



Habitat for Humanity®

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

August 2022

It is always an exciting time when the Family Selection Committee finds a family to partner with for a new house building project. The application process is rigorous, and qualifications are very strict when it comes to selecting and approving a partner family. We are so pleased to have you meet our 19th partner family. Due to privacy matters with the family, we will not be disclosing their last name. Here in their own words is how the family feels about being our newest partner family.

“When we were presented with the idea of applying to be a Habitat family, our first thought was ‘surely someone else needs this more than we do!’ Shortly after, we experienced setbacks financially and started having increased need for medical care. It seemed that God was trying to tell us He wanted us to have this chance at a new beginning.

I (mom) have always had health challenges. In addition, we have carried a lot of weight in court costs/attorney’s fees and medical bills. My recoveries have taken extensive time off work for both of us. After all of this, my doctor finally diagnosed me with “Bad Luck.” It’s good to have humor but my health struggles have always put a strain on the family, financially and emotionally. The children see mom ‘sick’ a lot and I am only 35 years old.

I constantly say that God is painting a masterpiece with our lives, but we just can’t see the finished portrait yet. We are a blended family and come from brokenness and struggles (Mom and Dad G. have been married for 11 years and have 5 children, ages 7-17); however, we are trying in every way possible to ‘break the cycle.’

The opportunity to partner with WRAHFH is a tremendous gift. Our children will benefit greatly from the stability and security of a well-heated, dry, structurally stable home with drinkable water! This will allow us to invest more time in their overall wellbeing. Regardless of what they do or how much help they need starting their own lives, they will always know they have a safe place to call home.”

What WRAHFH does:

Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable no-interest loans. Each partner family is also required to contribute 250 sweat equity hours per adult towards the building of their home. The homeowners pay monthly mortgage payments, insurance, and real estate taxes.

We are very proud to be partnering with our newest family to build an affordable home and set them on their path to home ownership.



**A Hand Up,
Not a Hand Out.**





**Meet Our Newest
Board Members:
Yvonne Audi
Cheston Price**



When Yvonne was asked “How did you hear about Habit?” and “Why Do You Want to Serve on the Board?”, she replied: “I worked with Habitat in Milwaukee in the late 80’s building houses. When I moved to Wisconsin Rapids a few years ago, I was encouraged by two current board members to join the board and help raise funds for projects.”

Chet responded to these same two questions as follows:

“I first heard about Habitat for Humanity as a teenager. My father was a strong advocate for home ownership and often talked about the need for affordable quality housing. I suspect that I became aware of Habitat specifically when President Jimmy Carter became active with the organization in 1984. I became aware of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity through Chuck Green who attends the same church as me, and he encouraged me to become involved.

I very much enjoy construction and look forward to the hands-on part of building a Habitat house here in our community. Bringing a project like this to completion, however, takes much more than just cutting boards and pounding nails. By being a member of the board, I am able to be involved in all aspects of the project, as well as, get to know the other members and gain an appreciation for all that is done behind the scenes to make Habitat work.”

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- Yvonne Audi
 - Beatie Brandt
 - Christine Kinzel
 - Cheston Price
 - Mary Rebhan



Thank you, Larry Davis.

In 1992, through the initiative of a Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership class, a group of those class members decided to establish the Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate for their project under the umbrella of the non-profit Habitat for Humanity International.

The Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity has now worked successfully, for 30 years, with eighteen families in the area to provide them with the opportunity to purchase affordable homes. It is currently working with partner family number nineteen.

During those 30 years, Larry Davis was an integral part of the affiliate. He served as Member at Large, Vice President, and twice as President of the Board. His second term as President lasted for eight years, from 2014 to 2021. Larry has decided that it is time to pursue other interests and to spend more time with his grandkids and family.

The WRA Habitat Board wishes to thank Larry Davis for his many years of passion, service and dedication to the Board and to the homeowner families that he helped to “Give a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out”.

Larry, enjoy your newest endeavors!

Thank You for Your Support

The Board sincerely thanks the following individuals, families, and businesses for their generous support towards helping us to accomplish our mission: ***Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.***

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Beginning January 2022

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Businesses that assisted with Fundraisers

- Amazon Smile
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- The Allen and Dawn (Ross) Neuman Family Advised Fund through Incurage
- Walmart

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- Dominoes Pizza – provided discount on pizza order for volunteers
- Alliant Energy – provided wood chipper and labor during lot clearing

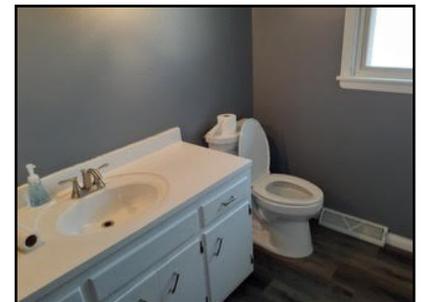


She Served Project



During a year when our affiliate is not building a house, Habitat International requires that we involve ourselves in a repair project. Our local affiliate has limited resources and volunteers to assist us with repair projects, therefore, we focus on projects where we do not need to bring in professional trades people.

In the fall of 2021, the WRA Board of Directors decided to honor a female military veteran for her service to our country. Our search led us to Laura. Laura had a small bathroom in her home that needed a facelift. Our volunteer crew made up of Chuck, Jim and Ed were confident that they could renovate Laura's bathroom to it give a modern look. With Laura's input as to wall paint color, flooring, and light fixture replacement the stage was set for the renovation. Chuck gave the vanity a new paint color, replaced the toilet, and he also reworked her small linen closet to make it more functional. Laura became part of the crew by pitching in to paint the bathroom. Even though the project took us a little longer than anticipated due to COVID restrictions, the crew was able to complete the renovation in the early spring months of 2022.



Local businesses and craftsmen sponsor Wisconsin Rapids Habitat by donating building supplies, appliances, and their professional labor skills.

Please remember to buy locally and support them in return!

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Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends.

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