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## Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity

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### DID YOU KNOW?

WRAHFH sends a news-  
letter about 4 times a  
year keeping supporters  
updated on our building  
plans. Changing postal  
regulations are making  
mailed newsletters more  
difficult to send.

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## WE ARE BREAKING GROUND HOME #15!

Samantha Heckendorf and her 2 year-old daughter Emery are the recipients of the 2013 Habitat Home. Samantha and her family are proving to be enthusiastic partners in this project. She has chosen a conventional ranch style home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, single car garage and unfinished basement. Family Partner Committee members will be busy helping her pick out the interior design choices for the home.



Groundbreaking Ceremony was held  
on May 18th at the home site:  
337 Buehler Avenue in Nekoosa.

The building plans are finalized. The land has been cleared of trees and debris. Excavation has begun and the concrete workers are ready to pour the foundation.

**The building schedule is Tuesday  
through Friday each week from 9 AM to  
3 PM. Whether you have a couple hours,  
or all day, we would enjoy working with  
you. You will meet Sam and her family  
members working beside us.**

**You don't need to be an expert builder to  
help. The Construction Superintendent  
will be onsite to help put your skills to  
good use!**

*Drop by over the summer to watch the progress!*



**Pedaling to build a cycle of hope.  
Raising money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity.  
[www.Habitat500.org](http://www.Habitat500.org)**

**Jon Anderson** has enthusiastically committed to participating in the annual *Habitat 500* bike ride. This bike ride draws riders from all over the county and raises money for Habitat affiliates. The event is in its 21st year and runs July 14 through July 20th. The bike tour visits Habitat affiliates, worksites and homeowners along the way and raises awareness about the need for decent, safe, affordable housing. This years route starts in Becker Minnesota and will visit cities in Northern Minnesota including Aitkin, Grand Rapids, Cromwell, and Mora. Local Habitat affiliates provide meals and serve as hosts for overnight stays.

Each rider is required to raise a minimum of \$900 in donations prior to the event, and designates which Habitat organization will receive the funds. Funds committed already total over \$157,000! In the pst 20 years the ride has donated over \$5 million to Habitat.

Jon will again ride for Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat! Jon is a lifelong Wisconsin Rapids resident and has worked for the Wood County Sheriff's Department since 1985.

Jon is seeking financial pledges. This is a one time donation, and NOT by the mile! If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation you may contact Jon directly at 715-213-8240.



**Jon Anderson on the 2012 habitat 500 Ride**

**The Wisconsin Rapids  
Habitat Board of Directors  
wishes you safe journey Jon  
with heartfelt appreciation  
for your effort!**

### ***BUILD A HOME THROUGH MUSIC IV***



Our annual fundraiser was held April 13, 2013 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The DC-9 Dance Orchestra entertained over 100 attendees as they performed their magical dancing tribute of big band era music. Kristine Alhes collected donations from South Wood County business and created a wide assortment of theme baskets that were auctioned during intermission breaks. Local bakeries donated delicious goodies that dancers could enjoy throughout the evening. Knights of Columbus members served as bar tenders for beverage purchase throughout the evening.

What a great time! If you missed this years event, watch the newsletter for 2014's Build A Home Through Music V!



Habitat ReStores are outlets that accept donated goods for re-sale.

**Donating** to ReStore helps reuse old items that may otherwise be thrown into landfills.

**Buying** from Re-Store offers low-cost options for home improvement projects.

**Proceeds from ReStore** help fund the repair, rehab, and construction of houses for local, low-income hardworking families.

**WRAHFH is partnered with the Mauston Habitat ReStore. It is EASY!**

ReStore trucking volunteers will come to your home to pick up donations to market at the store. Donations to ReStore are tax-deductible!

**ReStore accepts:**

- Furniture of all kinds
- Building materials
- Electrical items
- Household goods
- Working appliances
- Antiques and collectibles
- Decorative items and art
- Working TVs/sound systems
- Records, DVDs and books
- Quality exercise equipment
- Outdoor furniture

**ReStore is unable to accept:**

Clothing, old paint, gas stoves and dryers, hazardous materials, window blinds or shades, or items that are dirty broken and not working.

Call ReStore at 608-847-2000  
to schedule your pick-up.

Visit their store 2 miles south of Mauston for  
your home remodeling or repair needs:

N3696 Hwy 12-16, Mauston  
[www.maustonrestore.com](http://www.maustonrestore.com)

**Store Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM-4 :00 PM

**Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement**

*Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere 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.*

Home recipients assist home building with "sweat equity hours. Sam, as a single parent, and her family will put a minimum of 250 hours into the project. Volunteer man hours and donated materials are used to build the home but each home also requires a capital outlay. Home-owners pay a 20-30 year Habitat interest-free mortgage (including an escrow account for taxes and insurance). The once a vacant lot becomes taxable property for the city. A win-win program for everyone.

We appreciate your ongoing financial support for the mission of eliminating substandard housing in South Wood County.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to:

**Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity**

**PO Box 1134**

**Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-1134**

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

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

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*Thank you for your support of the  
Wisconsin Rapids Area  
Habitat for Humanity!*