of Wisconsin River Area

Summer/Fall 2017

# We are thankful for... YOU!

You allow us to build homes, run two ReStores, and strengthen our local communities.

Whether you volunteer, donate, or both—you're helping your <u>local</u> Habitat for Humanity.

Because of your support and generosity, we're building a Habitat home this fall. Meet our partner family, Amelia! She is the mother of Dominic, age 5, and Serenity, age 2.

Get them in by Christmas!
Use the enclosed envelope to contribute.



In September, the five USDA Self-Help families in Baraboo moved into their new homes. These homes were completed with the support of more than 100 volunteers and more than 1,000 hours of volunteer labor!

And the five USDA Self-Help homes in Reedsburg are off to a great start. These homes will infuse almost \$720 thousand into the local economy through project related expenses, use of local contractors, and purchases from local retailers.



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Join us this winter for our first annual Chili Cook off for Construction! We will host one in each of the three counties we serve: Sauk, Columbia, and Iowa. Come to one or come to all! Love your chili recipe? Bring a pot for a chance to win a \$100 or \$50 gift card to the ReStore! Register or RSVP by emailing vista@hfhwisconsinriver.org or visit www.hfhwisconsinriver.org.



See the Calendar of Events on back for dates and locations.





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fairgrounds on Saturday, May 5th at 3 pm through Sunday, May 6th at 10 am.

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Do you run a church Sunday school, neighborhood association, or 4-H group? Teach teens about the important role of safe, secure housing. Teens hear from local housing experts, play games, and build cardboard shanties to sleep under the stars. Event takes place at the historic Lodi

## SHANTY TOWN (Teach your teens to care!)

We are currently building a Habitat home in Lake Delton and 5 USDA Self-Help homes in Reedsburg. Get involved by volunteering on the build sites!

### **CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES**

Iowa County: Tuesday, February 6 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 1105 N Bequette St., Dodgeville

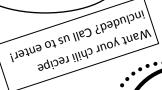
Sauk County: Saturday, February 3 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 131 6th Ave., Baraboo

at the Reach Out Lodi Community Center, 601 Clark St., Lodi

Columbia County: Thursday, February 1 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Reach Out Lodi Community Center, 601 Clark St., Lodi

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1t's a great time to get involved!





# **Words from our President**





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Barb Brown

Fall has arrived, and with it the joys of a warm home. Unfortunately for many people in our area, fall is a time of trepidation. Rather than a warm, cozy home, they may be anticipating really high heating bills for a drafty, substandard living situation. Or maybe they're struggling to fit growing children into a living space that is far too small. Whatever the specifics, far too many families in our area will suffer with inadequate housing during the winter months.

I'd love to say that we at Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area can help each and every one of them, but that is simply not true. However, there are many deserving, qualified families that we could help if only we had more of those two magic things – money and time.

Like every other non-profit, we are aware of the magic of money, and appreciate monetary donations. We are affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International, but do not receive funding from them. So whether you contribute money directly to us – your local Habitat - or shop at or donate to one of our ReStores, thank you.

The magic of time, for us, is the magic of volunteers. Volunteers enable us to serve many families with minimal staff expense. Many Habitat volunteers build houses, but there are other ways in which volunteers help us help deserving families. Regardless of your age or skills, there is a place for you within Habitat. Our ReStores have volunteers in both public and behind the scenes positions. Our deconstruction crew takes apart existing spaces, providing items for the ReStores. Office volunteers do things like mailing out this newsletter. Volunteers might provide lunch for a construction crew or plant grass seed to get a lawn started. If you currently volunteer, thank you. If you have never volunteered, please consider it. We really appreciate it.

Whether your magic contribution is money, time, or some combination, please accept my sincere thanks, the thanks of HFHWRA, and the thanks of our partner families that can look forward to enjoying a warm, cozy home.

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