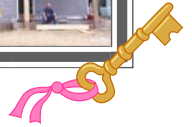


# HabiChatter



The Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity Newsletter



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## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On **November 6th** Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity will celebrate the completion of its first house build with a **ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m.** The home, located at **4715 Third Street in Columbiaville**, will be complete and ready for a celebration.



## FIRST LAPEER COUNTY HOME BUILD COMPLETE

The twelve week building process, lead by Habitat's Construction Committee, was the result of an extensive effort to create a Habitat affiliate in Lapeer County that began almost two years ago.

With 1200 square feet, two bedrooms and one bath, the home is a beautiful site to behold; especially given the tremendous way in which it was built. Volunteer Habitat members lead the construction management team and the building labor. Numerous area businesses donated their time and materials. Habitat committees and volunteers committed all of their spare time to raising money to support the build.

*A home built in twelve weeks by a hugely diversified group of individuals with one common, unselfish purpose, to provide safe and affordable housing for a family they had never met.*

The Hart Family, chosen earlier this year by Lapeer Habitat to receive the home and interest-free mortgage, quickly became a permanent fixture at the building site. Along with their parents, siblings and friends, the Harts became well-known by working and contributing to the house build every week.

If you've volunteered in any stage of the process that lead up to this great day, please join us on November 6th and see what you've helped accomplish. If you'd be interested in being part of a great team, with a great purpose ... and lots for you to do... please join us on November 6th and see what's in your future.



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# We've Been Busy—Fundraisers

We've been busy, getting the word out and raising money to build! This first year saw a remarkable effort on the part of all Habitat committees and volunteers. Fundraising efforts included "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a play sponsored by Gem and Diamond Specialists held in Almont; Can Drives in cooperation with Home Depot, Meijers and Krogers; a Democratic Branch where Lapeer Habitat was named benefactor of the silent auction; Costume Skating at Lapeer Skate Center hosted by the Women's Council of the Home Builder's Association; and most recently a Golf Tournament sponsored by the Lapeer and Upper Thumb Association of Realtors held at Castle Creek Golf Course; just to mention a few.

We've also "gotten the word out" with area parades and festivals and Zonta's Fantasy Forrest. Also, our HabiTrailer, featured below in the Blueberry Festival parade, visited area businesses to promote Habitat awareness.

Volunteer Orientation meetings were held periodically with great support from the community, many who have since joined Lapeer Habitat. Our first Homeowner Informational Meeting presented to interested families the requirements of owning a Habitat home. Our homeowners, the Harts, were in attendance at this meeting and are anxiously awaiting the ribbon cutting ceremony of their new home.

Behind the scenes were nine very active committees and many volunteers and supporting businesses working with a generous heart and an energetic and optimistic view of the good being done by this new affiliate.

Here's a look at just some of the activities ...



The St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Group built birdhouses for Habitat during their 30-hour fast on Saturday, April 17th. The birdhouses were later sold with the proceeds going the Lapeer Habitat. Look for the unsold birdhouses along the Polly Ann Trail!



## Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Coordinate Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity Volunteers for future home builds, events and committees.

32 Hours Per Week

\$11,000 Per year w/ \$4725 educational voucher bonus after one year!

Position begins November 2nd—  
Training 3rd, 4th & 5th

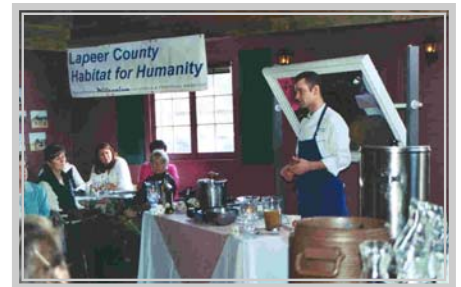
Applications available at the  
Habitat Office  
1559 Imlay City Road  
810-664-4111



Columbiaville United Methodist Church hosted a spaghetti dinner to benefit Lapeer Habitat. A local success, this dinner brought both community and financial support to Habitat.



Participants in Lapeer Habitat's Walk for Warmth raised pledges prior to walking four miles on May 15th.



"Puttin on the Ritz" at the White Horse Inn sponsored by Coldwell Banker Whitman-Pope, The White Horse Inn and the Metamora Chamber of Commerce. The guest chef from The Ritz Carlton taught guests to create seasonal dishes for entertaining.



The Lapeer Habitat won First Place for Best Community Service Group in the Imlay City Blueberry Festival Parade this summer. Habitat distributed information from a booth at the Blueberry Festival, Lapeer Days and Metamora Days this summer.



Bikes and Classic Cars met at Ray C's of Lapeer on Sunday, August 7th to raise money for Lapeer Habitat. Ninety-one people entered the poker run, sponsored by Ray C's, with prizes donated by AAA Insurance of Lapeer.

# National "Jimmy Carter Work Project" Will Touch Lapeer County

All Habitat affiliates in Michigan were invited to participate in the JCWP 2005 by building homes in their community. During the third week of June, 2005 over 250 homes in Michigan will be dedicated thanks to volunteer labor; Lapeer County will be a part of this event to help families in need.

The Site Selection Committee has begun its search for the building site that will be home to the next house build. The Family Selection Committee will begin its search for a new family on November 23rd (see box at right).

Companies and individuals interested in providing support and volunteers interested in joining in the effort are encouraged to contact Lapeer Habitat at 810-664-7111.

**Has Home Ownership  
Always Seemed  
Like An Impossible Dream?**

You may qualify for a home with Habitat for Humanity



**HOME OWNERSHIP  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**November 23, 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
200 N. Cedar St. (M-53), Imlay City**



- Habitat for Humanity
- (810) 664-7111



## Committee Focus—IS ON YOU!

Usually the Committee Focus section of Habichatter singles out one of our Committees and describes their role within Lapeer Habitat. With all of the excitement of this issue, we've decided to take this time to focus on increasing the membership of our committees in order to continue the great momentum and assist with the increased work-load of this process.

Briefly this describes each committee's duties and provides you with contact information. Take a moment to consider joining a Habitat committee; it's a great family of neighbors, with plenty of room for one more!

**Building Committee** ~ develops house plans, manages construction schedules, coordinates building volunteers; call Jim Hogan, co-Chair at 810-989-9137 or Kevin Walters, co-Chair at 810-245-4584

**Church Relations Committee** ~ maintain a relationship with Lapeer County churches encouraging their involvement in Habitat; call John Trudeau, Chair at 810-724-0051 or Marge Bird, Secretary at 810-796-2150

**Development Committee** ~ fundraising and organizing events; call Shelly Childers, Chair at 810-664-2977 or Deb

McCoon, Secretary at 810-664-2977

**Family Partnership Committee** ~ work with each selected homeowner managing sweat equity, home maintenance and ownership; call Jerry Webb, Chair at 810-667-3881

**Family Selection Committee** ~ responsible for managing the process leading up to the selection of the homeowners; call Catherine Bostick, Chair at 810-667-3217 or Joi Kempf, Vice Chair at 810-417-0396

**Site Selection Committee** ~ locate, investigate and recommend property in Lapeer County for acquisition; call Mike Partlo, Chair at 810-245-4994 or John Trudeau, Vice Chair at 810-724-0051

**Volunteer Committee** ~ manage volunteers, recruit help for events and each home build; call Ed Sackett, Chair, at 810-245-5555 or Diane Cheyney, Vice Chair at 810-664-5173

**Youth Committee** ~ looking for Lapeer County youth interested in learning about the value of volunteerism; call Joi Kempf, Chair at 810-417-0396

**Board of Directors** ~ interested in providing decent housing and leading the way.; call Tim Hardesty, Chairman at 810-664-9445

For further information, give one of these volunteers a call; they'll be happy to expand on each description!

## Ground Breaking Memories

Now a happy but distant memory, Lapeer Habitat's first Ground Breaking Ceremony was held on July 25th. The Harts, our first partnership family, and over 100 volunteers and Habitat supporters came out to celebrate.



The Harts take a minute to mark history.



Committee members, community leaders, family, friends and neighbors dig in..

## How To Make A Donation

Effort has been made to provide interested supporters with every opportunity to donate to Habitat; and every convenience. Your donation will help families in need of decent housing, right here in Lapeer County.

Meijer Community Rewards Program is a favorite that earns money for Lapeer Habitat simply by using a Meijer Guest Card while making your purchases. Guest Card applications are available at the Lapeer Habitat office or you can sign up online at [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com) (using organization code #950165).

Donations can also be made, securely, over the internet using the *Habitat International Donation Service* where 100% of your donation will be forwarded to Lapeer Habitat.

And then there's always the old-fashioned way, by mailing your donation to—Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity at 1559 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI, 48446.

For further information on making a contribution to Lapeer Habitat, please call our office at 810-664-7111. We can't thank you enough for your much needed support.

**VICTORIAN HOUSE QUILT  
RAFFLE**

Many Lapeer County Victorian Houses  
are displayed on this  
quilt made by  
the generous customers at  
Lapeer Fabrics.

Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$5 and  
are available at Lapeer Fabrics or the  
Lapeer Habitat office.

Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity  
 "A People-to-People Partnership"  
 1559 Imlay City Road  
 Lapeer, MI 48446



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Calendar of Events:

<u>2004</u>	
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Nov 6
2nd Annual Dinner & Charity Auction	Nov 13
Homeowner Information Meeting	Nov 23
<u>2005</u>	
Walk for Habitat	May
Duck Races in Lapeer	May
Golf Outing	June
Poker Run	Aug
Dedication Ceremony for the "Jimmy Carter" House Build	June
Day Lily Auction	July
3rd Annual Dinner & Charity Auction	Nov

**Second Annual**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
**Spaghetti**  
**DINNER & Charity Auction**

**Saturday, November 13th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Preview Items @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Held at the**

**LAPEER COUNTY CENTER BUILDING**

**425 County Center Street**

**Tickets ~ \$12**

**\$15 at the door!**

Tickets available at

Habitat for Humanity, 1559 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer

Lapeer County Bank & Trust, 83 W. Nepeessing St., Lapeer

Thank you for your support.



**Look for great auction items donated by these businesses and volunteers ...**

AAA Auto Insurance Company  
 Adventure Cycle Center  
 Aero Trim, Inc.  
 Applebee's of Lapeer  
 Atkins Insurance Group  
 Atkins, Paul  
 Beyer's Furniture  
 Blind Fish Restaurant  
 Booth Enterprises/Colonial Car Wash  
 Bostick, Catherine, Attorney  
 Burke's Flowers  
 C. S. Dodge & Sons, Inc.  
 Castaways Restaurant  
 Chick's Barber Shop  
 Cinema III of Imlay City  
 Circle K RV's  
 Country Café  
 Country Hair Salon  
 Curves of Lapeer  
 Curves of Metamora  
 David's Barber Shop  
 Dawg Haus Coney Island  
 Design Works  
 Detroit Riggers, Inc.

Ruiz's Discoteca  
 Doggie Dooz Pet Salon  
 EMW Graphix Image  
 Exec U Tan  
 Fire Island Tanning  
 First Impressions  
 Flower Peddler, Inc.  
 Flowers by Carol  
 Funny Face Alpaca Farm  
 Gem & Diamond Specialists  
 Global Imports  
 Grondins Downtown  
 Hadley Clipper  
 Handyman's Outlet  
 Holiday Expressions Ceramics & More  
 Identities LLC  
 Imlay City Big Boy  
 Imlay City Cycle  
 Innovations Salon  
 Kan Rock Tire Co.  
 Kapala Heating & Air Conditioning  
 Kempf, Ian, County Commissioner  
 Lapeer Best Western  
 Lapeer Cinemas  
 Lapeer County Center Building  
 Lapeer County Country Club  
 Lapeer Ford  
 Lapeer Gallery & Frame

Lapeer Glass Company  
 Lapeer Midas Muffler  
 Lapeer Office Depot  
 Lapeer Pet Supply Plus  
 Lapeer Pool & Spa  
 Lapeer Skating Center  
 Lapeer Title Agency  
 Lapeer Trans & Gear, Inc.  
 Madelyn & Company  
 Merle Norman  
 Merollis GMC  
 Metamora BP  
 Nacho's Restaurant  
 Needful Truck Things  
 Nolan's Farm Equipment  
 Opticare Vision Center  
 Peterson & Son  
 Polar Palace  
 Power's Farm Market  
 Real World Music & Sound  
 Remember When Antiques  
 Rolling Hills Golf Course  
 Ross Automotive Supply  
 Rowley's  
 Sawdust Corners BP  
 Speedy Printing  
 Speedy Screen Printing

Stahl, John, State Representative  
 Star Cleaners of Metamora & Imlay City  
 Styles by Connie  
 The Avenue, formerly The Boulevard  
 Tietz Family Restaurant  
 Utmanis Veterinary Clinic  
 Ultra Tan  
 Unique Floral  
 Vic Bond Sales  
 Video Hut of Metamora  
 Village Blacksmith  
 Walmart of Lapeer  
 Ziebart Super Store

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