

HARBOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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POSITIVE INFLUENCE GOES A LONG WAY

I recently stopped to look at a car for sale and found that the car belonged to an acquaintance of mine, Steve Koch. Steve is a local banker who has been involved for years with Junior Achievement, a non-profit group that helps high school students learn about the business world through a year-long project, teaming an advisor and a group of young people to create a tiny corporation, develop and manufacture a simple product, and then market that product. Steve was my advisor twenty-three years ago when I was an “employee” of the company that manufactured aluminum cookie sheets. And although I don’t remember whether or not our company made billions, I do recall that I ran for president of our company and lost, yet still came out a “winner” in other respects—thanks to Steve and JA.

After I ran into Steve, I began to reflect on the roles that he and JA played in my life, and realized they both made a significant impact on who I am today. And as I took this stroll down Memory Lane, I was also reminded of the scores of others, perhaps even hundreds, who have been a part of my life over the years. Of course, there are a few individuals who weren’t a positive influence, yet there are far more who unselfishly contributed to my knowledge, hope, courage, skills, and confidence. Like Steve, who was willing to share his time and love with a group of kids, others have also touched my life in so many ways that I could never express all of my gratitude to God for these wonderful people.

Habitat is a much the same. There are countless volunteers involved to build a Habitat Home. There are people who select the partner families, and people who act as shepherds, and people who find the building sites, and people who plan the houses, and people who swing hammers, and people who clean up the site, and people who donate finances and materials, and people who offer up prayers, and on, and on. There are a lot of people who make a Habitat Home a possibility, and I imagine that the partner family who moves into their new home may not fully realize how they have been touched by the labors of love by hundreds of friends.

Jesus told a story about people who were willing to be involved to help when and where there was a need, concluding, “Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40) I am grateful for all of you who have been so willing to be involved in the lives of the Habitat partner families, and for the ways that you each will be rewarded for your labors of love. I look forward to seeing how our work will continue to have a positive influence on others individually, as a community, and for eternity.

Daniel Wiiki
Executive Director

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Kathy Brown, our Volunteer Coordinator, invites you to become involved with Harbor Habitat for Humanity in any number of different ways—be it through your financial support, your time, or your prayers. Kathy and the rest of the Habitat team welcome your help with building not only houses in our community, but also with building hope for a brighter future.

Please think about joining Habitat in giving a little bit back to our community. It would be appreciated, and besides, it would be fun to meet you!

Call Kathy at (616) 925-9635 or e-mail her at info@harborhabitat.org to get the details on how you may help.



VICTORIES

- In February, 2002, we completed two more homes on Butternut St. in Benton Harbor.
- We have three new staff members: Executive Director, Daniel Wiiki; Construction Coordinator, Gina Perry; and Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Brown.
- Three building sites have been selected for construction in 2002, starting in June.



NEEDS

- Volunteers to assist with clerical work, in finance, and public relations
- Partners to help us fund our 2002 construction
- Volunteers for a Habitat choir

WISH LIST

- Computer for our office
- Rototiller to help cultivate gardens

2002 CONSTRUCTION SITES IN BENTON HARBOR

135 Hazel St.
886 North Shore Dr.
809 Adams St.



Cherry and Robert Mesa: right Building and completion of their new home at 330 Butternut St. in Benton Harbor: below



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Cut along dashed line

Yes! I want to be a part of the Carpenter's Club to help fund the construction of homes in the Benton Harbor area!

I can contribute: _____ \$40 each month
_____ \$480 for the year
_____ a gift of \$ _____

Method of payment:

Check _____ Direct Withdrawal (DW) _____ Credit Card _____

First/Last Name _____

(DW) Account Number _____

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Signature _____

Please send your contribution to:

Harbor Habitat for Humanity
785 E. Main St.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

or contact us at (616) 925-9635 or info@harborhabitat.org to make arrangements to get involved in other ways.

HARBOR HABITAT WELCOMES ITS NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Daniel



Our new Executive Director, Daniel Wiiki grew up in the area and worked in business and real estate for ten years before he returned to school at Moody Bible Institute. In 1997, Daniel went to serve with Christar in northern India for over 2 years. Since his return to the States, he has been operating a contracting business, remodeling and restoring homes in the area.

Kathy



Although born in Missouri, our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Brown, considers herself a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor who is no stranger to both the challenges and the joys of living here. Because she loves to interact with others, Kathy is the perfect fit for this

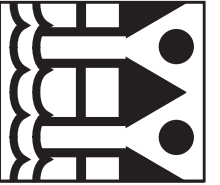
position which oversees the Volunteer Committee that is responsible for recruiting, developing, and maintaining sufficient numbers of individuals who will assist HHH throughout the years. Since Habitat is primarily a volunteer-driven organization, the role of Kathy and the Volunteer Committee is pivotal to its success.

Gina Perry, Construction Coordinator, was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. She earned her BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and worked in Operations Management for many years.



Gina

Gina is a wiz at planning, and is intent on keeping a lot of people very busy. She already has completed much of the ground-work for the three homes that Habitat will be building in 2002.



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