

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

Count the Blessings!

Don't blink... Habitat set a new speed record for construction with the Eckstein home. In just over 2 weeks the house was framed, roofed, and sided, complete with windows and doors. Of course, the interior will take more time and there are still plenty of opportunities for volunteers to join the fun. Check out the Habitat web site for scheduling updates.

There are many "thanks" to give for the early stages of construction... **John Simpson** generously donated time and equipment to prepare the site, **Jerry Fleetwood** donated installation of the driveway with gravel donated by **Ward Stone**. **Wagler Farms** donated gravel and delivery for the house foundation. A special 'thanks' goes to **Doug, Caleb and Ian Miller** for their ongoing contributions in foundation work. Doug, our 2007 'Volunteer of the Year', has continued to bless our beginnings with truly solid support! And see the separate story on the **Clawsons** for their family contributions in block laying. There are numerous 'thanks' yet due that will be comprehensively listed in our year-end newsletter. Habitat extends deep gratitude for ALL participants and contributors thus far.

Once the groundwork and site on Brocks Lane was prepared, the ground-breaking service was held on July 18th. The Saturday afternoon service was led by **Jonathan Hutchison** (St. David's Episcopal) and **Rick Clayton** (Nashville Christian) with music, scripture, and prayers of blessing for the building project.

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▲ Pictured with the shovel is the new homeowner **Randi Eckstein** while her daughter **Hannah**, sons **Jesse** and **Johnny** look on. Also pictured are new Habitat Board Vice-president **Carrel Moore**; Construction Manager, **Bruce Clegg**, and family sponsor **Betsy Hawkins**.

▼ By the end of July, the framing groups were already underway.



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We are truly blessed by the active involvement of numerous churches that supplied work teams for the initial burst of construction activity. These include the following: **Zionsville Presbyterian, Nashville Christian, Southport Presbyterian, Fair Haven Church of Trafalgar, New Life Christian, Church of the Lakes, St. David's Episcopal, Becks Grove Christian, Nashville United Methodist, Center Grove Presbyterian, and St. Agnes.**

In addition to the churches, other contributing groups include: the **Woodworking Club, Ivy Tech, Triad, and Cummins.** Our 'thanks' go to each organiza-



tion, and to those who provided wonderful lunches each day.

Bruce Clegg has returned as Construction Manager for 2009, and is keeping the crews busy. His son, **George Clegg**, has provided additional help and management. We are very grateful for their fine leadership!

▲ *George Clegg works on the Eckstein house.*

The **Construction TEAM Committee**, chaired by **Quentin Small**, takes a very active role in daily construction activities, and we extend our thanks to each of the TEAM members who generously give their time and skill to push the project forward.

From July 29–August 11, the total number of volunteer hours logged was 1,149. This is a wonderful start to the building year, and we'd love to keep up the momentum.



Bone Dry roofers are shown using their combined skills to see the Eckstein house shingled professionally. This roofing company from the Indianapolis area has donated their time for the third year in a row. A great big "thanks" to **Bone Dry Roofing**. Nashville is within their working range, so consider them for your own roofing needs. 🏠

THANKS TO THE CLAWSON FAMILY...

Darrell and Cathy Clawson, who have owned and operated D & C Masonry since 1990, have laid the block foundation for the new Eckstein house. They work together as a husband and wife team. In 2005, they volunteered to lay the block foundation for the Habitat house built for the Chandler family. It is their way of contributing their time, skills and energy to help others in the community.

This year Cathy, who is recovering from a two-year battle with cancer, suggested that they again offer to lay the block foundation for the 2009 Habitat house. Three of their grandchildren, whom they helped raise, are now part of the D & C Masonry business and they offered to volunteer their time as well. On July 24, Darrell and two of the grandchildren, twins Danielle and Levi Winkler, laid more than 700 foundation blocks. The Clawson family block layers are representative of so many good folks in the Brown County community who freely offer to help neighbors and friends!

Why Hike for Habitat?

Habitat joins families and communities in need together with volunteers and resources to build decent affordable housing. Habitat is a people-to-people partnership committed to the development and uplifting of families and communities, not just the construction of houses. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization. Homeowners make affordable no-interest mortgage payments over a fixed period. All partner families contribute "sweat equity" as they work as partners with the affiliate and other volunteers to accomplish Habitat's mission both locally and worldwide.

REGISTRATION

Call us for a form or log on to www.bc-habitat.com to download a registration form.

- Fill out the required name address signature.
- Collect your donations in cash or check payable to Brown County Habitat for Humanity.
- Bring donations the day of the event or mail to:
Brown County Habitat for Humanity
PO Box 260 · Nashville, IN 47448

FOLLOW THE PATH!

- **Set your goal.** We would suggest \$100. Our hope is 70 participants for a total \$7000.
- **Raise and collect donations.** Ask friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers.
- **Meet us September 26, 2009 at the Brown County YMCA** with your registration form and donations.
- **Start at 10:00 AM** for a trip through the town of Nashville totaling about 3 miles. Once you return to the Y...
- **EAT!** Lunch will be provided following your hike.

The Brown County YMCA is located east of town behind the IGA, turn south at McDonald's, proceed to the "T" and you will see it on the right.

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL MARK THOMPSON AT 812-988-9715.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Attention!

New e-mail address for Brown County Habitat: contact@bc-habitat.com

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

GRANTS RECEIVED...

We are extremely grateful for the approval of two grants for 2009. The **BC Community Foundation** granted \$5,000 for the current build, and **SCI-REMC** has approved a grant of \$4,720 for the heating & cooling system.

BOARD RETREAT

The Habitat Board held an evening retreat/ potluck on July 9th to orient five new Board members: **Rick Clayton, Cheryl Scott, Delbert Crocker, Al Pockevich, and Mary Sheidsmith.** It was also a time to re-evaluate the organization, mission, and the goals of our affiliate. We thank St. Agnes Church for the use of their summer house for this productive and enjoyable evening. The current Board has 16 members and three ex-officio members. Meetings are held every other month with five working committees meeting monthly.

The committees are:

- **Administration** — Carrel Moore, chair
- **Publicity & Fundraising** — Mark Thompson, chair
- **Family Selection & Nurture** — Jim Drum, chair
- **Church Relations** — Rick Clayton, chair
- **Construction TEAM** — Quentin Small, chair

Committees are open to non-Board members. If you would like to volunteer for any of our 'working' committees, please give us a call!

Mark your calendars for the annual

Hike for
Brown County Habitat for Humanity
2009
Humanity



Saturday, September 26 · 10 AM

Meet at the Brown County YMCA for a 3 mile hike through Nashville. Enjoy a boost to your health while helping to raise funds for Habitat.

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

For a registration form or more information call Mark Thompson at 812-988-9715.

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

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