



# Habitat for Humanity®

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

April 2017

**HABITAT 500 BIKE RIDE**

**July 9th—15th 2017**

**Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota**

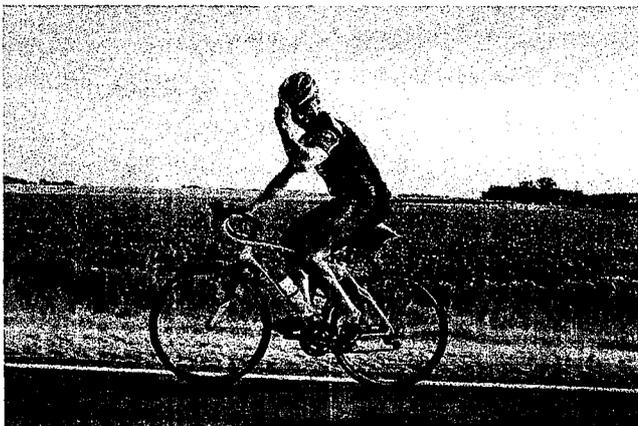
## WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO ENJOYS RIDING?

This year is the 25th annual bike ride fundraiser that covers 500 miles over 7 days. *A key component of the ride is to raise awareness about the need for decent, safe, affordable housing. Media is invited to generate story coverage which brings a lot of excitement.*

Each year is a new route; the tour stays in the Midwest (mostly Minnesota) visiting Habitat affiliates and work sites along the way in addition to local attractions. Habitat affiliates serve as local hosts for overnight stays.

Riders raise funds from family, friends, businesses, and church groups and designate the Habitat for Humanity affiliates they wish to support. The ride has three options: full week, three-day, and one-day. Participation is limited to 135 multi-day riders and 200 one-day riders. Each full week rider is required to raise a minimum of \$1,000, but the average amount raised is over \$2,710 per rider. Three day riders raise at least \$700, and one day riders raise at least \$250.

We hope local bike riders will join the Habitat 500 and consider supporting WRAHFH. Last year Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat was fortunate to have two local riders support our affiliate.



**Jonathon Anderson and Garth Larson**

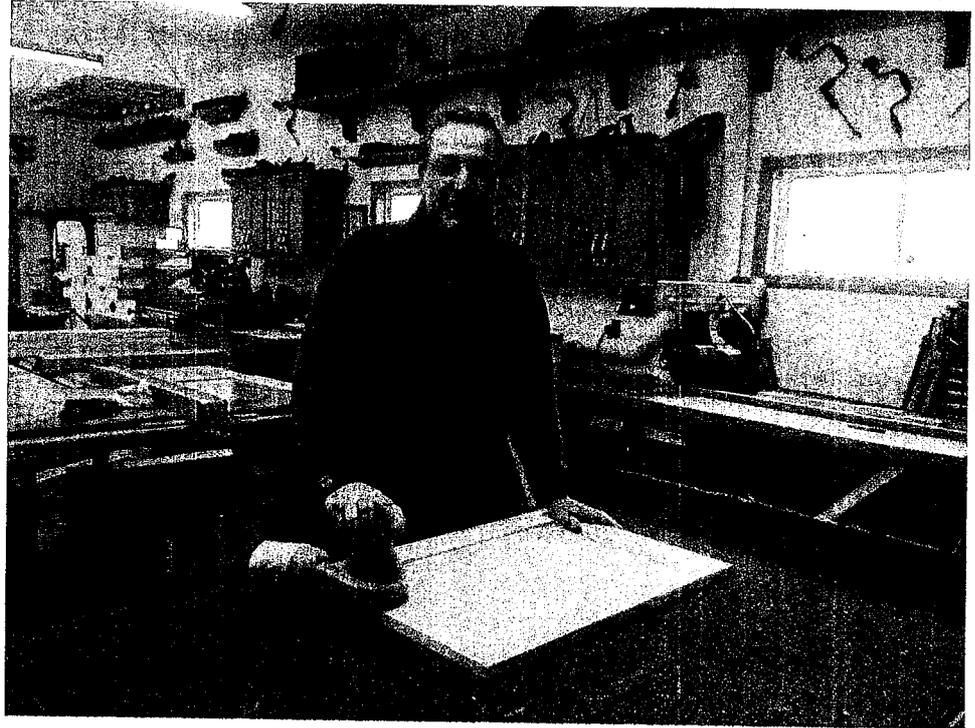
**Thank you for your support of Habitat. We hope you enjoyed your ride and we appreciated your support!**

## MEET OUR NEW BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT!

Steve Kinney joined the Board of Directors and has volunteered to be our new Building Superintendent for the 18th home.

Steve has been a cabinet maker in our area since 1995. A local business owner (Custom Kitchens and Cabinets), Steve has recently retired.

Steve and his wife Jill enjoy travels on their motorcycle and reside in Kellner WI.



Welcome Steve! We hope you enjoy your retirement projects! We will enjoy working beside you.



### BRAT FRY

Come meet our Board members and enjoy the first brats of the season!

### COPP'S BRAT WAGON

May 5th, 2017

9:30-3:30

### Volunteer Opportunity!

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as financial secretary for Habitat. This opportunity allows an individual to help within YOUR schedule's time constraints assisting the Treasurer.

Responsibilities, include keeping accurate financial records, writing checks to our vendors, and keeping track of donated time and materials for the current home project.

If this opportunity sounds like a good fit for you, please contact Larry Turba at Paper City Savings, 715-422-1808.

Family Selection Committee is preparing to interview applicant families for the 2017 (18th) Habitat home. Qualified applicants:

- ◆ Have a stable income within Habitat guidelines.
- ◆ Live in substandard housing, for example, unsafe structural conditions, plumbing, heating, or overcrowding.
- ◆ Do not own their current home and are ineligible for a conventional home loan.
- ◆ Demonstrate dependability and responsibility to the care of the home and are willing to partner in the building process.
- ◆ Have no drug or sexual offender convictions, or parole violations, within the past 4 years.
- ◆ Are a legal resident of the US and have lived within the Wisconsin Rapids area for a minimum of 2 years.



Please check our web site for application information.

***Who do you know who may benefit from a Habitat Home?  
Encourage them to apply or ask us for more information.***



**Jon Neidhold retires from Habitat.**

Jon Neidhold attended his last Board of Director's meeting in April. Jon served as building superintendent for 13 Habitat homes in South Wood County as well as serving as Financial Secretary. Jon helped with fundraising activities volunteering to cook brats all day for the annual brat fry.

Jon has been a stable and trusted volunteer! When we called his wife he was never home but she always knew where he was!

**JON YOU WILL BE MISSED! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SECOND RETIREMENT. WE WISH YOU THE BEST; ENJOY FISHING!**

**2017/2018 Board of Directors**

Larry Davis      President

**Volunteer Opportunity**      Financial Secretary

Larry Turba      Treasurer

Brenda Walczak      Secretary

Steve Kinney & Ken Schuetz      Building Superintendents

Dennis Gaskill      Web Master

Members At Large:

Beatie Brandt

Mary Rebhan

Glenn Knorr

Karen Brewer

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!*

**ReStore accepts:**

Furniture, books, building materials, electrical items, household goods, exercise equipment, antiques/collectibles, DVDs, toys, tools, outdoor furniture., working appliances.

For free pickup of donated goods, call 608-847-2000

**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.*

What we do:

WRAHFH partners with families living in substandard housing, volunteer labor, organizations, local businesses, and skilled craftsmen to build modest, affordable homes.



Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans.

The homeowners' pay monthly mortgage payments, insurance and real estate taxes.

Habitat volunteers work with families who are ineligible for conventional loans and assist them to succeed in home ownership.

*A hand up – not a hand out.*

Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity:

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715-422-1925

Web Site: WRAHFH.org

We appreciate your ongoing financial support.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to:

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**PO Box 1134**

**Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-1134**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your support!*