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Newsletter

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER

Volunteerism is central to our mission to eliminate substandard housing, as volunteers provide the labor with which we build houses with Ingham County families in need. Our volunteers do more than just work on houses though - Our ReStore is staffed with volunteers, volunteers help run our fundraisers, and volunteers help in our office. Volunteers even make lunches for other volunteers!

DONATE

Donations to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County can take many forms. Donations to our ReStore support the Habitat organization; Cash donations are an even more efficient way to support our mission of eliminating substandard housing in Ingham County. Gifts in kind are another great way to contribute - when a licensed electrician donates his or her time, that's money saved which can be directed towards the next partner family's home. You could even leave a legacy of community partnership by planning a gift to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County in your will.

New Feature

You can now donate online with a credit card or through your paypal account.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you could tell by our recent weather, summer is just around the corner! This summer, HFHGI will be kicking our construction crews into high gear. It is easy to say that HFHGI will have a busy summer as we look forward to a house build in Leslie, several remodels and ramp projects as well as all of the events we will be taking part in. Without our volunteer base and corporate partners, it would not be possible!

If volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat for Humanity, then our corporate sponsors are considered our backbone! From the door knobs on the doors and paint on the walls, to appliances and lighting throughout the houses, over a dozen national corporations partner with Habitat affiliates throughout the world each year making construction supplies more affordable, allowing affiliates like ours to do more with less.

One of the most well known corporate partnerships that Habitat affiliates count on is with the Whirlpool Corporation. Since 1999, Whirlpool has been one of our largest corporate partners, donating a range and ENERGY STAR® qualified refrigerator to every new Habitat home built in North America. Whirlpool recently expanded their partnership with Habitat to include support for Habitat ReStores – the first corporate partner to include planned donations to the resale outlets. Whirlpool also supports programs such as the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project and localized build projects throughout North America.

Since 1979 in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, Valspar has offered both volunteer support and paint to their local affiliate. This partnership expanded in 2002 when Valspar began offering interior and exterior paints to all affiliates in the country becoming HFH's National Paint Partner in 2009. Part of this commitment includes financial support to build Habitat's A Brush with Kindness into a nationwide program! A Brush with Kindness serves low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, by painting home exteriors and providing landscaping and minor home repairs. Valspar helped found the program with the Twin Cities Habitat affiliate, and now Habitat affiliates, in more than 30 states, have initiated the program in their communities.

Sadly, we cannot recognize all of our corporate sponsors here. For more information about all of our partners, please visit <http://my.habitat.org/>.

HFHGI EVENTS

WILLIAMSTON JUBILEE AUCTION/RED CEDAR RUN/WALK - June 25, 2011

The Williamston Jubilee Auction is fast approaching! On June 25th, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 pm the gavel will fall on a long standing tradition. The Auctioneers cry will ring out from the Lion's Food & Beverage tent across Deer Creek Park. Generous local businesses, professionals and individuals contribute to this major fund raising event for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County.

Items are being gathered at a nice clip with a great variety of items, gift certificates, and donations coming in but more are always welcome. Many of the items can be viewed in the Williamston ReStore (150 W. Grand River Rd) and the front windows at Top Flight Financial Services (123 E. Grand River).

Red Cedar Run/Walk will be taking place on the morning June 25, 2011 at 8:30! The race will begin at McCormick Park on North Putnam in Williamston.

For more Information please contact the HFHGI Office at (517) 655-1872 or check our website at [www. Inghamhabitat.org](http://www.Inghamhabitat.org)

BUILDING HOPE GOLF SCRAMBLE - August 18, 2011

**Brookshire Inn & Golf Club
205 West Church Street
Williamston, MI**

This event will raise funds to help Habitat for Humanity build houses in partnership with local families in need!

Registration at 7:00AM
Shotgun Start at 8:00AM

Registration

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| Team Entry | \$300 |
| Individual | \$75 |
| Corp. Team Sponsor | \$350 |
| Gold Sponsor | \$500 |
| Silver Sponsor | \$400 |
| Mulligan Sponsor | \$100 |
| Hole Sponsor | \$100 |

Your paid entry includes:

- Practice range
- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Coupon for free future round of golf
- Lunch at the turn with brats/hotdogs, chips and pop
- Awards banquet with heavy hor'doeuvres

PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 11, 2011

Contact Karl Griffin at (517) 525-2234 or by email at kgriffin@dartdevelopment.com

ReStore

1500 W. Grand River Avenue, Suite B, Williamston, MI 48895
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Tuesday-Friday, from 10:00AM-6:00PM, and Saturday from 10:00AM-2:00PM
www.inghamhabitat.org

Currently in-stock (plus MUCH more)!



Gently used top/bottom refrigerator freezers made by Whirlpool and Hotpoint. They vary in width from 28-30 inches, and height from 60-65 inches. The larger units are priced at \$200, and the smaller at \$150. Stock up this summer on plenty of cool drinks and ice cream with this purchase!



White and almond colored stackable laundry units, made by Whirlpool and GE. The gently used washer/dryers are 6 feet tall, 2 feet wide, and 26.5 inches deep. Wash and dry laundry with ease with this addition to your house or apartment!



Electric ranges—standard sized, 30 inches, made by Kenmore and Whirlpool. White and beige stoves with black doors and trim. A great addition for any kitchen!

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore sells quality donated goods to support their mission to eliminate substandard housing in YOUR neighborhood.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Over the past couple of months (April and May) the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County (HFHGI) Construction Dept. has been busy with several small projects and preparing for some larger ones. In April we were busy planning for two of our annual events; April 26th and 27th were the dates of the MI Construction Career Days (MICCD) at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. The MICCD is an annual event put on by Capital Area Michigan Works! MICCD is a two day event geared toward introducing Junior High and High School students to careers in the construction industry. This event is not just about carpentry but all construction industry careers. Students had the opportunity to operate heavy equipment under professional supervision or, in the case of the Habitat for Humanity booth, the students have had the chance to learn how to frame a wall or install siding. Professionals from all over Michigan come out to spark an interest in the construction industry in our youth.



Also in April was HFHGI's 4th annual Arbor Day tree planting event. Every Arbor Day for the past 4 years HFHGI has sold and with the help of youth volunteers planted trees and shrubs in the yards of local homeowners. HFHGI volunteers planted a total of 51 trees and shrubs on April 30th making 2011 our largest and most successful Arbor Day event to date. Immediately following the MICCD and Arbor Day events the Construction Department began planning the next two projects; the building of the permanent ramp to replace our temporary and a re-roof.



HFHGI VOLUNTEER of the YEAR



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County honored Tami Farnum as its 2010 Volunteer of the Year at the annual Habitat Michigan Banquet. Governor Rick Snyder served as keynote speaker and commended Habitat for Humanity as being “a role model for reinventing Michigan.” Over 600 legislators, corporate sponsors, and Habitat leaders honored the volunteer award winners for their service to the community.

Tami Farnum began volunteering with HFHGI in 2005. She served six years as a board member, stepping down due to term limits in the beginning of 2011. She continues to lead the partner family committee and to support builds and special events.

“Tami inspires partner families to realize their dreams of homeownership,” says Todd Pierce-Ryan, executive director. “She has a fundamental faith in others’ ability to succeed. This feeling is rooted in positive action. She guides people one step at a time, showing simple and concrete ways to control a household budget, for example. Tami helps make hope into reality through empowering families to live life on their own terms.”

HFHGI would like to thank all the volunteers who make a difference in our community. Tami, and volunteers like her, are neighbors helping neighbors, true hometown heroes.

For more information about HFHGI programs and how you can help, please visit the website at www.inghamhabitat.org or stop by the office at 1500 W. Grand River Ave. in Williamston.