

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

Dedication Day

Brown County Habitat for Humanity celebrated its most recent build project with a dedication and open house Saturday, November 1st. This is our 12th house in Brown County. The Harden house, for Jason, Brittany and their children Emma, Eli and newly arrived Isabelle on Brocks Lane was completed in twelve weeks. This was due to over 130 volunteers with over 3,200 work hours, plus in-kind donations, many that are mentioned on the following pages. The orchestration of the entire project was in the expert hands of new Construction Manager Jim Kelp with support of Quentin Small, our Construction TEAM Chair.

The dedication ceremony began with greetings and acknowledgments from Brown County President Verne Sindlinger. The central part of the program was devoted to scripture and prayer for the house as a whole and its various rooms. Jonathan Hutchison (St. David's Episcopal) provided music during the dedication ceremony and was responsible for the Charge to the family. Presentations were made: a Bible, keys to the house, hand made quilts by Q.U.I.L.T.S (Quilters United In Love To Share), and a collection of helpful household items presented by the Nashville United Methodist Church and others.

Sixty friends and family looked on as the ceremony progressed while the Hardens received many blessings and gifts for their Habitat house. All enjoyed the crisp autumn air as well as the post-ceremony camaraderie, cake, coffee, cookies and cider. Live music was provided by Jason's dad, Danny Harden, and Habitat's own Volunteer of the Year, Dennis Huntington.



▲ *The Harden family poses on the porch of their new home.*

▼ *Friends and family look on during the dedication ceremony.*



All of us who have experienced the overwhelming task of moving into a new home could identify with the difficulties of the move for a family of five. And yet during the dedication, the Harden house was already a warm and loving environment that reflected the gratitude of the recipients for what they had received. This was a celebration of the Lord's doing, and an effort in which we should all be proud! 🏠

President's Letter

As I write this letter on Thanksgiving eve, I am grateful to each of you for providing financial support, getting involved in leadership or swinging a hammer, or just showing interest in the mission of Brown county Habitat for Humanity. 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.

We've made major strides in advancing that mission in 2008: developing a four lot subdivision named Pleasant Hills; completing the first house in that subdivision; building our first story and a half house; opening the first Habitat office; conducting three successful fundraising events; welcoming several new people to leadership on the Board of Directors and its committees; and identifying several new potential partner families. 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!

Based on the number of recent inquiries, there are an increasing number of families in need of decent affordable housing as a result of the late spring flooding and the continuing high cost of housing in Brown County. Add to that the plummeting economy and it's not hard to see that our mission is more important than ever. Our greatest challenge is raising the funds (approximately \$50,000) needed to build one Habitat house. We have several hundred volunteers who could help complete more than one house a year, but we're only able to raise enough funds to build one. This year, because of the expense involved in developing the subdivision, we've had to borrow money to complete payment of construction expenses. That loan will be repaid by year's end, but this means we will be getting a later start in raising funds for the house we intend to build in 2009.

You can help us build the 2009 Habitat house and perhaps expand to more than one house a year. Tell your friends, churches, and civic organizations about the Habitat mission and the increasing need. 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



A HOMEspun Christmas is our themed entry in Nashville's first ever tree decorating contest. We give a special "thanks" to Hills O' Brown Realty for purchasing the \$100.00 entry for Habitat. With lots of help from the children of several Habitat Partner families as well as participation from Church of the Nazarene and Harmony Baptist (work space and more children "artists") we created almost all of the ornaments. Many photographs of volunteers and families grace the tree along with lots of gingerbread houses and children which gives the tree its homey feel. Voting will take place throughout the month of December and cash awards will be distributed in January. We encourage you to show your support. The voting box and ballots are set up near the trees on the courthouse lawn. Additional ballots can be picked up at the BC Convention and Visitors Bureau (vote early and vote often!)

◀ *Kerri Voelz (Partner Family 2004) puts the finishing touches on the Habitat Christmas tree.*

GRATEFUL HEARTS

Christmas is fast approaching, and in anticipation of the New Year, we pause to reflect on the many contributions that have kept Habitat growing, thriving and building throughout 2008. We are extremely grateful for ALL of your contributions, large and small... your time, skills, materials donated and discounted, prayer support, lunch provisions, monetary donations, and more. Your compassion and generosity keep the Habitat vision and mission alive: helping build better futures for families in need, starting right here in Brown County.

We once again thank **Al and Ida Rose Meyer** for the wonderful gift of land, which has allowed Habitat to develop its first subdivision, Pleasant Hills. The Harden home is the first of four homes to be built on this beautiful tract of land.

We are very grateful to a number of donors who made substantial gifts to Brown County Habitat in 2008. **Mike and Susan Hunsberger**, from Bulgaria, once again started our year off with a \$7,500 personal donation, and the **Davee Foundation** contributed a year-end gift of \$7,500. Thank You! Thank You! In addition, we received a number of grants: **SCI REMC** granted \$5,000 towards our subdivision/infrastructure costs in the spring, and recently granted a year-end amount of \$4,680.00. We also received \$1,000 from a **Brown County Community Foundation** grant.

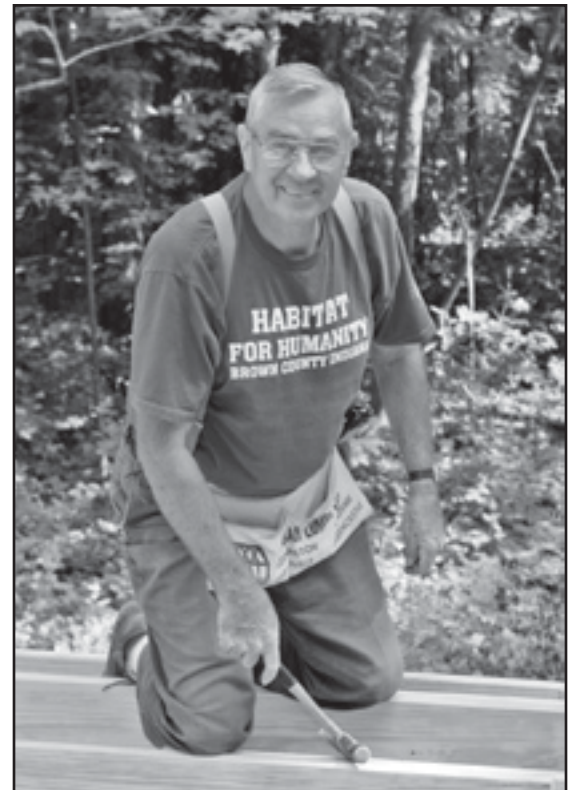
Other contributions of \$1,000 or more were received from:

- **St. David's Episcopal Church**
- **Lions Club**
- **Anonymous gift**

Throughout the year we continue to seek funding by hosting a number of annual events: Our spring concert with the Community Band, our June Summerfest, and our September Hike-for-Humanity. Your participation and contribution to these events provides a mainstay to our annual budget, thank you!

We certainly appreciate donations of ALL sizes, and realize that with the economic downturns in our global economy, many organizations are feeling the pinch. (Just a reminder, our tithe to Habitat International builds a house overseas for every house built here in Brown County — double impact!)

We have enclosed an envelope for Habitat gifts. Thanking you in advance.



The Harden house, our first 1½ story home, was completed in just 12 weeks. A special “thanks” to our Construction Manager, **Jim Kelp** (ABOVE), whose experience, expertise and commitment helped build a superb home with much attention to detail. We also thank the **Construction TEAM** led by **Quentin Small** for tremendous dedication, organizational leadership and recruitment of volunteer teams.

The Board of Directors dedicates many hours in the organizational aspects of Habitat. A special thanks to:

Verne Sindlinger, <i>President</i>	Jim Drum
Ray Laffin, <i>Vice President</i>	Betsty Hawkins
Jane Graber Davis, <i>Secretary</i>	Brett Hodge
Betty Crews, <i>Treasurer</i>	John McKune
	Carrel Moore
	Quentin Small
	Mark Thompson
	Linda Welty



FROM CONCEPT...

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Al Meyer, at the groundbreaking. Al and Ida Rose donated the parcel of land where the Harden house now stands. ◇
A model of the Harden home-to-be serves as inspiration. ◇ **Dennis Huntington**, 2008 Volunteer of the Year, works on the electrical system.

We are grateful to the following businesses that volunteered time and equipment and professional services in building the Harden home:

- **John Simpson (Monroe LLC)**
clearing trees for lane improvements, excavating for foundation, water line trenching, finish grading, and trash removal.
- **Doug Miller & sons (Millbuild)**
concrete footers, foundation walls, and soil analysis
- **Dennis Huntington Electric**
- **Eric Steining (Experience Technology)**
installing phone, Dish, and computer cables
- **Reed Septic** *porta-potty*
- **SCI REMC**
installation of electric power to transformer
- **Whirlpool Corp.**
refrigerator and stove
- **Bone Dry Roofing**
installing shingles
- **Mark Walden**
carpet installation
- **ProCare Termite and Pest Control**
- **Knauf Insulation**

- **Cheryl Scott Appraisals**
- **Dave Harden** *survey*
- **Designscape** *plant materials*
- **Backyard Greenhouse**
plant materials

In addition, a number of businesses provided services and materials at discounted prices:

- **Wagler Brothers**
lane improvements, site clearing and septic
- **Nichols Cabinets** *of Bartersville*
kitchen cabinets
- **Kellie Plumbing** *of Franklin*
- **Keller Heating and Air**
of Bloomington
- **J.R. Richardson Guttering**
of Unionville
- **Rose and Walker Siding and Drywall**
- **Brown County Abstract (Steve Mollo)** *documents and closing*

The following churches provided construction teams and/or monetary donations:

- **St. David's Episcopal**
- **Nashville United Methodist**
- **Nashville Christian**
- **St. Agnes Catholic**
- **Center Grove Presbyterian**
- **Southport Presbyterian**
- **Church of the Lakes**
- **Becks Grove Christian**
- **Bean Blossom Mennonite**

The following companies and organizations contributed work teams:

- **Cummins Engine**
- **Ivy Tech**
- **Rotary Club**
- **Brown County Garden Club**
- **Brown County Woodworking Club**



...TO COMPLETION

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

The house during construction. ♦ *New home owner, **Brittany Harden**, greets construction manager **Jim Kelp** at the dedication ceremony.* ♦ *All finished, the Harden house is now the Hardens' home.*

Based on our log book of volunteer hours, organized by **Ray Laffin** and **Allen Hazelbaker**, the following individuals each worked a total of more than 8 hours on the Harden house. **The total hours logged by over 130 persons was more than 3,200 hours!** (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Becky Allen	Frank Green	Jon Lucas	Dane Probst	Carrol Sumner
Bruce Clegg	Jeff Harden	Doug Miller	Dave Richards	Mark Thompson
Jim Drum	Danny Harden	Ian Miller	Charles A. Robinson	Bill Todd
Jim Ellsberry	David Hausz	Caleb Miller	Jerry Rose	Beatrice Wagoner
Elizabeth Emery	Allen Hazelbaker	Carrel Moore	Katrina Rose	Mark Walden
Sandy Fittz	Quinn Hethrington	Lee Mowan	Gene Shearn	Pam Walters
Marcin Foster	Dennis Huntington	John Obergfell	John Simpson	Ann Walters
Ron Foster	Larry Kolar	Peggy Obergfell	Verne Sindlinger	Bill Walters
Sandy Games	Tom Korson	Bob Oliger	Quentin Small	
Dona Glentzer	Ray Laffin	Bob Parker	Don Sooby	
Jane Graber-Davis	Cherie Losey	Al Pokovich	Eric Steining	

We give another round of thanks to **Karen Smith** for her second year as lunch coordinator. Her excellent organization and many phone calls ensured that Habitat work crews were well fed. Karen also personally supplied meals when necessary. **Our thanks to the following lunch providers:**

- **St. David's Episcopal Church**
- **Verne & Phyllis Sindlinger**
- **John and Margy McKune**
- **Cordry Lakes Group**
- **Becks Grove Christian Church**
- **Nashville Christian Church**
- **Nashville Methodist Church**
- **Center Grove Presbyterian Church**
- **Jane Gore Realty**
- **Hills O'Brown Realty**
- **Erica DeGlandon**
- **The Harden family**
- **McDonald's Shopworth**
- **Harmony Baptist Church**
- **Common Grounds**
- **Beni's BBQ**
- **BP Amoco Station**
- **Linda Morris**
- **Jane Graber-Davis**
- **Esther Graber**
- **Ivy Tech**
- **Southport Presbyterian Church of the Lakes**
- **St Agnes Catholic Church**
- **Tri-Kappa**
- **That Sandwich Place**
- **Sherry Gillam**
- **Mark and Jinny Thompson**

A special thanks to **Howard Hughes** for generous food funding gift.



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FROM OUR HOMES
TO YOURS...

WISHING YOU
A MEANINGFUL
CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Building Houses...
Building a Community*

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