

# 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**

## **The Harden House**

**B**rown County Habitat for Humanity celebrated the start of the Harden home located at 7801 Brocks Lane with a ground-breaking ceremony Saturday, July 19th. This is the 12th house the local Habitat organization will build in Brown County. More importantly, this is the first house of four to be placed on eleven acres of land donated to Habitat by Al and Ida Rose Meyer. It is a major milestone to be able to develop this beautiful wooded acreage into homes and community, along with building up the lives of the families.



Pictured with shovels is the new construction supervisor, Jim Kelp, and new homeowner Jason Harden, while Jason's family looks on. Also pictured are new Habitat Board President Verne Sindlinger, and Jonathan Hutchison of St. David's Episcopal Church, who blessed the beginning of the building project.

As you can see by other pictures included within this newsletter, good progress is being made on the Harden home. The Construction Team anticipates a move-in date of mid-October! There is still time to join other volunteers for on-site work, or perhaps you would like to help by providing a noon meal. Feel free to contact Habitat locally at (812) 988-4926.

Remember that Habitat makes a difference by starting in our own county, but its concepts are global. For each house built in Brown County, our tithe to Habitat International builds a house in the global community of need, in over 100 other countries.

 **Contact Us** Habitat for Humanity can be reached locally at (812) 988-4926 or visit our website at [www.bc-habitat.com](http://www.bc-habitat.com).

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## A Note of Thanks...

Dear friends,

On July 1st, 2008, my 2-year term as President of Brown County Habitat came to a close. It has been both a challenging and rewarding experience.

I give a huge “thanks” to the Board of Directors who have helped me at every step of the way, both through their personal encouragement, and through their commitment to the Habitat mission. Seeing the work of Habitat carried out by actively functioning committees is surely evidence of organizational health.

Thanks to the many volunteers, businesses, churches, and community organizations that give of their time and talents to see Habitat grow. These thriving partnerships serve as an inspiration to us all!

From small beginnings (1990) it is exciting to see Habitat in Brown County building a home in its first subdivision, on gifted land! Habitat faces many challenges ahead, especially as needs for housing continue to grow. The role of Habitat in Brown County, and its impact in bringing our community together, will continue to be vital and to need the support of ALL of us.

With appreciation,

**Jane Graber-Davis**

## OUTHOUSE RACES SEPTEMBER 13TH

Everyone should come out Saturday September 13th to Main and Jefferson in downtown Nashville to watch Habitat in the “We Care Gang” NashCar race. The “We Care Gang” does wonderful work helping those in need, with no questions asked. They truly do fill a void in the county to help everyone out.

Mobile outhouses complete with wheels and drivers will be judged at 10:00 AM. There will be a corn hole event at 10:30. The Abe Martin Pig Roast Picnic will be at Noon, then the plunger toss at 1:00. The big race will be at 3:00 PM.

Come out and enjoy the fun!!

## NEW OFFICE FOR HABITAT

Big news for Habitat of Brown County... we have moved into an office space on the lower level of the Presbyterian Fellowship at State Road 135 North. Habitat now has dedicated office space with built in storage shelves, lots of filing cabinets, and a desk outfitted with a computer. Our phone number (812) 988-4926 remains unchanged, and for now an answering machine will take the calls. In time we hope to have part-time secretarial help. If any of you are available to help in this area, please let us know.



▲ Volunteer Ray Laffin measures twice and cuts once.

▶ 2008 ‘Volunteer of the Year,’ Dennis Huntington, works on the electrical system in the Harden home.





◀ *Connor Gingrich, a member of the Nashville Christian Church, helps out.*  
▼ *Construction Manager Jim Kelp takes time out to smile for the camera.*



Thanks to the good planning and hard work of the Construction Team and Construction Manager, Jim Kelp, the vision of a 1½ story home for the Harden family is becoming a reality. In just the first three weeks, over 1,000 volunteer hours have been logged by about 70 volunteers — construction crews and lunch providers.



▲ *Volunteers Bob Olinger, Dennis Huntington, and Larry Kolar are busy building.*



## Check out our progress!

▲ *Looking down from the roof onto the Habitat construction trailer and break area. Thanks to Karen Smith's amazing coordination, the lunches have been fantastic!*

◀ *The exterior of the Harden home at various stages in the construction.*

*See how far we've come in only two months. The Hardens can look forward to living in their new home by mid-October.* ▼



# Hike for Humanity

Brown County Habitat for Humanity

## 2008



Brown County Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for the annual **HIKE FOR HUMANITY**, Saturday, September 20th, 10 AM at the Tulip Tree Shelter in Brown County State Park. Go to the West Entrance and follow the road 1½ miles past the west lookout tower. If you do not have a park pass, just tell the entrance gate personnel that you are with the Habitat group and your entry will be covered. The obvious objective is to raise funds for the current Harden house being built on Brocks Lane, but it is also a good time to get some exercise, maybe meet a few county residents with the same interests... AND GET A FREE LUNCH (really, it does exist, in this case with no questions asked). In addition this year's gathering will serve as host to a "Family Reunion" for current and past Partner Families. We want to encourage the families to continue (or renew) their participation with Habitat and we warmly welcome our families to share with us.

We would of course like for you to bring a form filled with ten sponsors of \$10.00 each for \$100.00 per participant, but that is only a suggestion. This year we set the goal at \$7,000. Follow the path!

**Contact Mark Thompson at 812-988-9715 with any questions and for a participant form.**

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