

Habitat Chat

August 2007

Special points

of interest:

- ◆ 2006 Homeowner
- ◆ Thrivent Builds Mobile - Sept. 20th
- ◆ Habitat's Celebrity Golf Classic - Sept. 24th
- ◆ 5th Annual Dinner and Auction - Oct. 20th

Celebrity Golf Classic

This is an 18 hole, four-person, best ball "scramble" held at **Metamora Country Club**. Celebrities currently planning to attend include: Ray Hayes, Mark Ingram, Derek Walker and Randy Hampton. \$100 per player includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner; \$150 per Hole Sponsor. Monday, September 24th. For more information call **Jerry Webb** (810-667-3881) or **Tom Byrne** (810-245-6990).

5th Annual Charity Fundraising Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 20th. Hosted by **Countryside Banquet Center** in Imlay City. Items still needed for auction. Table sponsors \$250. Tickets \$25 on sale after September 1st. Volunteers still needed to work this event. Please call the office at 810-664-7111 if you can help, would like to sponsor a table or have items available for the auction.

Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity

From the Executive Director

It has been my most sincere pleasure working with and meeting our Habitat for Humanity supporters in Lapeer County these past few months. Habitat for Humanity has always been an organization that prides itself on fiscal responsibility and Lapeer County is on the cutting edge operating an *economy of scale* by partnering with Genesee County Habitat for Humanity for administrative functions. The most important component for partnering in this way is that scaling down Habitat's administrative costs allows us to fulfill our mission to build more homes with our donated funds. Also important is the knowledge that donor funds go directly to the area or specific home the donor intends to contribute to. Habitat for Humanity is committed to our mission to eliminate poverty housing and build simple decent homes for God's people in need and to accomplish this task in the most economical way with donations remaining in the county designated by you our generous supporters.

I always look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 810-603-1366.

In Partnership and Peace, Margaret Kato, executive director

3rd House and Family—2006

Susanna Escamilla and her two daughters were handed the keys to their first home on August 5th, 2006 in the City of Lapeer on Park St. This is Lapeer County Habitat's 3rd house built in Lapeer County. Plans are to build two homes in 2008. If you know of any potential property available for a future Habitat home, contact our Executive Director, Margaret Kato or our Site Selection Chair, Robert Soderberg at 810-603-1366.



From the Board President

We've come a long way in four years. And like any start-up company, we need to take some time to re-group, identify / focus on our mission and make changes to our organization to ensure our future success. That's what's happening in 2007. We're not building a house in '07 (not enough \$\$\$), but we are strengthening our Board, filling our committees with people that have the desire to fulfill Habitat's mission, and structuring our administrative functions to allow efficient use of our resources - time and money. We could use your help at our fundraisers and other events by helping with the event, selling tickets, encouraging others to attend, and by attending yourself. Please watch for, and plan to attend, an informational meeting / potluck where we can discuss the changes being made to Lapeer County Habitat and our plans for the future (building two houses in 2008 and possibly more in '09 and beyond). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Margaret Kato at 810-603-1366.

Sincerely, Shelly Childers, Board President



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<http://Lapeerhabitat.org>

Thrivent Builds Teams up with Habitat www.thriventbuilds.com

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a non-profit membership organization helping 3 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their community. Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent Financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Appleton, Wisconsin.

In 2006, the first year of the Thrivent-Habitat alliance, 313 families in 43 states achieved the dream of home ownership— a projected six percent increase in Habitat's U.S. home production. In it's second year, the alliance is again increasing Habitat's home construction by working with 256 Habitat affiliates to build 355 homes. \$24.5 million has been committed to build these homes.

In 2007 Thrivent Financial will team up with over 15 County's in Michigan and build 29 homes housing more then 100 people. Thrivent Financial is also spending over 1 million dollars in Michigan this year.

Stop by to see the Big Red Truck.



*Step inside. Be inspired.
Fight poverty housing
in your community.*



The Thrivent Builds Mobile
It's a bright red multimedia exhibit on wheels that tells the story of poverty housing and how you can be part of the solution through Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. The Big Red Truck will be in our area on Thursday, September 20th, from 3:00-7:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 90 Millville Rd., Lapeer.

Free Admission
Fun Activities
Community Welcomed!