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The Blueprint

Spring 2010

Habitat Iredell I to Expand Home Repair and Renovation Programs

For the past 25 years, we have served our community by providing an opportunity for working families in need to own a home. And in the past two years, we have joined a small but growing number of affiliates in the United States in the *A Brush with Kindness* Program which assists families and individuals in need of small but impactful home repairs that improve their quality of life. Now, we plan to expand our services to serve even more families.



“We are returning to our roots as we put more emphasis on building community, transforming more lives, and fulfilling our mission.”

“We are proud of the work that has been done, but it’s not nearly enough. While building houses will remain at the core of what we do, it makes sense to be responsive to the needs of our community by using our resources to serve more families,” explains our Executive Director Scott Loudermelt. “With an aging housing stock, neighborhoods endangered by years of neglect, and a number of homes setting empty due to foreclosure, the logical thing to do is expand our capacity to address these issues,” Scott said.

Habitat for Humanity International’s Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) fits with this plan to increase the array of services offered, thus increasing the number of families served and improving the quality of life in the entire community and not just the



Communities are suffering as never before in Habitat’s history.

Why it matters

It takes more than one safe, decent house to improve a neighborhood destroyed by blight.

quality of life for Habitat families. We plan to be part of that initiative.

“Our board realizes that as the needs in our community change, we have to change with those needs. We have to stretch every

dollar we are given to make the largest impact we can,” Scott said. And when comparing the cost of sponsoring one Habitat house which is currently at \$60,000 to the cost on one ABWK project that averages \$1,000, the benefits are clear.

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A Message From The Board of Directors



Help build it!



As we exit one of our harshest winters in recent history, I, for one, am thrilled to see the return of spring. Flowers and vegetables are starting to spring out of the ground and birds are chirping—many grateful for their homes that were bought at our Roots and Wings birdhouse auction! And, yet, as thankful as I am for spring, there are many more people in our area who are more grateful than I am—people who do not have adequate shelter to keep them from the winter’s elements. These are the very people who we are dedicated to helping.

And as you know, this is where you come in: You have been dedicated to the mission of Habitat in Iredell County. You have continually come through with monetary donations and volunteer hours. You have seen our vision and made it your vision. You have provided safe, affordable housing to a number of families throughout Iredell County. And you have taken every step that we have taken—for twenty-five years!

As we continue our journey to make a difference in the lives of people in Iredell County, one family at a time, I want to thank you. Thank you, and reassure you. During the recession, Habitat has been a good steward of your gifts. We have been able to assist many families in need through A Brush With Kindness—a program to help homeowners with maintenance that they are otherwise unable to perform. We have continued building homes in Fourth Creek Village. And we will continue to reach out to families across our county in a practical and responsible way.

The only way that we are able to continue to touch lives is with your support. On behalf of the Board of Directors, once again, I thank you for your generous spirit. You have made it possible for us to help families in Iredell County for 25 years, and we look forward to many more springs with your by our side, anxious to begin new construction, and more importantly, able to care for one more family.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Katherine Harbin".

Mary Katherine Harbin

President, Board of Directors

A Heart for Habitat

For Marvin and Tina Dillow, their partnership with Habitat for Humanity is about more than a roof over their heads.

“Before we moved into our new home, it seemed that all we ever focused on was paying the bills,” said Tina Dillow. “We were struggling to pay rent and utilities and we lost focus on what was important: our family and our faith. Now, things are different. It’s like night and day.”

Marvin and Tina along with their daughters Beth, 10 and Gracie, 4 moved into their home in Olin the week before Thanksgiving in 2007. Their house was built in partnership with Woods Presbyterian Church’s “Woods Work” youth ministry from Severna, Maryland.

“Our house has been more than a blessing. It has allowed us to focus on our family and build stronger relationships with each other. I have been able to stay home with Beth and Gracie and be a mom,” said Tina. Tina says that her husband Marvin, a long-haul trucker for RC Moore, enjoys being home now more than ever because the financial stress is relieved.



Not only have Marvin and Tina felt the difference a home has made, so have their girls, Beth and Gracie. “It just seems they can be kids. There are plenty of kids in our neighborhood and they’ve made lots of friends,” added Tina.

According to Tina, not only have the Dillows had more time to focus on their family, but they have found a closer relationship with their Faith. “I’m able to volunteer at the church more and be involved in helping others. I think that it is important that we can now give back since we have been so blessed.”

You don’t have to spend much time with the Dillow Family before you see that this is a family that is full of love, faith, laughter, and gratitude for those who have offered a hand up to their family.

“The bible says that you get back 10 fold what you give and I believe that. People have no idea how much difference they make when they support Habitat,” said Tina.

“My heart is with Habitat and always will be.”

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In the coming months, we will seek partnerships with local governments to help target areas of need, work with other local housing agencies to determine where gaps are in the housing continuum, and identify those families in our area in greatest need.

“This is an exciting time for us. We are returning to our roots as we put more emphasis on building community, transforming more lives, and fulfilling our mission,” added Scott.

If you would like a Habitat staff member to come speak to your organization about Habitat’s new services, please call 704-871-0409.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
REVITALIZATION
INITIATIVE**

Want to help? We need **volunteers**, especially those with **skilled trade** experience who are willing to give of their services. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for individuals and organizations who would like to **adopt a revitalization project**.

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Volunteer Spotlight— Tom & Kay Dziubczynski



We've all heard the old saying, "Good things come in pairs." Tom & Kay Dziubczynski prove that to be true. Tom & Kay have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County for

more than 5 years, and assisted with more than 15 different construction projects. They volunteer at least a few days a week, year-round, and are instrumental in sustaining our pace and productivity on work sites from one Saturday to the next. They also serve as volunteer crew leaders for Collegiate Challenge and other groups throughout the year. Tom &

Kay Dziubczynski are a blessing to Habitat. We are thankful for their service and for their dedication to our mission.

If you would like to volunteer alongside Tom & Kay, call the Habitat office today for more information. We need your help in the store, on the worksite, and at various special events throughout the year. Get involved today!



Area Realtors Support Habitat

In April of 2010, Habitat was fortunate to participate in Realtors Care Day hosted by the Charlotte Regional Realtors Association. This event involved several hundred local realtors in home repair projects for low-income home owners throughout the greater Charlotte area. Specifically in Iredell County, realtors volunteered on home repair projects in Mooresville, Troutman and Statesville.

Habitat Iredell was involved in the site selection for the Troutman and Statesville repair projects, through our A Brush With Kindness program. We worked with the City of Statesville and the Town of Troutman to identify owner-occupied homes in need of repair. We worked with those homeowners to usher them through the application process, and also helped to coordinate the planning and volunteer coordination for these repair projects. After months of planning and coordination, on April 23rd, realtors descended on 5 homes in Troutman and Statesville. They rebuilt porches and wheelchair ramps, repaired damaged siding and roofs, scraped and repainted exterior trim, and performed several other repair and beautification projects for some very deserving homeowners.



We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with the Charlotte Regional Realtors Association in this special program. This is our second year working with Realtors Care Day. We look forward to many more. Congratulations to everyone involved in this program, and thank you for all of your hard work!

Realtors Care Day 2010



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Melissa Mattox & Family ~ Kayla Daye & Family

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



*What a difference
a home makes!*

Above: Melissa Mattox says a few words of thanks for her new beginning.

Right: Kayla Daye receives the keys to her new Habitat home.



Congratulations to both families !



Representatives from Lowe's and area banks celebrate the dedication of Melissa's home.

Restore Community Day

On May 1st the Habitat ReStore hosted another very successful Community Day. Over 2000 people were in attendance for food, fun and community fellowship.

Thank you to all the vendors, volunteers, and supporters who made this a great event in 2010.



Applications for homeownership -

Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County is accepting applications for home ownership. Applications are available at the Habitat office on Shelton Avenue, or on the website www.habitatiredell.org.

Many of our families come to us by referral. If you know someone who may benefit from our home ownership program please encourage them to apply.

Website Redesign!

Over the past several months we have been diligently working to update our website. We are proud to say that our new and improved site is now up and running.

The site has more information for our volunteers, donors, and partner-families. Please spend a moment touring the site and see all the new features.

www.habitatiredell.org

ReStore

put your old furniture to good use



For pick-up services of your tax-deductible gifts, call the ReStore at 704-871-0409.

When you donate to Habitat Restore, you help us build more Habitat houses!

ReStore is open to the public!



ReStore Hours

Monday—Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**1382 Shelton Ave.
Statesville, NC**

THANK YOU!

The following individuals, civic groups, businesses and congregations have donated to Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County from December 15th, 2009 — May 15 , 2010.

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Bridget Adams	Ann Finley	Chase Loudermelt	David & Tammy Pressley
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Yadkin Valley Bank



Women Build 2010

The Women Build committee has been busy at work planning for the 2010 project. The committee wants to get back to the roots of Habitat and work harder to build communities, not just houses.

“One of the biggest questions we are asking is how do we create a greater impact and serve more families,” says Jill Baker, Women Build Committee Chair. “The goal for 2010 is to create opportunities to work more meaningfully and align projects with the community’s needs at heart.”

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County, the 2010 Women Build project will focus on raising \$25,000 and revitalize 25 houses within the community.

“I am excited about seeing hundreds of women answer a need in the community and adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative as their project this year,” states Sally Nix, Director of Development. “Women from churches, places of employment, social groups and garden clubs can find creative and inspiring ways to reach this goal.”

Habitat Iredell’s Women Build project will create a better environment for families and the community at large.



If you would like to be a part of this incredible initiative please give Sally Nix or David Moore a call at the Habitat office 704.871.0409.



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Roots & Wings

We are excited to report the Inaugural Birdhouse Gala was a tremendous success. Both Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County and the Iredell Arts Council are thankful for the support shown by our community. Mark your calendars for next year—March 25, 2011



A special thank you to Mr. Larry Sprinkle for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our auctioneer!

Camping World Sales Benefit Habitat

Habitat Iredell is fortunate to have the support of Camping World of Statesville. The company is experiencing a record setting pace for 2010 and decided to share in their good fortune.

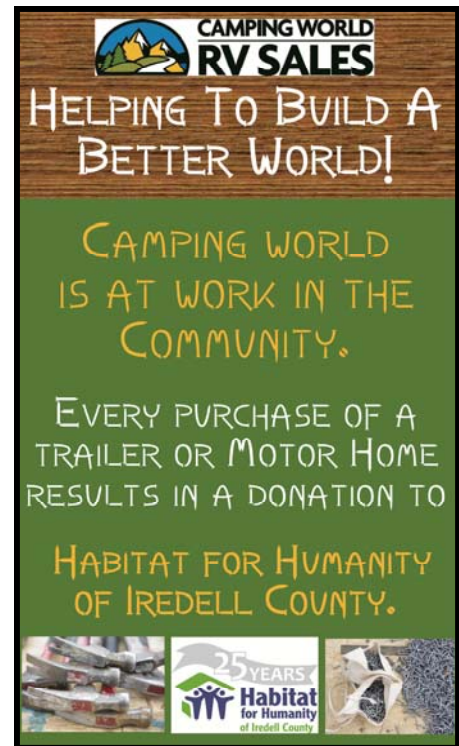
General Manager, Alan Good explains, "We are excited to hear about Habitat for Humanity's 25th Anniversary. The Team at Camping World of Statesville wanted to contribute and celebrate this great cause."

Camping World has graciously committed a monetary donation for each unit sold within a six week period.

Good says, "We are so thankful to provide jobs for so many in the local community. We feel this is our way of showing our appreciation for Statesville."

"Habitat is very thankful for the partnership we have with Camping World," says Scott Loudermelt, Executive Director. "We appreciate the efforts of the Camping World staff and customers in helping build a better world for local families."

Camping World is located at 1220 Morland Avenue in Statesville and you can find them on the web at www.campingworldrvsales.com



Habitat Tool Drive At RBC

2010 TOOL DRIVE

BENEFITING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF IREDELL COUNTY

Help Us Build A Better World

*Donate new or gently used tools.
Home improvement store gift cards and cash
donations are also appreciated.*

RBC Bank of Statesville answered Habitat Iredell's community-wide call for assistance with the organization's first ever Tool Drive.

"As Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County has engaged hundreds of volunteers throughout the course of the past few years, our professional tool sets need replacement and repair," says Sally Nix, Director of Development.

Heather Gray, Banking Center Manager, approached Habitat Iredell in an effort to learn more ways to help the agency. The tool drive fit her organization perfectly.

"We are proud to work with such a wonderful organization that makes such a positive contribution to our community," says Gray.

"Please come by RBC Bank at 212 E Broad St and donate new or gently used hammers, screwdrivers, saws and of course a cash donation is always welcome! "

Habitat greatly appreciates RBC and their customers who have helped Habitat Iredell obtain greatly needed tools for work sites. The tools will be put to good use, building a brighter future for deserving members of our community.

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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.

We Are Going Green

In this day and age, one could say "green is the new black." More than ever, organizations are engaged in environmentally sound practices as well as cost saving measures.

We take our role as good stewards of money very seriously, and consistently explore ways to positively impact the environment. Therefore, this issue of The Blueprint will be our last printed quarterly newsletter as we are transitioning to an electronic newsletter. You will be able to access all



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