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Habitat Happenings



“My retirement after forty years of teaching was welcome, but I didn't want to sit idle. Jimmy Carter is one of my heroes, and I was aware of the work he did with Habitat for Humanity. That and the fact that the ReStore was close to my house made my choice of where to volunteer easy. It is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Along with the satisfaction of helping to build homes, I found another family. I feel like I have received far more than I have given. I plan to continue to volunteer as long as I am physically able.”

J. Shafer

Valuable Volunteer of the Year

Jane Shafer is a retired school teacher. But to us she is an incredible asset to her community, especially BWHFH. Jane has been volunteering for BWHFH since 2010. She started as a volunteer in our Restore in Marysville working one day a week and then double her days shortly after. She continued to broaden her commitment to us serving on the Restore Committee and assisting us in the decision making process when we moved our store from Marysville to the North end of Port Huron. Jane also serves as the Chair for the Educational Grant Committee that selects recipients annually to receive funding for

secondary education. Most recently she was nominated and voted to serve on our Board of Directors. Since 2010 Jane has logged over 4826 hours as a volunteer. She is not only a great part of our Habitat Team she is a dear friend to all. Jane will be recognized as the BWHFH Volunteer of the Year on October 22, 2019 at our Harvest Appreciation and Volunteer Recognition Dinner. She will also be recognized at the state level, at the Habitat for Humanity Michigan Annual Reception held in Lansing on November 5th. Our congratulations to Jane for such a prestigious award and for her years of service.

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What's Happening

Our Howard Street Projects are in the final stage. 924 Howard has been sold to the Galarza Family, who moved in the first part of September. We send them blessings in their new home. Meanwhile we continue to build as we work on the final house on Howard, 910 Howard. The house is slated for completion and to be mortgaged this calendar year. We encourage you to drive by and take a look at the three beautiful new homes that have encouraged a new sense of pride in the neighborhood. Each house has it's own unique design that compliments the facade style of the area. We thank all of the financial partners and volunteers that helped to make these homes possible.



WE WILL, WE WILL, ROCK YOU AGAIN!



Yes, plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Rock the Block. BWHFH will be partnering with the BW Chamber of Commerce and the City of Port Huron Parks and Recreation, to have an even bigger impact in 2020. The area of North and South Blvds in Port Huron will be the next host site for Rock the Block. We are anticipating serving over 25 families in the neighborhood while also beautifying and helping bring new life to the existing parks. So SAVE THE DATE, Saturday June 6, 2020. There will be more exciting details to follow.

Answering A Call

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity is currently working on build plans and volunteer opportunities for 2019. How can you, your business or organization get involved with projects? Contact us today at 810-985-9080 ext. 206.

October-January: New Home Construction on Howard Street, Port Huron. In addition to working on construction projects, volunteers and volunteer groups are invited to participate in hospitality projects, fundraising events and on committees. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Port Huron utilizes volunteers in a number of ways. Call 810-364-6919 to volunteer at the ReStore!

To see a list of volunteer opportunities visit: www.bwhabitat.org



Cost of Home Advocacy Campaign

Nearly 19 million U.S. households today pay half or more of their income on a place to live. That means 1 in 6 families are denied the personal and economic stability that safe, decent and affordable housing provides. They are often forced to choose between paying for housing or nutritious food, reliable transportation or health care needs. Home shouldn't cost you're your health or your children's education.

**A safe home.
Nutritious food.
Health care.
Reliable transportation.**

Which would you choose?

When the cost of home is your family's future, the cost is too high. And when the cost of home is any family's future, that's something none of us can afford. That's why habitat for Humanity has launched its first national advocacy campaign this summer: Cost of Home.



Help Habitat make the #CostOfHome something we all can afford.

Over the next 5 years, the campaign will mobilize partners, volunteers and community members across the country to find solutions and create policies that will advance access to safe, affordable homes for 10 million Americans. Please join Blue Water Habitat for Humanity in joining Habitat for Humanity International's advocacy efforts.

Together, we can make the cost of home something we can all afford. Get involved by visiting habitat.org/costofhome.

Stay tuned for more explanation on the four key areas listed below.



Supply and preservation



Land use



Access to credit



Communities of Opportunity

Myth vs Fact

Myth: Habitat houses reduce a neighborhood's property values.

Fact: Housing studies show affordable housing has no adverse effect on neighborhood property values.

In fact, Habitat houses have proven to increase property values and local government tax income.

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity

- BWHFH serves St. Clair and Sanilac Counties.
- Formed in 1990, BWHFH has helped 176 families build or improve a place to call home.
- Each housing project required roughly 2,000 volunteer hours from start to finish to complete.
- Families purchase their homes after contributing more than 300 (500 for two adult families) hours of sweat equity with BWHFH.
- Affordable mortgages and energy efficiency make homes affordable for our low-income neighbors.

Donate. Shop. Volunteer.

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