of this would have been possible without the involvement and support of hundreds of individuals and scores of organizations. You receive this newsletter because you have been, and hopefully still are, one of those people or organizations. Thank you!

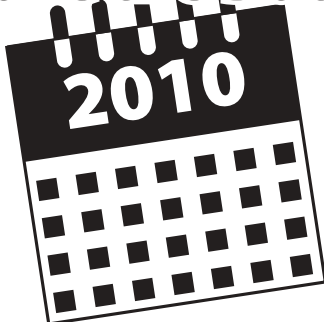
New and exciting possibilities await us in the new decade. We are exploring the possibility of building shared office space with Mother's Cupboard, initiating a program to do rehab and renovations in addition to building new homes, and opening a resale store through which to sell excess and donated building materials. These new ventures will expand our ability to fulfill our mission and to address the ever increasing need for decent and affordable housing in Brown County.

You can help us build the 2010 Habitat house and see that these new possibilities become realities. Tell your friends, churches, and civic organizations about the Habitat mission and the new ventures. Consider making a year end gift yourself. We've enclosed a self-addressed envelope to make this easier. And continue praying for Brown County Habitat, its volunteers and its partner families. Thank you for being part of the Habitat family.

*Verne Sindlinger, President*

**Mark your calendar...** Our three major fund-raising events have already been scheduled for 2010 and you won't want to miss them:

### Save the Date!



**APRIL 24**  
BC Community Band  
Benefit Concert

**JUNE 5**  
Summerfest

**SEPTEMBER 25**  
Hike for Humanity



▲ Betty and Quentin wait for hikers to return from this year's Hike for Humanity.

# We couldn't have done it without YOU!

**Al and Ida Rose Meyer** (AT RIGHT) have done it again! By the time you have this newsletter in hand, Habitat will have gratefully received another 5-acre parcel of land from the Meyers.

This parcel of beautiful land is adjacent to our Pleasant Hills Subdivision off of Sweetwater Trail, so it looks like we will continue to be building in the north-west quadrant of Brown County awhile longer.

We certainly can't thank the Meyers enough for their generous spirit and this wonderful gift!



## OUR THANKS

With 2010 fast approaching, we pause from the flurry of year-end activities to reflect, and to gratefully acknowledge, all of YOU and your many gifts of time, talents, and materials that so generously enable the Habitat mission to grow. The lists that follow are as comprehensive as possible, categorized for clarity. Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

◀ *Randi Eckstein displays her gift from SCI-REMC. REMC played a much bigger role by donating the heating system through their "Operation Round-up" program.*



## 2009 GRANTS AND MAJOR GIFTS (\$1,000 OR MORE)

The following donors and grantors have helped ease the annual fund-raising burden in a major way. Every dollar received is greatly appreciated! Financial support is vital to Habitat's program development and growth. Brown County Habitat has very little overhead, so funds can go right to work. We thank you!

Brown County Ministerial Fellowship  
Brown County Lions Club  
Michael & Susan Hunsberger  
St. David's Episcopal Church  
Habitat for Humanity International (GRANT)  
Nashville United Methodist Church  
Brown County Community Foundation (GRANT)  
SCI REMC RoundUp (GRANT)  
Davee Foundation (GRANT)  
Anonymous

## ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS

From fundraising to "hands-on" work crews, the following groups have given generously to ensure the success of Habitat's community outreach and mission. We thank each one!

Brown County Garden Club  
Triad  
Ivy Tech  
Brown County School Corporation  
Brown County Community Band  
Rotary Club  
Brown County Woodworking Club  
Lions Club  
Q.U.I.L.T.S (Quilters United In Love To Share) · Nashville  
Cordry / Sweetwater Group

# We thank you...

## LUNCH PROVIDERS

(Lunch coordinators: Karen Smith and Jane Graber Davis)

Lunch... dare we say one of the “highlights” of the workday? The meals, often delivered to the work site, were greatly appreciated by work crews throughout the week! Our cooler drop-off system at Nashville BP Amoco also worked well when delivery was not an option (thanks to the Paynes at BP).

Note: Since church groups often prepared meals for their own work crews, and for particularly large groups, (think pot-lucks) the churches have been listed in a separate category.

Sandy Ridenour  
That Sandwich Place  
Brenda Green  
John and Margy Mckune  
Cordry/Sweetwater Group  
Esther Graber  
Rosemary Slusser  
Susie Rogers  
Linda Morris  
Becky Allen  
Ann & Bill Walters  
Donna Braas  
Terri Schultz  
Del & Phyllis Crocker  
Beth Borisuk & family  
Terri Shultz  
Tri-Kappa  
Brittany Harden  
Ruth Jarrett  
Jane Graber-Davis

## CHURCHES

We are always grateful for the support of our area churches and beyond! Our “thanks” to the churches includes all areas of giving, from lunch providers to builders, from monetary gifts to prayer support! We continue to ask for your prayers, and your congregational involvement in as many ways as possible.

St. David’s Episcopal  
St. Agnes Catholic  
Becks Grove Christian  
Bean Blossom Mennonite  
Nashville Christian  
Nashville United Methodist  
New Life Community  
Fair Haven Christian  
Church of the Lakes  
Parkview Church of the Nazarene  
Brown County Presbyterian  
Center Grove Presbyterian  
Zionsville Presbyterian  
Southport Presbyterian  
Neighborhood Church of God  
Harmony Baptist

## BUSINESSES

Businesses have proved to be an invaluable source of professional services and goods for which Habitat is most grateful! From discounts and donations of materials to volunteer employee work groups and more... Thank you!

*Nashville unless otherwise noted.*

Cline Doors · Trafalgar  
Rose and Walker · Columbus  
SCI REMC · Martinsville  
Devening Block · Columbus  
Star Electric – Jim Schultz  
Knights Trash  
Buck Valley Septic  
Whirlpool Corp. · National  
Wagler Farms  
BP Amoco  
Cheryl Scott Appraisals  
Brown County Abstract – Steve Mollo  
Wanda Jones Law Office  
Gillman Home Center · Edinburgh  
Q.S. Carpenters – John Ercoli  
Monroe LLC – John Simpson  
Millbuild – Doug, Ian & Caleb Miller  
Darrel and Cathy Clawson  
Jerry Fleetwood  
Ben Miller Trucking · Freetown  
Nichols Cabinets · Bargersville  
Dennis Huntington Electric  
C.J. Drywall – Joe Robertson  
Experience Technology – Eric Steining  
Bloomington  
Marks Lakeside Construction · Nineveh  
Jim Wright Plumbing  
Knights Woodworking  
Don Henderson HVAC  
Bone Dry Roofing · Indianapolis  
Lowe’s · Columbus  
Leon Fowler Woodworking  
Cummins · Columbus  
Brown County Printing  
Brown County Democrat  
Hills O’ Brown Realty  
Sam’s Club · Columbus  
Small Dog Designs



## LEADERSHIP

A BIG “thanks” to our **Construction Manager Bruce Clegg**, and son **George Clegg**, who led the work crews along with the **Construction TEAM** (BELOW), to complete the Eckstein home in a record breaking schedule. If we go any faster next year, we may have to start calling it a “Blitz-build.”

Quentin Small · Chair

Ray Laffin

Dave Richards

Bill Walters

Carrel Moore

Larry Kolar

John Simpson

Cheryl Scott

Jim Kelp

Al Pockevich

**The Board of Directors** make all decisions affecting the entire organizational health of Habitat in Brown County. We thank each Director for the many hours volunteered and for their commitment to the vision of HFH... many Board members also contribute in every way possible (talk about multi-tasking!)

Verne Sindlinger · President

Carrel Moore · Vice President

Betty Crews · Treasurer

Jane Graber-Davis · Secretary

Jim Drum

Quentin Small

Ray Laffin

Mark Thompson

Delbert Crocker

Cheryl Scott

Mary Shields Smith

Brett Hodge

Al Pockovich

Linda Welty

Betsy Hawkins

Wanda Jones · Ex-officio

Steve Mollo · Ex-officio

Bruce Clegg · Ex-officio

We also thank our **working Committees** for their many hours of ‘behind the scenes’ work: **Family Selection and Nurture, Church Relations, Construction TEAM, Publicity and Fundraising, Administration (Governance).**

*Note: Committee non-Board members are listed under the “individuals” category.*

## INDIVIDUALS

Listed below are individuals who logged at least 8 hours or more in volunteer work (this includes non-Board Committee members). We thank each of you for setting aside the time to work with Habitat to build homes for families in need. Your acts of kindness do not go unnoticed!

Oladapo Akinyede	David & Karen Cool	Jacob Hans	Andrew Kesterson	John Perry	Don & Gloria Sooby
Rebecca Allen	Theresa Copeland	Ron Harris	Tom Korson	Larry Peterson	Chris Sowers
Miguel Arands	Tom Dassler	Georgia & John Harris	Phil Krueger	Bill Phillips	Eric Steining
Donald Armstrong	Mike Davisson	Vern Hausz	Denny Kubal	David Pritchard	Matt Stoner
Sylvia Babcock	Dr. Michael Day	David Hausz	Larry Ladd	Tom Pritchard	Eric Summers
Larry Bail	Jake Delarosa	Fred & Peggy Haywood	Nelson Lee	Adam Ramsey	Carrol Sumner
Oliver A. Barker	Oscar DelSantiago	Gary Henderson	Ralph Linscott	Joe Ridenour	David & Jean Swalve
Jennifer Baughman	Dave Derbyshire	Don Henderson	Brad Lovedew	Mike Riebl	Bill Swigert
Foday Bayon	Ray Dillingier	Todd Hendrickson	Cline Mahoney	Hunter Riebl	Tom Taylor
Jon Beauchamp	Ed Dillman	Joshua Henry	Gary Manning	George Rietman	Kirsta Tharp
Van Beers	Art Dinnage	Ben Hensel	Ann Marie	Laura Rigger	Eric Trommater
Bruce Bendinger	Bill Earl	Ben Herr	Sean Matthews	Chuck Robinson	Loren Van
Ross Berryhill	Jim Ellsberry	Quinn Hetherington	Wanda McHolland	Jerry & Katrina Rose	Vengopal Vengala
Bryan Berzak	John Ercoli	Greg High	Rebekah McIntier	Ralph Roycraft	Charles Vogt
Ron Black	Ronald Fisher	Chris Hoffman	Robert McWilliams	Michelle Ryan	Ray VonBurg
Rhea Ellen Boley	Jerry Fleetwood	Doug Holton	Ben Miller	George Salmon	Steve Wacker
Ric Boulton	Ron Foster	Don Housman	Doug, Ian & Caleb Miller	David Savage	Mark Waldon
Randy Bridges	Marcia Foster	Rose Houston	Gene Moneymaker	Jim Schildmeier	Bill & Ann Walters
Luella Brunnermer	Sandy Games	Chris Huffmeyer	Jay Morrison	Bob Seacat	Amber Watt
John Buechler	Jeff Garrett	Greg Hundley	Lee Mowan	Jim Serra	John Werner
Joe Burst	Dona Glentzer	Dennis Huntington	Dick Neville	Buzz Settles	Jason Wheeler
Judy Burst	Rich Graces	John Huter	Gene Niednagel	Aaron Shaffer	David Whitaker
Bob Butts	Jacob Graves	Gail Hyde	Dave Ober	Janis Shaffer	Andy Wiesman
Jim Catron	Frank Green	Gary Johnson	John Obergfell	Gene Shearn	Peter Winick
Chad Clark	Jim Hahn	Sandie Jones	Bob Olinger	Larry Shelp	Kevin Workman
Darrell Clawson & Family	Robin Hall	Amy Jorgensen	Jim Page	Gerald Simo	Bob Wright
Rick Clayton	Nel Hamilton	Jim Kelp	Bob Parker	Mark & Marge Slauter	Jim Wright

May your Christmas bring  
Peace, Love and Joy...



**Building Houses...  
Building a Community**

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