



LCHFH Needs You!

There are many reasons one would want to own their own home: stability, freedom, pride, safety, a legacy, and room to grow are just a few. What about affordability? LaGrange County needs more affordable homes for families in need. Would you be willing to volunteer your time with an organization dedicated to helping families own their own home for a better quality of life? LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers for the these committees:

Family Selection- Help choose our Partner Families by reviewing applications and determining if they meet our qualifications. No experience necessary; limited time commitment each year.

Family Support- Become a guide for a Partner Family from the moment they are chosen. No experience necessary; fairly large time commitment early on, slowing as the home is complete.

Construction- Help plan and build our "simple but decent" homes. Some experience is helpful but not necessary; must be over age 18; time commitment varies.

Publicity- We need help "getting the word out," help market and publicize our affiliate's news. No experience necessary; limited time commitment.

Fundraising/Auction- Help us grow our capacity to serve more families in our community- grant writing, fundraising events, and donor cultivation are all part of this committee. Time commitment depends on the projects you choose to be a part of.

Site Selection- Do you have your ear to the ground when it comes to property in LaGrange County? We need your help finding affordable lots

to build houses on! Help find and negotiate land deals as a part of this committee. No experience necessary; limited time commitment.

Nominating- Do you know most of the people in LaGrange County? Then we need you to help us get to know them too! Help find the best people to be on our Board of Directors and steer LCHFH into the future. Time commitment minimal, but ongoing.

Please give the Habitat office a call (260)463-8519 for more information and meeting time. This is your chance to help make our mission of simple, decent housing in LaGrange County a reality. So come on- share your time and talents- it feels good to volunteer!

LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity Wish List

- Small paper shredder- for privacy concerns
- White or color copy paper
- Stamps- A roll and/or book of stamps
- Ink- HP 97 or HP 96 cartridges
- Toner for a Brother SCX-4521F multifunction printer
- Small bookshelf for office
- Camera case
- Quilts or furniture for our annual auction
- Safe and affordable housing for all residents of LaGrange County

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An Amazing Offer!



In January of this year Laura Hartman, executive director of LCHFH, received a call from KZ-RV company requesting to know the average cost was to build a local Habitat home.

After doing some research, Laura returned with the answer: \$72,000.00. Soon KZ called again, with an astounding proposal: their employees wanted to sponsor a house and they had already set up a payroll deduction to LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity to do so.

The next few days were sublime. Laura couldn't wait to break the news to our Board of Directors. This was truly awesome! Because so many employees were to donate a portion of their hard earned paycheck to the project, the corporation's leaders decided to match all employee donations. They were determined to raise enough funds to sponsor our next LCHFH house.

At press time, the exact time for construction

of the KZ sponsored home is not set. We are in the process of determining our next qualified partner family and then the hammer will swing. We have much work to do--determine the family, find the site, complete the pre-construction work, and then break ground on the KZ-sponsored house!

Our construction manager, Mont Arnold, is working on a system to enable KZ employees to participate on the construction of the home on a weekday, in addition to the traditional Saturday work day that is open to all volunteers. Helping to build the home for which they have raised the funds for will be a rewarding experience for these local donors.

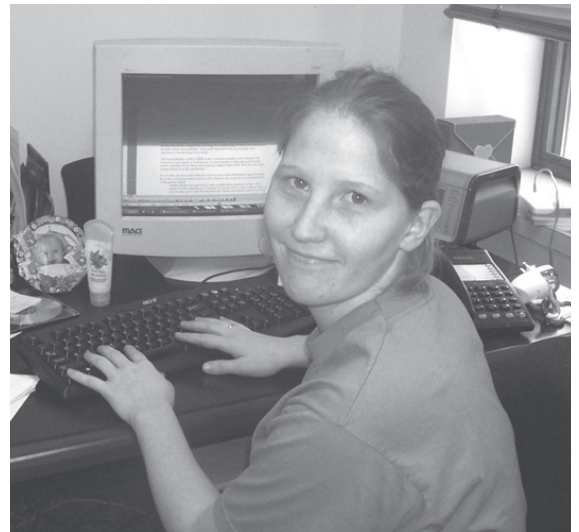
Sponsoring a house is a huge undertaking, and the LCHFH board of directors cannot begin to thank the KZ RV employees and the corporation enough for their generosity. When this build starts, it will be a celebration, not only for the next Partner Family, but for the employees of KZ RV as well.

If you are interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Habitat house through your church or employer, please give our office a call, 463-8519. We can help work out the details!

Sweat Equity

Sweat Equity--what is it? The official definition is, "The actual hands-on involvement of Habitat Partner Families in the work necessary to achieve Habitat's goal of eliminating substandard housing. Sweat Equity is the Partner Family's physical investment in Habitat's work."

For partner April Smith (pictured here), sweat equity has included typing, cleaning, and helping with mailings in the LCHFH office. Elsie Borkholder and her daughter Sarah have helped with mailings and filing in our office as well. Both families have the opportunity to gain additional sweat equity hours by working at with other local nonprofit agencies such as the Council on Aging, Clothes and Food Basket, LGI, and the ARK Animal Bookstore in Howe.



Volunteer hours for the year of 2007 are approximately- 1,302 hours- this includes the finishing of house #16 in Stroh and all of house #17 outside of Shipshewana.

LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity

works in partnership with God and people everywhere to develop communities with God's people in need, by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all God intended.

Website - Come check our new and improved website for the latest in LCHFH news.

<http://www.lagrangehabitat.org>

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