



Habitat for Humanity®

of Wisconsin River Area

Winter/Spring (but really Summer!) - 2018

Caring for our Caregivers

Our 2018 Partner family, Andrea Jordan, has been a CNA caregiver for the elderly for almost five years. Andrea cares for those in the autumn of life, giving them the support and respect they deserve. We all know how tough these “caregiver” jobs can be, and how important it is to have good people serving as caregivers for our elderly.

So - how wonderful it is that this year HFHWRA will care for a caregiver! But it makes perfect sense, really, since Habitat for Humanity began because a group of people in Georgia decided to care. The founders of Habitat for Humanity worked with struggling families to get them into affordable homes, asking community volunteers to help hammer or to just donate money for materials. Their “theology of the hammer” has now provided over 850,000 people around the world with a chance to build up equity in a simple, decent home. To qualify, Andrea had to demonstrate a history of handling her finances and credit well. Once accepted into our program, Andrea began “homebuyer education” courses to help make sure she understands the details of home ownership. And as this house gets built, Andrea will put in hundreds of hours of “sweat equity” as well. Support Andrea’s effort to build a better life!!

Show some care for a caregiver!!

We’re starting this home now! Andrea is the mother of 3 young children— ages 10, 2, and 1.

Help us get this family in by Christmas!!

Use the enclosed envelope to contribute.

Thanks to these businesses for doing Team Builds with us! Interested? Contact us to learn how!



Quartz



Meet our 2018 Partner family!

The Final Group of USDA Self-Help Housing Homes Are About to Close!

The five Reedsburg USDA Self-Help homes will be done by press time. Five hard-working families will move into these nice homes - built (in large part) by their own hands. And it isn’t just the families that benefit from these homes. These homes infused almost \$1 million into the local economy for project-related expenses, purchases from retailers - plus the “ripple effect” of this construction created even more economic energy.

Going forward, however, HFHWRA will not offer the Self-Help program with its requirement that we find 5 qualified applicants each “round.” We will return to working with families one on one.



In August, Reedsburg will have 5 new homes on the tax roles!



HFHWRA: Building homes...building hope.



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Calendar of Events

Outlets at the Dells fundraiser!

Saturday, September 15th, from 9 - 3 p.m. at the Dells, you can save money, win prizes, eat, and support Habitat! Buy a \$25 ticket at our office or either ReStore, and you're "in" - and HFHW/RA gets \$15/ticket sold under our name!

Bowling for Building!


Look for details to come soon about our upcoming (November) Bowling tournament fundraiser! We will host a fun-filled evening of bowling in each of the 3 counties we serve!

CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES:

We're building a home in Baraboo - and also looking to do some repairs for homeowners that are elderly. Break out of your shell and join us on a build site! These projects will not happen without volunteers.

SHANTY TOWN (Teach your teens to care!)

Run a church Sunday school, neighborhood association, or 4-H group? Teach teens about the important role of safe, secure housing. At Shanty Town, teens (from 12 - 18 y.o.) hear from local housing experts, play games, and build cardboard shanties to sleep under the stars. **Event takes place at the historic Lodi fairgrounds Saturday, May 4th - 5th. Bring a team!**



It's a great time to get involved!

Bring friends!



Words from our President



Barb Brown

Yesterday, we broke ground in Baraboo for a new home for a mother and her three children. It's always a joyous and exciting time to start another family on the path to home ownership. And this mother works as a CNA at a senior center in the area, so it is especially nice to provide housing "care" for a person who spends her days caring for others.

But did you know that nationwide the cost of construction has gone up a lot over the past 2 years? This house will only be 1100 sq ft on the main floor, yet yesterday staff told me that bid prices for the "basics" of excavating the hole, pouring the needed concrete, and putting in electric and plumbing are already at over **\$50,000**. These construction steps cannot be done by volunteers, and require certified professionals. Then start adding on the cost of lumber, drywall, cabinets, carpet, etc. and you can see the struggle we face.

So now, perhaps more than ever, we to ask for your help. Please use the enclosed envelope to donate to this build. And consider volunteering, either at the construction site or at one of our ReStores! Help us provide a route out of poverty for this small family.

And if you are already volunteering or contributing financially,
THANK YOU!!! We could not do what we do without you.