

HARBOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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ON THE GROW!

He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." Matthew 13:31, 32

Albeit the mustard seed is very small, it commonly grows to a height of 7 to 8 feet, and its branches look like the branches of a tree rather than those of a field plant. In other words, the seed starts off being really small, yet ends up growing into something of significance — and not merely in terms of its size. Significant, because the fully-grown mustard plant provides comfort to the birds who build their nest in its branches.



As a friend of mine says, "Is that cool or what?!"

You bet. And you know what may be even cooler — how this parable applies to Harbor Habitat for Humanity (HHH). Think about it.

Spring, the season of growth, once again returns to our corner of the world. And not only will the trees bud and the daffodils pop out of the earth to delight us, but foundations will be poured, walls will be erected, roofs will be shingled, and our partner families will then be enjoying the heart-warming comfort of their new homes.

Small beginnings, significant results. Yes, very cool.

Many thanks to all of you who make this positive impact in our community possible. And please know this about your contribution. Perchance you perceive it as small, remember the parable of the mustard seed. Yet if that still doesn't convince you of the importance of your role, go ahead and see for yourself. Drive by the already-completed HHH houses that happy families now call home. Then, smile — inside and out.

To a flourishing season,
Marlene Sarnecki
A volunteer

GENEROUS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CULTIVATED THE "SEEDS" OF HHH IN 2002



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| AEP | First Resource Federal Credit Union |
| Anchor Mortgage | 1st Source Bank |
| Andrews University | Harbert Community Church |
| Aquila (Michigan Gas Utilities) | IBEW Electrical Workers' Union |
| Bank One Foundation | Riverview Orthopedics & Sports Medicine |
| Bethel Christian Restoration Church | Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors |
| The Chapel, Evangelical Free Church | St. Joseph Catholic Church |
| Chemical Bank Shoreline | St. Paul's Episcopal Church |
| Comfort Suites | Stevensville United Methodist Church |
| Community Church of God in Christ | Tiscornia Foundation |
| deZignwright | United Way |
| Fairplain Presbyterian Church | The Upton Foundation |
| Fifth Third Bank | Whirlpool Foundation |
| First Congregational Church — St. Joseph | |

Our apologies for any accidental exclusions.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

*In memory of Doris Bragg
— Harry & Beverly Rodgers*

*In memory of Christopher Carey
— James & Kathy Burczak*

Harambee-ing

(See address page for definition.)

As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HHH tithes 10% of its donations. To date, five houses in Rewari, India have been built as a result. More reasons to smile.

AND SPEAKING OF GROWTH...

Three partner families moved into their new homes in 2002 — the Braces, Davises, and Ventresses.

At the end of the 2003 season, the total number of houses built by HHH will be 21!



This year's six new houses will be sponsored by the following groups/organizations:

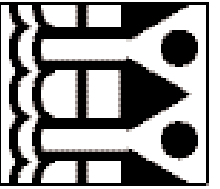
-  Local churches & Carpenter's Club members (2 houses)
-  Whirlpool employees & Whirlpool Foundation
-  Various local businesses & lending institutions
-  Women Build — giving new meaning to the term "homemaker"
-  Whirlpool Corporation

APB FOR MIDWEEK CONSTRUCTION CREWS!

DAYS: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

EVENINGS: WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

If game to help, call 269-925-9635.



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Harrambeel!

(pronounced ha•RAM•bay) Swahili
1. Urute. 2. Work together.

STAFF STUFF

Say hello to **Donna Mickelson**, Harbor Habitat's new Construction Coordinator! Donna's dynamic combination of a degree in Construction Management from Michigan State and experience in working with large residential contractors is a great match for our ever-increasing construction goals.



And yes, the "glue" of our organization is still holding us together. Perchance you haven't had the pleasure of meeting her, stop in and do so. You'll find **Mary Singleton** either tirelessly volunteering at the reception desk, or performing any number of essential functions in the HHH office. She is a godsend.



The next time you see **Kathy Brown**, she will be wearing a different "hat." After doing a super job as Volunteer Coordinator in 2002, this year Kathy is contributing via her new role as Family Services Coordinator. We continue to be thankful for her positive energy.

Retired from Heath Co. and the U.S. Postal Service, yet still not ready to throw in the towel with this thing called work, **Jerry Deckert** has joined HHH as Materials Manager. He is keeping our warehouse in order, and seeing to it that we have all the materials when and where we need them.



Businesswoman, artist and self-proclaimed gypsy, **Barbara Huckaby**, has once again returned to Michigan — and we're glad that she did! Barbara is Habitat's new Office Manager, and her experience and attitude are indeed welcome additions to our team.



JOIN THE CARPENTER'S CLUB

For \$40 a month, or \$480 per year, you can join the Carpenter's Club, helping to make home-ownership a reality for a family that couldn't own a home otherwise. Drop the following form into the mail, or contact us to let us know of your interest. You can donate by check, credit card, or we can arrange to have your contribution sent to us directly by your bank.

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 \$ _____
_____ a gift of \$ _____ in memory of _____

Method of payment:

Check _____ Direct Withdrawal (DW) _____ Credit Card _____
First/Last Name _____
(DW) Account Number _____
Credit Card Number _____
Expiration Date (Mo./Yr.) _____
Signature _____

Please send your contribution to:

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or contact us at (269) 925-9635 or info@harborhabitat.org to make arrangements to get involved in other ways.

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