

HABITAT HIGHLIGHTS

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HABITAT INTERNATIONAL PASSES MILESTONE

Habitat for Humanity International surpassed its 400,000-house milestone during the past fiscal year. Since the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976, its self-help, hand-up model has resulted in rehabbed, repaired or new housing for more than 2 million people worldwide.

Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is part of this global effort. Since 1992 MCHFH, has built, rehabbed or repaired 76 houses. We are currently building four homes in Marquette County. Two houses on Union Street in Marquette are enclosed and construction will continue during the winter months. One home has the foundation in place and construction will resume in the spring. Construction of another home in National Mine will begin in the spring.

AFFILIATE NEWS



Central American Volunteers

Despite the language barrier and the cold weather, students from Central America volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and learned the value of giving of their own time without expecting anything in return. The students helped with construction on Union Street as part of their civic service learning. Volunteering with Habitat proved to be an enlightening experience for one of the students, who said that there are not many programs like this in his country. This is the third time NMU has hosted students thru this grant.

OPEN A HOME TO BUILD A HOME

This holiday season Carol (*below*) and Fred Margrif opened their home to individuals, church groups and other quests to view a large portion of their nativity collection that comes from South America and the SW United States - approximately 100+ sets. Visitors were from all ages with nearly a dozen children interacting and arranging their own displays. Good will offerings were accepted and over \$700 was donated to MCHFH.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
CLERGY BREAKFAST

We now have a
Facebook page!

We're on the
Web!
www.mqthabitat.org



Executive Director Comments



Greetings to Everyone...I trust that you are all well and ready for some spring-time activities! MCHFH has accepted an invitation to be in-

involved with the only professional golf tournament that will be held in Michigan or Wisconsin during the 2011 season.

The Island Resort and Casino will be hosting the LPGA Futures Tour at their Sweetgrass Golf Club in Harris, Michigan (Escanaba). The dates of the 54-hole event will be June 24 through 26, 2011. There are 144 professional women golfers that will be competing for a purse total of \$110,000.

We have agreed to be one of the non-profit ticket outlets for the tournament. Each ticket (\$10.00) will allow entry into the tournament for all three days. Each ticket has a daily tear off tab that will be used for raffle drawings throughout each day of the tournament.

MCHFH will be able to keep 100% of the revenue from our ticket sales so this could become a great fundraising event. We will have tickets available to sell at the ReStore and our office. We will also be asking our Board Members and anyone else that would like to help to sell tickets. If you have interest please contact Jennifer at 228-3578.

I am excited about this opportunity and hope that you will be too. If we all get together and each sell just ten tickets we could generate several thousands of dollars but we will have to act quickly because we are not the only organization doing this. — Mike



Gingerbread Houses For a Good Cause

In December Phyllis Wong (pictured above) organized nearly 50 people to come out to NMU to build gingerbread houses for a good cause. Kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters and Marquette County Habitat for Humanity teamed up with NMU student athletes to create the houses. They were then auctioned off with all proceeds going to Marquette County Habitat for Humanity. "My family and I have been building gingerbread houses for many years, we did it with other families, we drew names from a hat and that was because we wanted to build houses with different people, with young people and with older people and we are doing the same thing here," says Wong..



New Web site!

Check out our new web site at



www.mqthabitat.org

Tell us what you think!

Perks thru Office Max!

Keep saving those ink cartridges and toners. Habitat for Humanity can earn up to \$60 a month though your donations. We can also recycle your old cell phones. Simply drop them off at the office on Third Street or the ReStore.

Congratulation to the 50/50 raffle winners at the U.P. Builders Show

- Friday—Helen Dishno
- Saturday—Tim Holbrook
- Sunday—Pam Patur

Student Learn Construction, Help Habitat

By Claire Abent

Students in the Construction Trades Program at Superior Central School in Eben have been putting their class time to good use. The group has spent the first part of the school year constructing utility sheds that will be sold at the Habitat ReStore.

Under the direction of teacher Joel Flint, the



students have wholeheartedly taken on learning a different skill set and helping out the community. Students also have the opportunity to earn college credit and possibly continue their studies at NMU and complete the construction trades program.

Covenant Partner Church—Gwinn United Methodist



Gwinn United Methodist is a growing church with almost 200 members. They have served this community since 1909, some families are third and even fourth generation members of this church. At the same time, many families have moved to the community for love of the beautiful scenery and outdoor activities in the area. On February 21, 2010 they celebrated the 100th anniversary of their church building.

Gwinn United has been involved with Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for a number of years donating and serving lunches for visiting work crews and collecting Econo receipts to raise funds through Econo's We Share program. If you would like to learn more about the church please contact Pastor Geri at 906-346-6314, e-mail gwinnumc@aol.com or visit their website at www.gwinnunitedmethodistchurch.org.

ReStore

It's nice to know that not only does the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity (MCHFH) ReStore generate sufficient funds to build at least one house per year for the affiliate but we also keep approximately 146 tons of usable

items out of the landfills yearly.

Since its inception in May of 2003, the ReStore has been able to help our affiliate complete its mission statement to build simple, decent, affordable homes in Marquette County. It benefits the local community by providing full and part time jobs and affords our customers the opportunity to purchase good, gently used items at substantial savings.

The ReStore also provides opportunities for volunteers to serve and give back to the community. Volunteers of all ages, from high school students to senior citizens. Our oldest volunteer was awarded the 2010 Senior Volunteer of the year in Marquette County. We are proud of and appreciate all of our volunteers.

If you have never been to, or haven't been in lately, stop by. We think you will be amazed at how our community supports MCHFH through its donations and volunteer service. All this effort helps make MCHFH and our ReStore a dynamic part of the community and supports all efforts to help keep Marquette green. — Bob Howe

Shop At the ReStore!
We sell new and donated building materials, furniture, appliances and much, much more!
133 Carmen Drive, Harvey
Mon-Fri 10—6
Saturday 10—4
(906) 249-4416

COMMUNITY SERVICE ADWARDS
 April 16, 2011
 2:00—4:00 P.M.
 Westwood Mall, Marquette

CLERGY BREAKFAST
 May 10, 2011
 Wahlstroms Restaurant,
 Harvey
 7:00 A.M.
 All clergy and two representatives are invited

I would like to volunteer. (Download volunteer forms (www.mqthabitat.org), complete and mail.)

I would like to make a monetary donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or _____. (receipt provided.)

Please bill my Visa/MasterCard # _____ Exp. Date __ / __
 Name as it appears on card: _____ Security Code ____

Check enclosed.

Please send more information about _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 E-mail: _____

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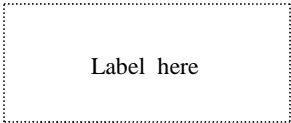
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Shopping List

- The next time you're out shopping, put a few of these items in your cart and then drop them off at the Habitat office. You'll feel great **and** get a tax deduction!
- Hand tools
- White and colored copy paper
- Large bottles of hand sanitizer
- Paper plates, towels and napkins
- Individual sized snacks and drinks
- Ink cartridges: (HP 45 & 78, Lexmark 26 & 16)
(& don't forget Econo receipts!)
- Our laptop recently crashed and we are looking for a new lap-

Recycle!

Help us raise money and save the environment by donating your used cell phones and empty ink and laser print cartridges. Drop off your donation at the office or ReStore today. No damaged items, please!

